



St Joseph's School, Northham

Student Personal Presentation Policy

St Joseph's School has a set of regulations which refer to the manner in which students present themselves as identifiably representing St Joseph's School. Students are expected to be well-presented and to have a sense of pride in their appearance. The School Uniform expectations apply to all students when travelling to and from school, during the school day, when representing the School and at designated School functions.

Uniform

All students are obliged to observe uniform requirements. Points for special note are:

- Shirts are worn tucked in waistbands of skirts, shorts and trousers.
- Shirt collar buttons are fastened when ties are worn in Terms 2 and 3.
- Skirts and dresses to be a length that reaches the top of the knee.
- Shoes: black leather lace-up school shoes. Footwear is to be cleaned regularly. Lace-up sports shoes that are predominately white, with good arch support are to be worn. No 'skate' or 'Vans' shoes are permitted.
- Caps are worn with peaks to the front and hats with brims down.

Sports Uniform is only worn to School:

- Primary - on days a student attends Physical Education classes or on other days as advised.
- Secondary – students are required to bring their sports uniform to School and change before and after each Physical Education and/or Outdoor Education classes. Secondary students will be allowed to wear sports uniform on other days as advised.

Rain jackets and the tracksuit top, over the jumper, may be worn to and from School on cold or wet days.

There are no requirements for wet weather wear or school bags. Parents should consider provision of these items with a view to a student's health and safety.

Jewellery

All items of jewellery are to be either gold or silver. One of each of the following is permitted:

- Watch.
- A simple chain which has a Religious symbol on it – cross or medal – which is long enough to be worn under the uniform.
- A small, plain stud or small sleeper can be worn in the lower ear lobe, a maximum of one per ear.
- Any other items of jewellery, including extra ear piercings, tongue piercing, nose studs, eyebrow rings/rods or any other visible piercings are not permitted.

When involved in Physical/Outdoor Education classes, students are to remove all jewellery for the sake of safety. In practical courses, teachers may require students to remove jewellery where students' safety is at risk.

The School accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, items of jewellery at school.

The wearing of excessive or non-compliant jewellery will result in the item being confiscated. The item will be signed into the School's Register of Confiscated Items by the confiscating teacher and will be held in the school office for the duration of the term before it can be signed out of the Register and collected by the student. Parents/guardians may come into the school to collect the item in person prior to the end of the three weeks if they wish to keep the item at home.

Hair Standards

- Hair should be clean, neatly brushed or combed and kept off the face.
- Hair must be **one** natural colour only. Extremes in hair colour and styles are not acceptable. Students with extremes of hair colour and/or style will be sent home to remedy the situation.
- Excessively short hair is not permitted – a cut below a number 3 is unacceptable.
- If hair is longer than the bottom of the uniform collar then it must be tied back with a ribbon (navy or yellow) or elastic bands (black or navy blue).
- Fringes must be no lower than the eyebrows.
- Members of staff may require a student to tie back hair for either a specific activity or, if in the opinion of the teacher, the student's hair is not tidy or is long enough to be tied back.

General Presentation

- Coloured nail polish, acrylic or gel nails and make-up are not permitted. Nails must not be excessively long and should be kept clean and neat.
- Visible tattoos of any nature (permanent or temporary) are not acceptable.
- Tee shirts that hang down longer than the sleeve of the shirt or dress, or are visible around the neckline, are not permitted.
- Students are to be clean shaven; sideburns are to be no lower than the top of the ear lobe.

Parents seeking exemption from the Policy

In the exceptional circumstances that parents may seek an exemption from the School's uniform expectations for their child for cultural or Religious reasons, or can foresee the need to seek an exemption in the future, this must be done as early as possible through written application to the Principal and subsequent discussion with the Principal or his/her delegate.

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