John Paul II Catholic School Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy

Our John Paul II Uniform is a visible symbol of the school and is a public representation of the School's values, philosophies and expectations. The uniform and approach are based upon our core ideals as a school, as well as parent, staff and student feedback.

1. Our uniform is age appropriate and progressive.

John Paul II is a Catholic primary school that provides an inclusive and nurturing education, dedicated to girls and boys aged from 0 to 12 and located in a thriving, growing community on the Eastern Shore of Hobart.

2. Our uniform allows our students to be active and adventurous.

The School is surrounded by green open space and ideally suited for adventure and play. Our facilities power students' curiosity and development, inspiring learning and connection.

3. Our uniform is designed to create a strong sense of belonging.

At John Paul II, every child is nurtured by our friendly, caring team. It's a place where students are supported to feel a sense of belonging and given the opportunity to shine.

4. **Our uniform and approach are designed to support all families in our community.**

Every family is warmly welcomed, included and encouraged to become an active member of the School community. A community where a richness of faith and spirit are at the heart of all that we do.

5. **Our uniform is designed to support our high standards of behaviour and discipline.**

The whole School takes pride in the high standards of behaviour and discipline that are encouraged every day. John Paul II stands for the right of each child to feel safe, to be respected and equipped for the future.

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Style Guide

1. The uniform is compulsory for students from Kinder-Grade Six. The uniform is optional for children attending Ludo.
2. There is one uniform for summer and winter. There is no formal or sports uniform. The uniform is designed as 'Smart Play'. It is primarily designed as a sports uniform, with certain formal characteristics interwoven into the design.

Compulsory Items

- Polo shirt
- Bucket hat
- School bag
- Library bag
- Upper Body (one or more of the following): Jacket and/or windcheater
- Lower Body (one or more of the following): Trackpants, shorts, skirt or leggings

General

1. We are committed to supporting all families in relation to the wearing of the uniform. We encourage families to contact us if adhering to this policy is a challenge for financial reasons.
2. Students are required to wear the school socks available from the uniform shop or plain white or black socks. Socks are not permitted to have a logo of any description.
3. Sport shoes of any description are appropriate as long as they provide sufficient support and stability to students when exercising. Skate shoes, desert boots or volley style shoes are examples of shoes that are not acceptable.
4. Acceptable jewellery includes one set of stud or sleeper earrings (worn in the lower earlobes), one watch and/or one plain gold or silver necklace (religious symbol/medal permitted). Colour promotional bands are permitted during the time of promotion of a particular cause. Bracelets, rings and nose piercings are not permitted for safety reasons. Visible make-up, nail polish, gel/acrylic nails or mascara are not permitted.

5. Hair is to be a natural colour, cut neatly and washed and brushed regularly. Hair should be tied up at or below shoulder length. Navy, white or neon blue ribbons/scrunchies are recommended for tying back hair. Rat tails, mohawks or patterns shaved into the side of the head are not permitted.
6. Students may wear a JPII house polo or coloured polo top purchased elsewhere on sport carnival days or special events (e.g. JPII day). These are not permitted on a normal school day.
7. During winter, or particularly cold days, students may wear gloves, a scarf and a beanie to and from school and at break times. It is preferable that these items are primarily navy in colour. We encourage students to wear thermal clothing underneath permitted uniform items instead of wearing external, bulky non-uniform items to keep warm.
8. The leadership team is empowered to implement the approved uniform policy and, in doing so, may grant exemption from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time.

How do we make this policy work?

Sensible adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone in the community. Parents, guardians, staff and students all have a role to play in making the policy work.

The *John Paul II Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy* has been established after consultation with the Leadership Team, the staff and the School Board. All endorse and fully support the policy.