



Uniform Policy

RATIONALE

St Flannan's requires students to UNITE and maintain a high standard of dress and grooming so as to present an appropriate image of the school to the broader community and to each other. Our community values that students are developing self-discipline and they need to be guided towards achieving this quality by having standards of behaviour (and dress) acceptable to the community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Wearing a uniform enables students to become a part of something larger than themselves and will amplify their sense of self.
- St Flannan's uniform provides a sense of belonging, reinforces our values, our rich traditions and our code of conduct (rules).
- St Flannan's should be proud of their school and wear their uniform with pride.
- The uniform creates equality and UNITES us all as one community.

"If you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything" Wilson McCaskill 2010

PROCEDURES

Students from the St Flannan's community are enrolled on the understanding that both parents and students appreciate and support the school's uniform policy. Parents have the responsibility to provide the correct uniform and students have the responsibility to wear the uniform with respect and pride.

Any exemption to the school uniform policy would need to be approved through consultation with the school principal.

There may be occasions (e.g. if there is a free clothes day or a themed clothes day) where correct uniform is not required. The School will provide formal instruction on these occasions.

Formal uniform will be worn three times a week and sports two times. These days will be determined according to HPE lessons and assembly day and will be communicated via class teacher and newsletter each year. Formal uniform required for all class excursions unless the activity requires otherwise.

Parents will be advised of any uniform breach and reminded of the school uniform policy immediately through a letter and where required a phone call. The uniform breach will generally need to be rectified by the following school day. In severe cases the school leadership team will take necessary action and decide on appropriate consequences for uniform breaches i.e. inability to represent the school, attend excursions or participate in play time.

All uniform items are solely available through our uniform shop supplier, *The School Locker*. School bags are encouraged and can be purchased from the uniform shop. *The School Locker* is located at 4-6 Burke Crescent, North Lakes and there is also a shop located on the school premises behind the tuckshop which is open Thursdays during term time from 8.00am - 9.45am.

UNIFORM

The school uniform is as follows:

Formal Uniform

- Formal check blouse / shirt
- Bottle green skorts / shorts with logo
- St Flannan's hat
- Plain white crew socks must be visible; no brands, colours or designs
- All black shoes (no canvas/no volleys)

Sport Uniform

- Polo sport shirt
- Bottle green skorts with logo
- Bottle green microfibre sport shorts with logo
- St Flannan's hat
- Plain white crew socks must be visible; no brands, colours or designs
- All black shoes (no canvas/ no volleys)



Winter

- Polar Fleece Jacket with logo
- Track Pants - Fleece
- Stockings – bottle green tights

HAIR AND GROOMING

- Hair should be kept clean, neat and tidy.
- Hair longer than collar length must be worn tied back or up with a bottle green, red, white or check hair accessory.
- Blade 3 is the shortest blade acceptable for all over cuts
- Extreme hairstyles which draw undue attention to the student are not accepted and will not be permitted in any form (eg. undercut, rats tail, tracks, mohawk, buzz cut, dreadlocks)
- Colour: unnatural hair colouring which distracts from the natural look of an individual's hair is not permitted in any form
- Inappropriate hair colour or hair styles will need to be changed immediately (within 24 hours).
- Cultural hair styles and forms may be worn e.g. turban.
- Nails are to be kept short for general safety and participation in sport.
- Acceptable styles, cut and length are at the discretion of the Principal.

JEWELLERY & MAKE-UP

- Nail polish, artificial nails and make up are not to be worn to school
- Earrings - one small stud or small sleeper. Choices should be restricted to silver, gold or birth stones
- No decorative jewellery.
- A watch, which is not a toy, may be worn
- Religious and cultural jewellery may be worn.
- Students must leave all other jewellery at home.
- Confiscated jewellery will be returned to parents.

SWIMMING

Students will attend swimming lessons in Term 4. The following items should be brought to school in a labelled bag on that day:

- Hat and sunscreen
- Towel
- Swimming cap (compulsory) in house colours preferred
- Swimming attire; appropriate togs, one piece swimmers, board shorts/Speedos, sun shirt recommended.
- Sandals / thongs should be worn to and from the pool
- Swimming Goggles

SUN-SAFE

A sun-safe policy is observed.

'HAT = PLAY' applies. Regulation School Hats are compulsory and available through our uniform shop. The school insists that children bring their school hat to school every day and wear it when working/playing outside. Parents should encourage children to wear their hat to and from school.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

School will:

Set out clear expectations about uniform and grooming requirements and communicate these expectations to students and parents/carers at the beginning of the school year.

Support families by allowing uniform changes to be transitioned over a reasonable period of time and by selecting uniform items with appropriate consideration to affordability and durability.

Provide assistance to students where financial difficulty or other complicating circumstances exist.

Support the operation of the onsite second-hand uniform shop.

Consider changes to uniform requirements if requested by the parent and student body.

Collect and store lost property in the student entry bench seat. Any items that remain unclaimed at the end of each term will be sent to the second-hand uniform shop to be resold or may be discarded, depending on the article.

Monitor student adherence to the uniform policy and communicate with parents through an infringement letter should their child's uniform not meet the school's expectations.

Students will:

At all times wear the correct uniform in the manner consistent with its design and function.

Take responsibility for looking after and caring for their school uniform and property.

When wearing the uniform, behave in a manner that is consistent with the values of the School and contribute positively to the image of the School.

Show respect for themselves and for others when travelling to and from School.

Parents/Carers will:

Notify the School if there is any difficulty meeting uniform or grooming expectations.

Support the School and the uniform requirements by encouraging students to wear correct uniform items and to maintain high standards of hygiene and personal presentation.

Ensure that uniform items are marked with the student's name.