

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

School Uniform Policy

Rationale

The dress code of St Joseph's College requires a high standard of personal grooming together with an expectation that the correct uniform is worn appropriately at school and in the general community, including to and from school. This is necessary for our College to conform to Workplace Health and Safety guidelines, which include Sunsmart practices. This policy is also to ensure that a positive image of the College is presented both internally and outwardly to the wider community.

Value and Principles

In exercising our duty of care through Workplace Health and Safety, including Sunsmart legislation the staff and parents will be diligent in helping students to be consistent in implementing the current uniform policy. The dress code instils in the students to take pride in their appearance and show respect for themselves and the College by wearing the uniform with dignity.

This policy seeks to reinforce, through wearing the uniform correctly, the following:

- Creating a sense of belonging to the College community
- Providing circumstances to allow equity for all
- All students being witness to the values of St Joseph's College.

Guidelines

All students are required to wear the uniform as per the School Uniform Guidelines and present themselves well at all times.

It is expected that the uniform be presented in a clean and presentable condition.

If any part of the uniform does not comply with the College expectations we ask that parent/s or caregiver/s please provide a note or other communication to the Pastoral Care teacher in the morning. A similar note or other communication will be required each day until the uniform is deemed compliant or an alternative arrangement is agreed upon by the College Administration team. Students need to be aware that the College will set high standards in relation to the uniform and it is expected that the students will fulfil their obligations in meeting these standards.

Uniform Regulations- Information for Parents and Caregivers

Parents and caregivers are requested to ensure that these regulations are adhered to and to foster in their child pride in the wearing of the College uniform.

Students are expected to arrive and depart each day in the appropriate College uniform worn neatly. Students are expected to wear the College uniform maintaining the same high standards off campus as they would when on campus.

The correct sport uniform is to be worn for all sporting activities and PE lessons.

Shoes are to be kept clean and polished and maintained in good condition. Students are to wear the prescribed College socks, with long socks pulled up at all times.

Incorrect uniform or presentation will be addressed initially by the P/C teacher with the student, then parents and caregivers will be contacted to assist in resolving the issue, if necessary. Failure to correct the breaches may result in the student being sent home until the issue is resolved.

Assemblies, Liturgies and Formal Ceremonies

Students are to arrive at assemblies, liturgies and other formal celebrations in the appropriate uniform.

Casual/Recreational Attire

This applies to all students on casual dress occasions or when attending school camps, retreats etc.

- No shirts/ with rude or offensive designs, offensive language or exploitative advertising logos.
- Skin is to be covered on the shoulders and midriff sections with no revealing items to be worn.
- No short skirts, dresses or shorts are to be worn.
- Footwear must enclose the whole foot.
- No leggings/tights to be worn without a dress or skirt.

Hats

In keeping with the College Sunsafe Policy, all students must wear the College hat. The hat should be worn during break times and whenever the student is outside. The hat must be kept in a presentable condition in accordance with uniform guidelines and must be clearly labelled with the students' name.

Representative Sport

When representing the College there is an expectation that a high standard of dress is displayed by all College students, whether attending events or participating in events. Sport coaches will indicate to students the uniform required for their particular sport. In keeping with the Sunsafe policy students must wear the College hat to and from sport.

During timetabled PE lessons students are required to wear the College sports uniform including a hat, particularly when students are engaged in outdoor sporting activities.

Protective items / clothing

Plain black sunglasses are permitted to be worn outside.

Rashies and singlets are not to be visible under any uniform.

The use of sunscreen is recommended.

Hair

Hair must be kept neat, clean and tidy at all times. Hairstyles and colour for all students needs to be conservative and of one even, natural colour. Students with unnatural colours or colours that are markedly different from their own natural colour will be asked to get this rectified, and in extreme cases, the student may be sent home.

Hairstyles must allow for the correct wearing of the College hat. The use of hair products such as gel, wax or mousse must be minimal.

It is the responsibility of the student to meet prescribed standards regarding presentation of hair. Parents should be supportive of the guidelines. The final decision regarding acceptability of personal appearance will rest with the College Principal and the Administration team.

Boys

Boys' hair will be cut in a conservative style.

- Length of hair will be clearly well above the collar (not down to the collar). All male students' hair must be kept off the face at all times.
- No ponytails, man buns or top buns.
- No shaved styles or undercuts that accentuate significant contrast in length.
- Haircuts should be no shorter than blade 3.
- No facial hair is permitted. Students with facial hair will be asked to go to the Student Entrance where they will be provided the necessary equipment to shave.

Girls

Girls' hair will be kept in a conservative style and manner.

- Longer hair needs to be kept off the face. If hair needs to be kept off the face, bobby pins or plain black or brown combs or clips are permitted.
- Girls with hair below the collar must tie it back with black or brown elastic bands.
- Navy, purple, red or gold ribbons in House colours are permitted.
- No shaved styles or undercuts that accentuate significant contrast in length.

Girls Uniform

Junior Girls Summer Uniform

Drop-waisted dress with box pleat and knife pleat front and back (length below the knee).

Plain white socks folded once over the ankle.

Or

Box Pleat navy skirt (length below the knee) to be worn with short sleeve blue-over blouse. Shirt top button and navy tie to be done up at all times. Plain white socks folded over the ankle.

Senior Girls Summer Uniform

Box Pleat navy skirt (length below the knee) to be worn with short sleeve white (for seniors only) over-blouse. Shirt top button and navy tie to be done up at all times. Plain white socks folded over the ankle.

Junior Girls Winter Uniform

Box Pleat navy skirt (length below the knee) to be worn with short sleeve blue-over blouse. Shirt top button and navy tie to be done up at all times.

Navy tights/stockings.

College jumper.

Senior Girls Winter Uniform

Box Pleat navy skirt (length below the knee) to be worn with short sleeve white (for seniors only) over-blouse. Shirt top button and navy tie to be done up at all times.

Navy tights/stockings.

College jumper.

Shoes

Conventional black leather lace-ups are to be worn with the formal uniform.

Canvas shoes are not to be worn e.g. Vans, Converse, Volleys etc.

Girls' Sport Uniform

College shirt and College shorts.

College sports socks only are to be worn.

During winter the College track pants and spray jacket may be worn.

Sports Shoes

Conventional lace-up athletic joggers.

Canvas shoes are not to be worn e.g. Vans, Converse, Volleys etc.

Cosmetics

Any type or amount is not permitted.

Nails

No coloured or painted nails.

No nail accessories.

No nail extensions (Senior girls may have nail extensions 1 week prior and 1 week after the Inauguration Ball).

Students will be sent to the Student Entrance to remove nail polish or accessories.

Jewellery

A small religious symbol may be worn on the inside of the shirt/dress/blouse. Medical alert bracelets/necklaces may be worn. Neither promotional wrist bands nor anklets are permitted.

One pair of plain, silver or gold, small studs may be worn in the lower ear lobe only. Earrings size can be measured here ●

No other piercing is permitted. Students who are unable or decline to remove unacceptable jewellery are liable to be sent home until the issue is rectified.

Contravention of the jewellery regulations will result in the incorrect jewellery being placed in a sealed envelope with the student's details recorded on the outside. This will be retained by the Pastoral Leader. No responsibility is taken for such items. Items may be returned to the students at the end of each term.

Tattoos and Body piercing are considered inappropriate in the school environment

Boys' Summer Uniform

Approved navy College shorts. College blue shirt (white for seniors) tucked in at all times.

Long navy socks pulled up and secured.

Senior – the College tie is mandatory.

Boys' Winter Uniform

Long navy College trousers with a black belt.

Long-sleeved College shirt with top button done up.

The College tie adjusted up to the shirt collar.

Shoes

Conventional black leather lace-up shoes are to be worn with the formal uniform.

Boys' Sport Uniform

College shirt and College shorts.

College sports socks only are to be worn.

During winter the College track pants and spray jacket may be worn.

Sports Shoes

Conventional lace-up athletic joggers.

Canvas shoes are not to be worn e.g. Vans, Converse, Volleys etc.

All uniform items are available from the College Uniform Shop (ph: 4631 8514)

Opening Hours:	Tuesday and Thursday	7:30am – 10:30am
	Wednesday	1:00pm – 4:00pm

More information about the Uniform Shop can be obtained by contacting the College Office.