UNIFORM POLICY

APPROVAL OF UNIFORM POLICY

Principal

College Board Chair

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VISION STATEMENT
We nurture in our endeavours God’s gifts of holy friendship, a passion for learning and celebration of personal excellence. “Be who you are and be that well.”

OUR MISSION
St Francis de Sales College is a learning community that works together to build an environment in which faith is nurtured in a Catholic Christian tradition. It does this by recognising individuals’ skills and talents while appreciating and accepting their uniqueness.

The College is committed to promoting community and personal fulfilment through life enhancing relationships.

St Francis de Sales, as patron, symbolised the high hopes that are held for every St Francis de Sales student so that, inspired and guided by his example, each child may:

- promote a culture of life through courage in responding to the challenges that life brings
- foster the engagement of faith and reason
- develop a love of learning and independent thinking
- value and respect individuals, irrespective of position, wealth, racial origin or religious beliefs
- become a socially responsible contributor in the community and to society
- acquire virtue and wisdom and respond generously to others throughout life.

RATIONALE
The College uniform is a vital part of the identity and culture of St Francis de Sales College. There is an expectation that students take pride and distinction in wearing the uniform and that the correct uniform is worn at all times.

The College uniform is to be worn in its complete and approved form:

- when students are travelling to and from the College
- when attending each class
- to all official College functions, e.g. Award Ceremonies
- at other times, as directed by the Principal.

Parents are asked to support the College Uniform Policy by ensuring that their child (children) has the required uniform, it is maintained in good condition, is clean and well pressed, and that it is worn neatly and correctly. The uniform is ratified by the College Board and enforced by Principal, Community Leaders and College staff. Agreement to adhere to the College Uniform Policy is a condition of enrolment.

GENERAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS
Students are required to present themselves in the approved College uniform in a neat, smart and well-groomed manner. Only the Principal or Principal’s delegate may sanction the departure from these requirements.

The summer uniform is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. The winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3.
Uniform items are manufactured by Devon and may be purchased directly from Devon, from the St Francis de Sales College Uniform Shop operating in the Showroom at the Pavilion, 2 Hampden Road, Mount Barker, or at the second-hand uniform sales held at the College.

The following information provides general guidelines for the wearing of the College uniform. Full uniform requirements are available by referring to the College Uniform Requirements on the College website, Parent Handbook and Student Diary.

**College blazer**

Students in Year 7 to 12 must wear the College blazer to and from the College, regardless of the method of transport, as the outer garment during Terms 2 and 3, and if required during Terms 1 and 4. The blazer must also be worn for all formal occasions, including assemblies and excursions. The College jumper must not be worn to and from the College as the outer garment at any time. The jumper may only be worn as an outer garment once inside the College grounds.

**Uniform length**

The length of the winter skirt should be not less than 25cm from the ground and no shorter than knee-length. The length of the summer dress must be worn at or below knee length.

**Shoes**

Black leather shoes, lace-up or Velcro (R-2), must be clean and polished. Canvas shoes are not permitted.

**Hat**

A broad-brimmed or bucket hat is part of the official College uniform. Hats are to be worn outdoors at all times during Term 1 and Term 4.

**Sports uniform**

The sports uniform is only to be worn on the days designated as sports days and during Physical Education or sports lessons. White crew socks and sports sneakers which provide adequate support are to be worn as part of the sports uniform. This excludes flat canvas shoes (eg. Dunlop Volleys) and high cut gym boots.

**Hair**

In order to keep hair neat and tidy:

- hair is to be well-groomed and kept away from the face at all times
- hair is to be tied back if shoulder-length or longer
- hair ribbons and head bands are to be in College colours of navy blue, bottle green or gold
- hair ties are to be either brown, black or clear
- hair style and colour should be appropriate for school and designed not to attract attention.

Students should be clean shaven at all times.

**Jewellery**

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn with the College uniform. The only concessions are:

- a watch
- a pair of small, plain gold, silver or pearl stud or sleeper earrings (one in the lower lobe of each ear)
- a thin chain necklace, either plain or with a small cross or sacred medal.

**Make up and nail polish**

Make up is not permitted at College. Nails are to be kept short for hygiene and safety reasons. Nail polish is not to be worn to school.
School bag
The only approved school bag which students may use is the official green St Francis de Sales College backpack. These are available in two styles and varying sizes.

Identification
It is expected that all uniform articles should be clearly marked with the owner’s name.

MONITOR AND REVIEW
This document will be reviewed within two years of the date of issue. Changes to the College uniform, in legislation or Catholic Church Policy may necessitate earlier review and subsequent amendment or re-issue.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Personal Responsibility Policy
Skin Protection Policy
APPENDIX A: COLLEGE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

College Uniform

Terms 1 and 4 — full summer uniform
Terms 2 and 3 — full winter uniform

Girls

Summer
- College checked dress (knee length)
- College bottle green V-necked jumper (R-9), navy jumper (10-12)
- St Francis de Sales College mid white calf socks
- Plain black lace up school shoes (not canvas style, R-2 velcro shoes allowed).
- Brown Roman style sandals (R-2)
- College hat (to be worn to and from school in Term 1 and Term 4, recess, lunch, PE lessons and outdoor activities)
- College blazer (7-12) all formal occasions and when the weather requires a warmer garment to and from the College, regardless of method of transport, in Term 1 and Term 4. The jumper may only be worn as the outer garment once inside the College grounds.

Winter
- College skirt (just below the knee, maximum 25cm from the ground) or Pinafore (optional, R-6)
- College Lemon long sleeved shirt
- College tie (7-12)
- College bottle green V-necked jumper (R-9), navy jumper (10-12)
- College blue knee high socks or navy blue tights
- Plain black lace up school shoes (not canvas style, R-2 velcro shoes allowed)
- College blue jacket (R-6)
- College blazer (7-12) for formal occasions, including assemblies and excursions. The blazer is to be worn to and from the College, regardless of method of transport, in Term 2 and Term 3. The jumper may only be worn as the outer garment once inside the College grounds.

Boys

Summer
- Charcoal shorts, either full or half elastic back
- Green/white short sleeved shirt
- College bottle green V-necked jumper (R-9), or senior navy jumper (10-12)
- Plain charcoal socks
- Plain black lace up school shoes (not canvas style, R-2 velcro shoes allowed)
- Brown Roman style sandals (R-2)
- College hat (to be worn to and from school in Term 1 and Term 4, recess, lunch and PE lessons)
- College blazer (7-12) all formal occasions and when the weather requires a warmer garment to and from the College, regardless of method of transport, in Term 1 and Term 4. The jumper may only be worn as the outer garment once inside the College grounds.

Winter
- Charcoal grey trousers
- College green/white long sleeved striped shirt
- College tie (7-12)
• College bottle green V-necked jumper (R-9), or senior navy jumper (10-12)
• College blue winter jacket (R-6)
• Plain charcoal socks
• Plain black lace up school shoes (not canvas style, R-2 velcro shoes allowed)
• College blazer (7-12) for formal functions, including assemblies and excursions. The blazer is to be worn to and from the College, regardless of method of transport, in Term 2 and Term 3. The jumper may only be worn as the outer garment once inside the College grounds.

**Sports Uniform**

• College sports jumper (R-6), Jacket (7-12)
• College track pants
• College forest green polo shirt (including representing the College) or House polo shirt
• St Francis de Sales College navy blue College shorts
• White quarter crew socks
• Sports shoes such as cross trainers which provide adequate support. This excludes flat canvas shoes (e.g. Dunlop Volleys) and high cut gym boots.

**General**

• College scarf
• St Francis de Sales College broad brim or bucket hat
• Jewellery is not permitted with the College uniform. The only concessions are:
  – a pair of small, plain gold or silver stud or sleeper earring or small pearl studs, one in the lower lobe of each ear
  – a thin chain necklace either plain or with a small cross or sacred medal
  – watch
  – St Francis de Sales College green back pack, available in two styles and varying sizes.

**General Grooming**

• Hair needs to be kept away from the face at all times
• Hair ribbons and ties are to be in College colours only (navy blue, bottle green, gold)
• No visible tattoos
• Make up is not to be worn with the College uniform
• Nail polish is not to be worn
• Shirts are to be tucked in for winter (Terms 2 and 3)
• Long hair (shoulder length) needs to be tied back and off the face
• Hair style and colour needs to be appropriate for school and should not be designed to attract attention
• Boys should be clean shaven.

As a member of our College community, students are expected to wear the College uniform at all times with pride.