



# St Columba's School Bayswater

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## Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy

### VISION STATEMENT

St Columba's Primary School aims to foster the total development of each individual, within a loving community, that is totally committed to supporting the Catholic faith, principles and ideals within the framework of the Mercy Values.

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At St. Columba's School, our uniform is a sign of our community and it reflects the school vision statement and goals. All families sign, as part of the confirmation of enrolment, a consent form supporting the uniform and grooming requirements of our school.

Students wear a uniform –

- to develop a sense of student unity, pride and loyalty to our school and to its vision.
- to de-emphasise differences in appearance.
- to focus on the real purpose of schooling i.e. the development of an individuality of intellect, imagination and personality.

It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that students are attired in correct, well fitting, complete school uniform. Uniforms must be in good condition and repair. Current uniform is to be worn therefore during school hours, and to and from school. During 'Free Dress' days, students are not permitted to wear unacceptable items of clothing, clothing with unacceptable slogans or messages and/or unacceptable hair styles.

If students and parents choose not to follow the school's dress code policy, the Principal may choose to withdraw the child from the class and school events and/or contact the parents to collect the child. The student will not be permitted to return to school until the issue has been resolved and the student and parents support the school in following the school policy.

Staff members conduct a daily check of uniform standards. A uniform note will be sent home should there be any digression from the school's dress code.

If some accident or difficulty prevents children from wearing full uniform on any particular day, parents are required to send a note of explanation to the child's class teacher.

The correct uniform, which is compulsory at all times, is as follows:

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN Coloured St Columba's t-Shirt with school logo

KINDERGARTEN Coloured St Columba's t-shirt with school logo  
Black St Columba's school shorts with school logo  
School hat  
Appropriate warm clothing permitted during cooler weather

PRE-PRIMARY Coloured St Columba's t-shirt with school logo  
Black St Columba's school shorts with school logo  
St Columba's tracksuit with school logo  
School hat  
St Columba's faction polo shirts with school logo to be worn on sports day (Parents have the option of allowing their child to wear this shirt in Year 1 or purchasing the school's white polo with faction side panels)

## **SUMMER**

YEAR 1 - 6

Girls Green knee length summer dress, white ankle socks, black shoes or black or brown sandals, green school jumper, school hat and school bag (school bag is compulsory from Kindergarten – Year 6).

Boys Grey school shorts, white short sleeved school shirt, short grey socks, black lace up shoes or black or brown sandals, green school jumper, school hat and school bag (school bag is compulsory from Kindergarten – Year 6).

## **WINTER**

Girls: YEAR 1 - 3

Green tartan winter pinafore, long or short sleeved white school shirt, school tie, green school jumper, lace up black shoes, white ankle socks or black tights, school hat, school bag and school scarf (optional). During winter the school tie must be worn every day apart from sports days.

YEAR 4 - 6

Green tartan winter skirt, long or short sleeved white school shirt, school tie, green school jumper, lace up black shoes, white ankle socks or black tights, school hat, school bag and school scarf (optional). During winter the school tie must be worn every day apart from sports days.

Boys: College Grey trousers (short or long school socks may be worn with trousers), or grey school shorts. White school shirt-long or short sleeved, school tie, school hat, green school jumper, plain black lace up shoes and school scarf (optional). During winter the school tie must be worn every day apart from sports days.

Summer uniform      Terms 1 and 4.

Winter uniform              Terms 2 and 3.

## **OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES**

The following items are also available from the uniform shop: *library bag, St Columba's rain jacket, St Columba's scarf.*

Please note the following:

- *It is an expectation that long trousers will be worn on all formal occasions e.g. Music Festival, School Photos, Graduation, etc.*
- *Tracksuit tops MAY NOT BE WORN in place of the official school jumper.*
- *The Year 6 School Leavers shirts may be worn on sports days only.*

- *School rain jackets may be worn to and from school (only over school jumpers) and at recess and lunch time when the weather is particularly wintry. Coats are hung on hooks outside children's classroom.*

## **SPORTS UNIFORM**

### **GIRLS**

St Columba's white polo shirt with faction colour side panels, St Columba's black shorts, St Columba's white ankle socks and plain white sports shoes (minimal colours as much as possible), school tracksuit, and school hat. School bathers, if selected to represent the school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

### **BOYS**

St Columba's white polo shirt with faction colour side panels, St Columba's black shorts, St Columba's white ankle socks and plain white sports shoes (minimal colours as much as possible), school tracksuit, and school hat. School bathers, if selected to represent the school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival.

**\*\*NB** Parents have the option of allowing their child to wear the coloured top, purchased in Pre-Kindy/Kindy, in Year 1 or purchasing the school's white polo with faction colour side panels. All students will be required to wear the white sports polo with faction colour side panels from Year 2 onwards.

### **SUN HATS**

The children must wear their school hat throughout the year. The school has a "No Hat – No Play" policy. Red hats are compulsory for those students with SERIOUS medical conditions ONLY e.g. students with anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes and other life threatening medical conditions. Students with serious medical conditions, who choose not to wear a red hat, may not be identified quickly in the case of an emergency.

## **GROOMING**

- Fashionable extremes in hair colour, hair products and styles are not acceptable on a temporary or permanent basis.
- Excessively short hair is not permitted – e.g. number one hair cuts, shaved heads, mohawks, rat's tail, etc.
- Hair must be clean, brushed and kept off the face – this includes fringes being out of eyes. Hair must be completely tied back if it is longer than the collar with a plain

white, black or green scrunchy, ribbon or headband. Parents are asked to regularly check their child/children's hair to prevent lice infestation.

- Nail polish on fingernails or toenails is not permitted.

## **JEWELLERY ACCESSORIES**

- A simple gold/silver chain with Christian symbol only – to be worn inside shirt/dress.
- Rings, bracelets, bangles and other jewellery are not permitted.
- Parents must be aware that watches may be worn at the owner's risk.
- A Medic Alert bracelet/necklace is permitted (school must be notified of the child/children's medical condition).
- A maximum one plain gold/silver, sleepers, keeper or plain gold/silver stud per ear lobe (ie. a pair) may be worn (no gemstones). (No other part of the ear may be pierced.)
- No other visible body piercing or visible body art, e.g. tattoos, temporary or permanent is permitted.
- Wrist rubber bangles and all other bangles are not to be worn on any occasion.

*NB: The school will not accept responsibility for jewellery items or other personal belongings lost or damaged.*

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The school has a uniform shop. Ordering of uniforms is online via [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). School newsletters regularly inform all parents of uniform requirements.

With the exception of shoes and sandals, all other items are available from the uniform shop.

There is a small selection of secondhand uniforms in the uniform shop. Please see uniform staff for second hand uniforms.

***All uniform items must be clearly marked with the name of the child. These labels should be checked regularly.***



