ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
DUNGOG

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

Wearing a uniform signifies a willingness to belong and become a cooperative member of the school community.

AIM

To present the children in a uniform which is neat, comfortable, practical and inexpensive.

IMPLEMENTATION

Details of the school uniform items are contained in this Policy and advertised in the Parent Information Booklet and is attached.

A clothing pool is established and is available for all to use. It is located on the second level of the Administration Building.

Parents will support this Policy by:

- providing the correct uniform for their children
- sending their children to school in correct uniform
- notifying the school of any difficulty in providing the correct uniform
- encouraging their child/ren to wear the correct uniform

Children will support this Policy by:

- wearing the correct uniform at all times
- wearing the uniform correctly

Staff will support his policy by:

- commenting positively on the appearance and correct wearing of uniform
- reminding and encouraging the children to wear the uniform correctly
- bringing to the attention of the Principal, any child who is regularly not in correct uniform
The Principal will support this Policy by:

- regularly commenting on the correct wearing of the uniform
- advertising in the Newsletter and calendars about changeover dates for moving from Summer to Winter and vice-versa
- seeking an explanation from the children if correct uniform is not being worn on a regular basis
- Contacting individual parents, where necessary, to encourage the wearing of the correct uniform by all children.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- Patterns for the girls' uniform may be borrowed from the school.
- Material can be purchased from Creative Arts & Crafts in Dowling St, Dungog
- School hats, with school emblem, are available from the school and MUST be worn at all times when outdoors.
- Sports Uniform is worn each week on sport day.
- Winter Sports Uniform is a Royal Blue Tracksuit with gold stripe and school emblem.
- School emblems to sew on are available from the school
- Creative Arts & Crafts sell all items of the school uniform, except the tracksuits and hats.

**GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM**

- Blue and white check dress
- White ankle socks
- Black covered shoes with laces (no raised heels - safety) OR Black/brown sandals

**GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM**

- Gold collared shirt with school emblem
- Royal Blue shorts OR Royal blue pleated wrap-around skirt
- White ankle socks
- Predominantly White sandshoes/joggers
- School Tracksuit

**GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM**

- Pinafore - blue tartan OR Navy blue slacks
- White button-through blouse OR White skivvy
- Navy Jumper/cardigan/sloppy joe
- White ankle socks OR Navy stockings/tights
- Navy socks to be worn with slacks
- Black school shoes/boots
BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Short sleeved light blue open neck shirt
- Standard Grey school shorts (NOT cords or Cargo Shorts)
- Grey ankle socks
- Black school shoes/boots    OR    Black/brown sandals

BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM

- Gold collared shirt with school emblem
- Royal blue shorts (NOT soccer shorts)
- White ankle socks
- Predominantly white sandshoes/joggers
- School Tracksuit

BOYS WINTER UNIFORM

- Standard Long grey school trousers (NOT cords) OR Standard Grey school shorts
- Light Blue shirt (skivvy may be worn by Infants)
- Navy jumper/sloppy joe
- Grey socks
- Black school shoes/boots

ACCESSORIES

- A watch
- Studs/sleepers for pierced ears (maximum - one per ear)
- Plain wrist bangle
- Flat signet ring
- Navy blue and/or white hair ribbons or ties.
- Joggers to be worn ONLY on Sport days
- Each year, Year 6 buys a Year 6 Special Leavers shirt. They wear this for school sport
days in last term. It is not worn for school representative sport.

UNIFORM CHANGES

The following procedures are designed to establish a consensus regarding a change in uniform:

1. If a parent and or staff member feel that a change to any item of the school uniform is
   necessary, then they must first approach the Principal or the P&F executive or the
   uniform committee, either by appointment, in writing or at a P&F mee-
   ting. This will enable a check to be made against current policy.

2. After current policy has been checked (eg checking when item last surveyed or last
   changed etc), the person requesting the change should petition parents and staff to seek
   expressions of interest. Where there is a positive reply from 20% or more of the total
   families + teaching staff within our school community, then a survey will be implemented
   by the uniform committee.
3. In order for a change to be implemented, the results of the survey should be such: 55% of total families + teaching staff with our school community MUST reply to the survey, of which 70% of those returned must be in favour of the change.

4. When an item/s of uniform are changed, the changes shall remain for a period of at least 7 years and are not to be changed within that time.

5. There should be a phase in period of 1 year, to allow families to purchase the item/s within their budgets and to allow suppliers of uniforms or materials sufficient time in which to prepare for the change.

6. Where the uniform change is major (eg pinafore, sports uniform) a sample(s) should be made and displayed for parents + staff to view for a period of at least 30 days before the survey is released. This procedure negates the need for trial periods.

7. It will be the responsibility of the uniform committee to:
   - Inform the suppliers of ANY change to the children’s uniform.
   - Inform the parents, by way of note or newsletter, of the change and where to purchase the item(s), cost etc.
   - Assist parents who wish to make the uniform themselves, by purchasing patterns in different sizes and having them available at the school for borrowing.

8. If a survey is unsuccessful, a period of at least 2 years must expire, before the same item is surveyed again.

NOTES:
The following list contains some of the questions that should be asked about a new school uniform. Not all questions will be appropriate for each proposed new uniform.

- Is it cool in summer?
- Is it warm in winter?
- Is it attractive?
- Is the proposed colour serviceable?
- Will the material stand frequent washing and hard wear?
- Is it simple in design?
- Can parents capable of sewing a little make it?
- Will it add to school tone?
- Can the material selected be obtained easily?
- Can future supplies of the material be guaranteed?
- Does it allow pupils to take part in all school activities, eg. Physical education?
- Can patterns be supplied to parents?
- Is a cloth school badge necessary?
- Will it last a reasonable length of item?
- Has due notice been given to suppliers of material or uniform?