



# St Patrick's School Allora

*An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all*

## Uniform Policy

At St Patrick's School, we believe that our presentation displays respect for our school and one another, in addition to displaying our readiness to learn. Developing a sense of pride in our work includes presentation of one's self and wearing our school uniform with pride.

### Rationale

The St Patrick's School dress code stipulates wearing of the full correct school uniform and commitment to a high standard of personal grooming. The school uniform contributes in a meaningful way to ensure that each student has pride in being a member of the St Patrick's School Community. As such there are rules in reference to the school uniform.

### Values

At St Patrick's School, we recognise that wearing of the school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of community. We are a school with proud traditions and the wearing of our school uniform represents the pride we have for our children and our school. A smart, neat well-presented uniform promotes a sense of pride, respect, dignity, honour and self-discipline, reflecting our Catholic tradition and beliefs. It also ensures equality of expectation for each child, and supports the School's position with regards to being 'sun safe'.

### Statement

At St Patrick's School, our community supports the notion that all students are required to wear the full and correct uniform always, as stipulated in uniform requirement list (Appendix 1). The school uniform is compulsory and an expectation upon enrolment. Uniforms must be well fitting, in good condition and must be worn with pride and respect. The policy includes, but is not limited to, personal grooming and personal accessories, jewellery, hair ties and colour, length and styling.

The St Patrick's School uniform comprises of a 'Formal' and 'Sports' uniform for girls and boys, with adaptations for Summer and Winter. All clothing is to be labelled with the student's name.

**If, for any reason, the full and correct uniform cannot be worn, a letter or note of explanation must be provided to the Principal or classroom teacher.**

Some modifications of the uniform are permitted if specified by the Principal. Such modifications include the Prep student's uniform; special events such as house sports days or feast days; fund raising or awareness days as designated by the school and stated on school calendar of events. On these nominated days, parents may receive written notification advising the option to wear 'free dress' instead of school uniform, to support such activities. Clothing on such days should still support 'sun safe' principles, and be appropriate for a school environment; for example by not displaying inappropriate slogans or messages. Appropriate, closed-in footwear must be worn.

### Hair

It is expected that hairstyles reflect the code of dress required by the school. The colouring of hair and inappropriate and unusual hairstyles\* are not supported. Shoulder length hair is to be tied back with school coloured bands or ribbons that reflect the relevant formal or sports uniform worn on that day. Hair for boys and girls, should be worn/cut in such a way that stops hair from being in the eyes of the student. The Principal will discuss such situations with parents or guardians as deemed necessary.

*\*including, but not limited to, undercut haircuts or cuts shorter than a 2 blade*



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## **Personal**

No jewellery is to be worn except for watches, religious medallions, one pair of stud\* or sleeper\*\* earrings. Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn.

*\*plain gold or silver studs no more than 4mm in diameter*

*\*\*plain gold or silver sleeper earrings no more than 15mm in diameter.*

## **Collaboration**

A collaborative decision will be made between the Staff, Parents & Friends, Board members and Principal to facilitate any necessary changes to the uniform. If such changes arise, it will be brought forward and discussed at a leadership meeting. Permanent changes to the school uniform will be phase in over a two year period.

## **Responsibilities and Consequences**

### **Principal and Staff**

St Patrick's School will inform parents of the Uniform Policy when they enrol their children and include a copy of the Uniform Policy in the Parent Handbook and on the school website.

St Patrick's School will inform parents of uniform changes in accordance with events, such as excursions, carnivals, or other activities.

Staff members at St Patrick's School are conscious of their role in implementing the Uniform Policy by setting an example in their own neatness, presentation and appropriate professional attire.

The Principal may grant an exemption for an individual student from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time, in the course of a satisfactory and reasonable written explanation from the parents.

### **Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

Parents or guardians are to ensure that students are in correct uniform. All uniform items are to be clean, pressed where appropriate, in good condition and well fitting. Dress length should be no shorter than mid-knee, and tunic falling just below knee length. Bike shorts for use during athletics and other sporting events should be no shorter than mid-thigh length.

### **Student Responsibilities**

All students are to take pride in their personal presentation and their school identity by wearing the approved school uniform at all times.

Students need to take a shared responsibility for wearing the school uniform in its entirety and with pride at all times, *both in school and out of school hours.*

Breaches of uniform policy may result in a discussion with the Principal both with the student and/or with the parent.

## **Current Uniform**

[Appendix 1](#) outlines the current uniform for St Patrick's Primary School.

Appendix 1 will be amended upon ratification of any changes to the uniform