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PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 870*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Students at St Joseph's College, Mildura are expected to present in full school uniform at all appropriate times. This includes while at school and when in College uniform outside of school.

1.2 Uniform is a key component of self-discipline, personal and communal pride and identity within the College. The St Joseph's College Uniform Policy is designed to assist students and families in the formation of these characteristics in our students.

1.3 The College uniform is a symbol of St Joseph's College and a public declaration of its values, standards and beliefs. It creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the College. It is a symbol of equality among students and demonstrates mutual respect.

1.4 This Uniform Policy is the culmination of years of application of uniform guidelines which have been formulated to generate consistent and clear expectations for students and families in relation to uniform issues.

1.5 The College is committed to supporting all families where there are issues related to the ability of families to provide the full St Joseph's College uniform. Families who require assistance are requested to contact the Business Manager at the College for confidential discussions aimed at assisting families.

1.6 All families who enrol at St Joseph's College agree to abide by the Student Uniform Policy and guidelines.

1.7 The Uniform Policy may require minor amendments during the school year. Students and parents/guardians will be advised of these amendments via student meetings, the College Newsletter, Skoolbag and the College Website.

1.8 Students, families and staff are invited to participate in major uniform reviews. These are advertised via student meetings, the College Newsletter, Skoolbag and the College Website.

2. UNIFORM GUIDELINES

2.1 The following guidelines have been presented to students and families via the Student Planner and the College Website.

2.2 The wearing of College uniform is compulsory and all items must be labelled with the student's name. All items must be identical to those sold in the St Joseph's College Uniform Shop. Shirts, jumpers, shorts and trousers must be embossed with the College logo. Students not in correct uniform may be sent home or excluded from the yard at recess and lunch time.

2.3 SUMMER UNIFORM (worn Terms 1 and 4)

2.3.1 In line with SunSmart Guidelines, all students should wear a St Joseph's College hat in Terms 1 and 4 during recess, lunch and all outdoor activities. Students are also encouraged to wear sunscreen.

2.3.2 The St Joseph's College blazer is optional for all students with the Summer uniform.

2.3.3 Male Student Uniform

- College blazer (optional)
- Grey College shorts or grey College trousers
- College blue short or long sleeved shirt (Years 7 – 10 with logo)
- College white short or long sleeved shirt (Years 11 - 12 with logo)
- White or grey above ankle socks – no logo
- Black belt - plain (optional)
- Black leather shoes (standard heel, smooth leather upper)
- College bag
- College hat

2.3.4 Female Student Uniform

- College blazer (optional)
- College Summer dress (at or below the knee)
- Navy College shorts (at least mid-thigh length and loose fitting) or navy College slacks
- College blue short or long sleeved shirt (Years 7 - 10 with logo)
- College white short or long sleeved shirt (Years 11 - 12 with logo)
- White above ankle socks – no logo
- Black leather school shoes, lace up or Mary Jane style with cross-over strap (standard heel, smooth leather upper) - no soft jazz type shoes
- College bag
- College hat

2.4 WINTER UNIFORM (worn Terms 2 and 3)

2.4.1 It is compulsory to wear the St Joseph's College blazer. It must be worn to and from the College and can be worn at the College as an over-garment/coat with the Winter uniform. On days when the temperature reaches 30 degrees Celsius or more, the blazer does not need to be worn from the College. The blazer may be worn with or instead of a jumper. These expectations apply to all students of the College.

2.4.2 It is compulsory for students to wear the College blazer to all College Assemblies that occur in Terms 2 & 3, and for any formal occasions e.g. Awards Night, Opening Mass, End of Year Mass and as directed by the College.

2.4.3 Male Student Uniform

- College blazer
- Grey College trousers
- College navy jumper (Years 7 - 10) or maroon jumper (Years 11 - 12)
- College blue long sleeved shirt (Years 7 - 10 with logo) tucked in
- College white long sleeved shirt (Years 11 - 12 with logo) tucked in
- College tie
- Dark grey or black above ankle socks – no logo
- Black belt - plain (optional)
- Black leather shoes (standard heel, smooth leather upper)
- College bag
- College scarf (optional)

2.4.3 Female Student Uniform

- College blazer
- College tartan skirt (at or below the knee)
- College tailored slacks
- College blue long sleeved shirt (Years 7 - 10 with logo) tucked in
- College white long sleeved shirt (Years 11 - 12 with logo) tucked in
- College navy jumper (Years 7 - 10) or maroon jumper (Years 11 - 12)
- College tie
- Navy knee length socks or navy opaque tights
- Black leather school shoes, lace up or Mary Jane style with cross-over strap (standard heel, smooth leather upper) - no soft jazz type shoes
- College bag
- College scarf (optional)

2.5 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS UNIFORM** (Years 7 to 12)

2.5.1 The St Joseph's College Physical Education (PE) uniform is to be brought to school and students will change into this uniform for PE or other classes where necessary. It is not to be worn to or from the College.

2.5.2 Male and Female PE Uniform

- College navy PE polo shirt
- College navy PE shorts
- White above ankle socks – no logo
- College tracksuit pants
- College tracksuit jacket or College rugby top
- College hat
- Non-marking lace up sports shoes (no Vans or canvas shoes)
- A drawstring bag to hold PE Uniform items from locker to change room

2.6 **RIVERSIDE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE UNIFORM**

2.6.1 Students are expected to wear the appropriate uniform supplied by the Riverside Trade Training Centre. Thongs or open footwear are not permitted.

2.7 **COLLEGE BAG**

2.7.1 College bag/backpack – navy with logo.

2.7.2 The College bag is compulsory for all Years 7 to 9 students in 2020. The College bag will be compulsory for all students from Years 7 to 10 from the commencement of the 2021 school year.

3. GENERAL GUIDELINES

3.1 Students are not permitted to wear visible makeup. Earrings are limited to small plain spherical gold/silver studs or sleepers for pierced ears (ear lobe only). No plastic, gemstones or pearls. Any other visible piercing of any form is not permitted. Clear plastic plugs or Band-Aid coverings are not acceptable. One chain with a religious symbol may be worn (no other visible chains, cords or necklaces). No rings. A wristwatch is allowed. Coloured nail polish/nail extensions are not to be worn.

3.2 Hair, in general terms, must be clean, neatly styled, natural in colour and tied back off the face at all times when travelling to and from school, and at school. Hair accessories must be discreet (functional rather than ornamental), small and plain in College colours (navy, white, red or maroon). Hairstyles which are outside of the following guidelines are unacceptable:

- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times so that the hair does not touch the collar. No hair should be allowed to fall across the face or cover the eyes.
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g. dreadlocks) are not permitted.
- Hair must be of a natural colour. Moderate and discrete variations in natural colour such as highlights, tips and streaks are permitted as long as the overall style is predominantly of a single, natural colour without major contrasts. Unnatural hair colours are never permitted.
- All male students must be clean shaven at all times. Sideburns must not be below the level of the ear.

4. CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

4.1 Students and parents are notified by the College newsletter when casual clothes days are to occur. Normally these days occur four times per year and students give a gold coin donation that is forwarded to a charity. On these days students are to wear appropriate clothing. Shoulders must be covered and for safety reasons, closed shoes must be worn (**no thongs or open footwear**). Bare midriffs or printed T-shirts that display inappropriate language or messages are not permitted.

5. UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

5.1 Students must be in College uniform, as defined in the Uniform Policy at all times when travelling to and from school, and at school unless indicated otherwise. This includes when participating in school excursions.

5.2 Students are expected to be neat and tidy and wear their uniform with pride.

5.3 Whenever uniform is worn in the public domain, it must be complete. Students are expected to be well groomed in appearance at all times when wearing the College uniform.

5.4 When an item of uniform is missing, a student must carry a note from a parent/guardian explaining the reason and indicating a time (usually within 24 - 48 hours) when the item will be replaced/repared.

6. SUNSMART POLICY

6.1 The College hat is compulsory during the Summer months (Terms 1 and 4) when a student is outdoors for any prolonged period of time, including recess and lunch. Hats are compulsory for all outdoor/PE activities in Terms 1 and 4.

7. UNIFORM POLICY AND GUIDELINES BROCHURE

7.1 The College has produced a brochure to assist with clarifying the uniform process. This brochure is available on the College website.

7.2 The College reserves the right to determine an appropriate application of the dress code and uniform requirements.