

# **Uniform Policy**

#### Introduction

St Anne's College is a Catholic community welcoming all, inspired by a loving God, committed to faith, wisdom and learning.

Central to the mission of St. Anne's College is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. All policies should be read and action taken as informed by the College's Child Safe Policy.

#### **Rationale**

A dress code, in particular a uniform, provides a visual connection to identify students as members of the St Anne's College community. The way a uniform is worn makes a statement about our college and it represents the fact the student is a part of the community. Parents can readily access uniforms that are affordable, offer value for money and provide a stress-free choice as children get ready for school. The benefits of a school uniform include:

- Allows all students to feel equal
- Helps prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- Ensures students appearance reflects the expectations of St Anne's College
- Enhances the profile and identity of St Anne's College and its students in the wider community
- Strengthens the spirit of community within St Anne's College
- Enhances individual student safety and group security
- Ensures all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- Encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Prepares students for the expectations in workplaces
- Encourages students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role

### **Parameters for Dress Code**

The dress code applies:

- During school hours and while travelling to and from school
- When students are engaged in school related activities out of school hours



## **Implementation**

The following are guidelines for the implementation of the uniform policy:

- All members of St Anne's College will present themselves in a clean, neat fashion
- Wearing a uniform will aide acceptable dress and is required at all times
- Any student out of uniform is required to provide a note explaining why they are not dressed in school uniform
- Clothes must be clearly and permanently marked with the student's name
- Jewellery is not permitted, except for studs or sleepers in the case of students with pierced ears (one per ear only)
- Hair must be the student's natural colour and of an acceptable style
- Facial hair must be kept neat and trimmed
- Make up, if needed, must be neutral and minimal
- Nail polish, if needed is to be neutral or clear
- All tattoos must be covered and not visible