ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
DUNGOG

PARENT HANDBOOK

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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SCHOOL TIMES:

- School begins 9.05 am
- Recess 11.00am – 11.40am
- Lunch 1.20pm – 2.00pm
- School finishes 3.10pm

SCHOOL SECRETARY’S TIMES:

Mrs Cheryl Maher: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Derek Garner
PRINCIPAL: Mr Michael Maloney

TERM ONE 2013:

- Term 1 Commences (for teachers) Monday 28th January, 2013

All Children (Yr 1-6) begin Tuesday 29th January 2013.
Kinder 2013 students begin Monday 6th February.
WELCOME

St Joseph's Primary School Dungog has a proud history, being established in 1888.

**Our School Motto is**  
“God is Love”

The Sisters of St Joseph arrived in Dungog in 1888 and the school was opened on Monday, November 26.

Originally the Sisters lived in Dowling Street.

Bishop Murray directed the building of the convent and new school.

The Sisters moved into the Convent (present Administration on 14th February, 1892)

Since the foundation in 1888 St Joseph’s School has grown at a steady pace. Additions to the site took place in 1913, 1923, 1952 and 1976.

Construction of the new school buildings commenced in 2006 and were officially opened in 2007. Extensions and further developments occurred in 2009 and were officially opened in the August of 2010.

**OUR SCHOOL CREED**

*This is our school
Let Peace be here,*

*Let the School be full of happiness
Let us love one another;*

*Love life itself and above all,*

*Love God.*

*St Joseph*

*Pray for Us*

**AMEN.**

**THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL**

- The school’s current enrolment is 85 children.
- With a total of 12 staff (both teaching and non-teaching) St Joseph’s continues to provide a quality Catholic education for the children of our parish.
THE CATHOLIC DIMENSION OF OUR SCHOOL

St Joseph’s School is a community of children, staff, parents and parish priest who are all challenged to respond to the invitation of Christ to be His disciples. Our school seeks to nurture the children in our care in two distinct ways. The first is through the school environment, which has a profound influence on those within the school. This environment has its origins in the life and values of Jesus and His Church. The second is a formal and sequenced Religion programme, which has a direct influence upon every other aspect of curriculum in the school.

St Joseph’s is a place where God is named and recognised and where we seek to integrate the Church’s teachings into our policies, procedures and the relationships of all in the community.

PARENTS, THE PRIME EDUCATORS

The family, more than the Church or the School, exerts the deepest influence on the faith development of young children. With this in mind, St Joseph’s seeks to actively support (not replace) parents in the Christian formation of their children.

Parental attitudes and example have a primary influence on the development of their children’s lifelong values and practices.

Catholic education is a partnership between home, school and parish. Ultimately the goal is for all in the partnership to take responsibility for the faith development of the children within our care.

SACRAMENTAL AND LITURGICAL LIFE

Throughout the year the children will be given opportunities to participate in the Eucharist. School Masses, Class Masses and liturgies form a part of our school life. Families are invited to join us in these celebrations.

In accordance with the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Policy on The Sacraments of Initiation, St Mary’s Parish will offer specific sacramental preparation programmes to you.

The school provides support to the parish-based programme by implementing teaching programmes on the sacraments at the time of Parish preparation. The school also liaises with the Sacramental Team and Parish Moderator throughout this preparation time.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is the integration of the spiritual, academic and social dimensions of a school’s energy so that an atmosphere of care prevails within the school community. It is not a separate subject or Key Learning Area but is integral to the daily life of the school and touches children, staff and families alike.

Pastoral care is a response to the life needs of children and adults in the school community. The school’s discipline plan is very much based on a pastoral care approach. Children who choose to follow or break school rules are rewarded or accept consequences respectively. The emphasis is on recognising, encouraging and rewarding children who choose to behave appropriately.
SCHOOL PROCEDURES

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to bring a note of explanation for all absences. If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time it is desirable that you contact the school and speak to his/her teacher or leave a message. Please Note that a letter of explanation still needs to be sent to the school on return.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s development, or if you need to discuss any matter with the Principal, please do not hesitate to call in or phone for an appointment.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE TEACHERS

If you are concerned about your child’s progress or simply wish to talk to the teacher, please inform by a note or phone call and they will be most willing to make an appointment before or after school. Unfortunately, teachers cannot see parents ‘at the door’ or while on playground duty, as the teacher’s first responsibility is for the supervision of the children under his/her care.

LITURGIES/ASSEMBLIES

Liturgies and Assemblies are held on a Friday at 2.30 p.m. unless otherwise advised. Assemblies are run by the year 6 leaders and each class is rostered once a term to be ‘the presenters’ of either a Liturgy or an Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to join us on these occasions. Variations to this routine will be advertised in the St Joseph’s Newsletter.

There may be opportunities for Assemblies for special occasions. Book Week, Education Week, Christmas, etc. Awards are presented each week to members of each class.

BANKING

The Catholic Development Fund offers our children the opportunity to save each week with their Savers’ Club. Supersavers’ Day is each Wednesday. The mechanics of the Savers’ Club are simple but it offers our students the opportunity to learn basic money management through an organised saving scheme operated conveniently as part of our school system. To open an account for your son or daughter, simply complete and return an application form, which is available from the school office.

BOOK CLUB

Ashton Scholastic operates within our school. Order forms are sent home at regular intervals. This club provides opportunities to buy books, which are reasonably priced and suitable to the age and interests of the children in each grade.

BUS TRAVEL

Most children travel to and from school by bus. Parents are asked to regularly reinforce correct behaviour and good conduct on buses. All children in the Infants’ grades and children who live
outside the 1.6 kilometre radial distance or 2.3 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route are eligible for free transport.

If a child loses their bus pass, parents need to apply to the local bus company and pay the required fee for the issue of a new bus pass.

**CANTEEN**

The school canteen provides morning tea and lunch each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is staffed by mothers (and sometimes fathers!) and is a purely voluntary service. A price list of items available is forwarded to each family at the commencement of the year and updated as the need arises. To order, lunch please print clearly on a paper bag:

- child's name and class
- items required
- cost

All lunch orders are placed in a basket then taken to the canteen.

**CHANGE IN ROUTINE:**

Any change in routine e.g. Going to another child's house after school, should be mentioned either in written or verbal form to the class teacher.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

Should you change your address and/or telephone number, would you please notify the school as soon as possible. It is essential that parents are able to be contacted in case of emergency. Mobile Phone numbers need to be updated as a priority also.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

At St Joseph’s Primary school we are committed to ensuring that a safe environment is provided for all students. To assist us with this task we are required to meet the statutory obligations of the legislation relating to child protection and the policies and guidelines set out by the Catholic Schools Office.

**This legislation includes:**

- The Ombudsman Amendment (Child Protection and Community Services) Act.
- The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act
- Child Protection (Prohibited employment) Act

**Catholic Schools Office documents include:**

- Child Protection – Identifying and Notifying Abuse
- Guidelines for the Implementation of the Ombudsman Amendment Act
- Child Protection – Procedures for schools
The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act and the Catholic Schools Office Child Protection – Identifying and Notifying Abuse requires that all staff employed at St Joseph’s Primary School report to the Department of Community Services any child suspected as being a victim of child abuse.

The Ombudsman Amendment (Child Protection and Community Services) Act and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Ombudsman Act requires that any allegation of child abuse made against a member of staff at St Joseph’s Primary School must be reported to the Ombudsman’s Office and investigated by the appropriate Consultant for the school.

The Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act requires all employers to confirm that all employees, both paid and unpaid, are not prohibited persons. A prohibited person is one who has been convicted of a serious sex offence that would lead to the possibility of 12 months imprisonment if the offence had occurred currently in the state of NSW. A list of such offences would include sexual abuse of a child, assault, carnal knowledge and acts of indecency. Therefore, all volunteers at St Joseph’s Primary School must provide the school with a Declaration outlining their status under this legislation before they can commence activity at the school. (These forms are available from the school office).

COMMUNICATION

Parents will be asked to attend a Parent Information Night early in Term One. This is to acquaint you with the teachers and to hear of their plans and expectations. St Joseph’s Newsletter will be given to the eldest child in each family each Friday. This will keep you notified of school activities and any school information you may require. Ask your child to give them to you on the day of issue and please read these notes. The weekly Newsletter is also emailed to all families on a Friday afternoon for your convenience.

CURRICULUM AND TEACHING PROGRAMS

At St Joseph’s School the curriculum encompasses Religious Education and the six Key Learning Areas as prescribed by the New South Wales Board of Studies. These Key Learning Areas are:

1. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Strands include Justice, Morality, Celebration and Prayer.


3. MATHEMATICS – Space and Geometry, Measurement, Number, Patterns and Algebra and Data. The ‘Count Me In Too’ program.


5. HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT – Change and Continuity, Cultures, Environments, Social Systems and Structures.


DISMISSAL PROCEDURE IN THE AFTERNOON

Each afternoon the children line up according to the mode of transport being used for their journey home. A teacher supervises bus lines until the children are safely on buses or have been collected by parents/guardians.

EXCURSIONS

At the beginning of every year, you will be asked to complete and return a medical and permission note for the children attending walking excursions from the school. Notice and information will be given before each of these excursions and if for any reason you’d prefer your child not to attend or if medical conditions change, you will need to inform the school.

School excursions should enhance children’s development and be directly related to the curriculum. Parents are given several weeks’ notice of pending excursions. Written parental consent is required for children to attend any school excursion.

HOMEWORK

Homework is usually set on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Class expectations will be discussed at the Term One Parent Information Nights. Remember, parents need to support their child’s home study, not do it for them please.

IMMUNISATION

Children beginning Kindergarten are required to furnish the school with an ‘Immunisation Certificate’.

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<tr>
<th>Disease</th>
<th>How long to keep your child home so that she/he doesn't infect other children</th>
<th>Whether to keep contacts home. ('Contacts' are people who have been close to the patient for some time and could catch the disease)</th>
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<td>Chicken Pox</td>
<td>For at least five days after the first spots appear or when blisters have all crusted</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep contacts home</td>
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<td>Diarrhoea (Gastroenteritis)</td>
<td>Keep child at home until diarrhoea has stopped.</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep contacts home</td>
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<td>German Measles (Rubella)</td>
<td>Until child has fully recovered, or for at least 4 days after the rash appears</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep contacts home</td>
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<td>Glandular Fever (Infectious Mononucleosis)</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep your child home, but some children with glandular fever are too sick to attend school or pre-school</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep contacts home</td>
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<td>Hepatitis A (Infectious Hepatitis)</td>
<td>Until child has recovered (usually 7 days from the first signs of jaundice)</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep contacts home. Family contacts may need injections – see your family doctor</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B</td>
<td>It is not necessary to keep your child home, but some children with hepatitis B are too sick to attend school or pre-school.</td>
<td>See your family doctor for immunisation advice</td>
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HIV (Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus)  
It is not necessary to keep your child home, (unless she or he has a secondary infectious disease, such as TB)  
HIV infection can only be transferred by contact with infected body fluids, such as blood, or from mothers to unborn or newborn babies. You cannot catch it from normal everyday social contact. So it is not necessary to keep contacts at home.

Influenza  
For 5 days after the appearance of the first symptoms  
It is not necessary to keep contacts home

Measles  
For at least 4 days after appearance of rash  
Unimmunised contacts should be kept home for 14 days unless immunisation is given

Mumps  
Until child has fully recovered, and for 9 days after the appearance of the swelling  
It is not necessary to keep contacts home

TB (Tuberculosis)  
Child should be seen by a doctor  
Discuss with your family doctor or Public Health Unit

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)  
Child should be kept home for 14 days from start of illness, or until 5 days from the start of a 14 day course of antibiotics has been completed  
Unimmunised contacts in primary school do NOT need to stay home

Conjunctivitis  
See family doctor. Keep child at home until discharge from eyes has stopped  
It is not necessary to keep contacts home

Impetigo  
See family doctor. If the sores are being treated and are properly covered by a clean dressing, children are allowed to attend school  
It is not necessary to keep contacts home

**INJURY TO STUDENT AND ILLNESS AT SCHOOL**

Our facilities for the treatment of minor injuries at school are adequate. We ask that if you are doubtful in any way regarding the fitness of your child for school on a particular day that you make arrangements for his/her care at home.

Should your child become ill while at school and it is considered advisable that he/she be sent home this will be done. We will contact you by phone before taking this step. In such cases we will require the services of a member of the family or a trusted friend. It is imperative that ALL FAMILY DETAILS are current.

In the case of serious accident it is important to have a parent’s permission to call an ambulance to attend to the child at school, take the child to the nearest hospital or to a doctor you recommend. In all cases parents will be contacted immediately.

Should students require occasional medication while at school (e.g. antibiotics) this should be left with the school secretary. A note from parents regarding the type of medication and instructions is required. Children using Ventolin inhalers or the like should make the same known to the teacher. **No child will be given medication unless written instructions are received from the parent/guardian.** If it is necessary for your child to take medication for an extended period of time, Diocesan procedure must be followed. Several forms will need to be completed and these will be kept on file at school.
LIBRARY

Each class has a library lesson once a week as well as a weekly book borrowing time. Children need a library bag for borrowing. A drawstring cloth bag is ideal. Library bags may be purchased from the library.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that every item belonging to your child is identified with a nametag. Every effort is made to return lost/found articles to the children. Unclaimed articles are kept in the lost property box outside the Library.

MIGHTY MATES

2007 saw the commencement of our “Mighty Mate” program at St Joseph’s. The purpose of this program is to provide a ‘mighty mate’ or buddy for the Kindergarten students. This will help ease their transition from pre-school to Kindergarten by providing them with a ‘friendly face’, a friend, who will guide them when necessary.

The program begins Term Three or Four in the year before the child starts Kindergarten. Senior students are matched with a pre-schooler and so their association begins.

Contact between partners will be made several times before the new school year commences with the senior students visiting the preschool and preschoolers attending orientation sessions at St Joseph’s.

Once the new school year begins, the Mighty Mates will participate in art and sport sessions together, as well as ‘keeping an eye’ out for the Kinders on the playground.

“Mighty Mates” is a rewarding program for both Kinders and our senior students.

MONEY AND NOTES

Often parents are asked to return permission notes and money for student activities to the class teacher. The secretary’s task of collating notes and receipting money is simplified dramatically if parents mark the envelope clearly with:

- the child’s name and class
- the activity to which the note and/or money relates
- PLEASE NOTE: that all monies for the P & F need to be marked and paid for separately.
- School envelopes are available from the office.

Please ensure that any envelopes containing money are completely sealed in order to prevent money from falling out and being misplaced.
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The staff recognises and endorses the fact that the parents are the prime educators of their children. We view the academic process of education to be a co-operative effort between home and school. Some parents may be able to assist in the educative process at school. Whenever possible parents are encouraged to assist with and participate in school activities such as:

- Reading programs
- Swimming and Athletic Carnivals
- Canteen
- Liturgical activities
- Seasons programs
- Maintenance
- Art/Craft activities
- Library
- Parents and Friends Association
- Computer programs
- Sacramental programs
- Cross Country

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The P&F Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month. These meetings are open to all parents and friends of children at St Joseph’s. At these meetings parents are able to raise issues relating to their children and the school community.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would still like to make suggestions, or comment on any issue, this can be done either by phoning the P&F Secretary or by sending your ideas along in a letter to the school marked “Attention: P&F Secretary”. Parents are also kept informed of P&F activities and decisions via the school newsletter.

If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes of each meeting, please notify the secretary.

In addition to promoting the general school aims the P&F is involved in our school in practical ways:

- Social events are arranged to include all families
- Fund raising (to help provide up to date resources and technology for the children).
- Decisions on allocation of funds (in consultation with the Principal and staff).
- Maintenance and improvements (e.g. curtains, carpets)
- Uniform Shop & Clothing Pool
- Class representatives system to welcome new parents and to share the responsibility of fund raising

Your involvement in the P&F (along with that of the Parish and school staff) ensures that the school remains well equipped and that your child’s education benefits. You will find that meetings are enjoyable, fairly informal and a good way of meeting other parents. We hope to see you there!
PAYMENT OF FEES – School fees, Resource fees, Building contribution

Tuition and book fees are charged at St Joseph’s for all pupils. Fees are collected over the first three terms of the school year – unless direct debit arrangements are in place.

Tuition fees are set by the Catholic Schools Office:

1st Child $339.00 per child per term (First three Terms of school year)

NB Discounts for each additional child are in place.

Direct Debit & BPay are both available. Please contact Mrs Maher at the office to organise.

These fees may be paid weekly or by the term. A family discount structure across our primary and secondary sectors allows for fourth and subsequent children attending Diocesan Catholic systemic schools to be educated free of charge.

It is a matter of justice to all parents that every family honours their responsibility to meet school fees or in the case of difficulty in fee payment that they communicate with the Principal to organise a mutually acceptable arrangement.

Resource Fee $70 per child per term – (first three terms).

Diocesan Building Levy $193 per term / family – (first two terms) & $194 for one term

After consultation with parents, priests, parishioners and teachers, a FAMILY SCHOOL BUILDING LEVY was introduced at the beginning of 2003 to fund both the short term and long term planning needs for Catholic school education within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The DIOCESAN BUILDING LEVY is $182 is collected at the same interval as school fees. It will cover both primary and secondary schools in the Diocesan system. The fee is a family rate regardless of the number of enrolled students in the family or the number of systemic schools attended.

Grounds Maintenance Fee: $34 per family per term.

PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL

Children do not leave the school grounds for any reason without the permission of the Principal or Assistant Principal. The Late Arrival/Early Departure Book is located in the Secretary’s office and parents are asked to complete the entry in this book when children arrive late for school or leave early.
SPORT

Children in the Infants’ section join in the school Athletics and Swimming carnivals and are also featured in the annual Cross – Country. Children eight years and over have the opportunity to compete in school, regional, diocesan, inter-diocesan and state swimming and athletics carnivals and through a variety of summer and winter trials each year.

Sports day is generally on a Wednesday each week. The day may changes during the term due to the availability of local facilities. Sufficient notice will be given in the Newsletter. Children wear their sports uniform on this day.

Physical Education programs to develop movement skills are planned at class level. For the purpose of competition on carnival days and for other school activities, children are placed in one of the following house teams: GOLD AND BLUE

All the children in one family are placed in the same colour team and as far as practicable will remain in that team for the whole of their schooling at St Joseph’s School.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Several Professional Development days are held each year. Students do not attend school on these days. The days are used by staff for the purpose of improving the school and planning curriculum. As much prior notice of these days as possible is given to parents.

UNIFORM

HAIR
All hair (both girls and boys) needs to be both tidy and presentable. Hair beyond shoulder length must be tied back at all times – for health reasons.

ST JOSEPH’S UNIFORM SHOP
As a subsidiary of the P & F Committee, the P&F Committee provides a Mission Statement that wishes to incorporate the following:

- Provide parents with good quality and varied uniform items that reflect our schools pride and achievements.
- That a large portion of the School Uniform is provided by the Uniform shop so as to limit parents having to leave Dungog for basic requirements.
- Items be made available at reasonable prices to be fair to parents of all walks of life – and also to encourage the use of the shop in regards to leaving town.
- The Uniform Shop will serve as a fund raising venture of the school community whereby any profits made by the Uniform Shop continue to re-enter via purchases required by the school as determined by needs addressed at the P & F meetings.

We encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and to dress in the correct uniform at all times. Here are a few practical ways you can help your children:

- ensure that their uniform is always neat, clean and tidy
- school shoes are to be polished
- no nail varnish is to be worn at school
- hairstyles to be generally tidy with no fancy hair accessories
- sleepers or studs ONLY to be worn in pierced ears
- all clothing to be labelled
- the wearing of the school hat is compulsory
- a note explaining any variation in school uniform is encouraged.
- Uniform requirements are available from Creative Crafts & Fabrics in Dungog, Big W, Lowes and Target Stores.

**GIRLS UNIFORM:**

**Summer:**
- Blue/white check dress with capped sleeves and a royal blue tab. Pre-made dresses and fabric available from the school. Kits can be made available on request.
- Black school shoes with gripped soles (not skate shoes)
- Plain white ankle socks (NOT ANKLETS).
- Plain navy blue jumper / sloppy Joe and/or navy windcheater (Logos embroidered left hand side).

**Winter:**
- White shirt-maker styles long sleeved shirt with Peter Pan collar OR plain white skivvies (infants only).
- Navy school tartan tunic. Pre made dresses and fabrics available from school. Patterns for girls uniform may be borrowed from the school. Kits can be made available on request.
- Black shoes with plain white ankle socks OR navy blue tights.
- Navy blue jumper/sloppy Joe and/or navy windcheater zip jacket (with logo).

**NOTE:** Jackets, scarves, beanies & gloves etc should be navy blue and are only to be worn as an addition to the standard school uniform on cold days.

**Sport:**
- Plain gold coloured polo styles short-sleeved shirt with school emblem / badge sewn on to the left hand side of the shirt.
- Royal blue plain shorts OR royal blue pleated sports skirt.
- Predominantly white joggers and white St Joseph’s school ankle socks.
- School tracksuit (available from school) maybe worn in cooler weather.
- Gold coloured skivvies may be worn underneath school tracksuit in winter.
- All girls’ hair accessories are to be in school colours only.
- School hats with emblem (available from school) are to be worn with all uniforms

**BOYS UNIFORM**

**Summer:**
- Plain sky blue coloured short-sleeved shirt maker styles button through shirt.
- Plain grey standard style school shorts. NO cargo style shorts, board shorts, corded styles, shorts with coloured stripes or extra long, baggy styles etc.
- Plain black school shoes with plain grey socks OR black/brown sandals.
- Plain navy blue jumper or sloppy Jo.

**Sports:**
- Plain gold coloured polo styles short-sleeved shirt with school emblem/badge sewn onto the left hand side of the shirt.
- Royal blue, plain style shorts.
- Predominantly white joggers and white St Joseph’s School ankle socks.
- School Tracksuit (available from School) may be worn in cooler weather.
- Gold coloured skivvies maybe worn underneath school tracksuit in winter.
THE UNIFORM SHOP & POOL
The Uniform Pool is a sub-committee of the P&F Association.

- New & Pre Loved uniforms are available for purchase from the P & F Association.
- All other uniform information will be provided by the P & F Association.

Donations of clean, pre-loved school clothes are always welcome.

The Uniform Shop opened as recently as 2010. The P & F Committee endeavours to stock as many NEW items of the requirements as possible. The supply of stock is continually upgraded.

We are currently stocking tunics, shirts, grey shorts and pants, sport shirts and track suits, hats, navy jumpers and windcheaters.

We are working on providing for 2013 and onwards sports pants / skirts, library / excursion bags, girls tights, sports socks, navy winter scarves and beanies.

Any suggestions and constructive criticism is always welcomed for the success of our shop and school uniform. Please provide, in writing so that your issues can be addressed at our monthly P & F meetings.

Due to the current Education Tax Refund project provided by the Federal Government please ensure that you collect your uniform receipts for tax purposes.
ACCESSORIES
For the safety and well – being of all students at St Joseph’s, the following accessories are presented as a guide for the safety and well – being of all children under our care –

- A watch
- Studs / sleepers for pierced ears (maximum of one per ear).
- No bracelets, bangles or woven bands.
- No rings.
- School colour hair accessories only – of minimal size.
- Joggers to be worn on Sports Days only.
- No necklaces or anklets to be worn.
- No make – up to be worn by students.
- No body piercing.

- Each year, Year Six purchase a Year Six School leavers shirt. They wear this each school sports day only. This shirt is not to be worn for school representative sport.