Policy Statement

UNIFORM

Aim
To provide a guideline for the required compulsory student uniform at St Martins Lutheran College.

Rationale
At St Martins we believe that a compulsory uniform provides a fair and equal dress code for all students and induces a sense of self pride and respect. A uniform also encourages a sense of community and belonging while also promoting school pride and respect. A uniform eliminates competition in what students wear and it is the most economical way to outfit students for their school life.

Implementation
1. Uniform Committee
An appointed uniform committee with representatives from Parents and Friends, Administration, Uniform Shop Personnel and Student Representative Council make recommendations to College Council for any proposed changes or additions to the College uniform if and when required to do so.

Feedback from Principal, SRC, P&F and staff need to be gathered for recommended changes.

The College will endeavour to stock as many uniform items as is practicable in an attempt to service families while keeping costs to a minimum.

4. Uniform Aim
- Provide a student uniform that is neat and well presented as well as safe, practical and allows for some choice within a limited range of items.
- Provide a formal summer and winter uniform for girls and boys, Primary and Secondary as well as an all season, unisex sporting uniform for Primary and Secondary students.
- Minimise any accessories that detract from the uniform and natural beauty of the individual.
5. Official College Uniform

Girls - Summer:  Regulation dress  
                  Regulation navy shorts  
                  Regulation navy pants  
                  White plain socks or College socks  
                  Black school shoes (buckled [Primary] or laced) or blue sandals

Winter:  Regulation tartan check kilt  
          Regulation navy pants Blue shirt.  
          Regulation tie  
          Navy V necked jumper.  
          Navy tights or socks/College socks  
          Black school shoes (buckled [Primary] or laced)

Boys - Summer:  Grey school trousers (not cords or cargo) or regulation school shorts (no cargo)  
                  Blue school shirt  
                  Black school shoes or brown/black/navy sandals[Primary]  
                  White or grey/regulation school socks

Winter:  Grey school trousers or shorts  
          Blue school shirt.  
          Regulation tie  
          Navy V neck jumper  
          Black school shoes.  
          Grey or white socks or college socks

NB:
- When the tie is worn during term 2 and 3 the shirt to be worn tucked in and short sleeve shirt can be worn un-tucked during term 1 and 4.
- Students (7-12) to wear laced shoes at all times.
- Please do not mix formal uniform with sport uniform.
- A Singlet can be worn for extra warmth but must not be visible.
- A long sleeve skivvy of any colour is not to be worn under a short sleeve shirt, long sleeve sports shirts and jumpers are to be worn for warmth.
- Dress length can be worn below, on or just above the knee (approx 2-3 finger width).

SPORT UNIFORM
The sport uniform will be worn on designated days and for all school sporting events including athletic carnivals, sports days, teams events etc.

Girls:  College polo-shirt  
        Regulation navy shorts  
        St Martins College socks/white socks  
        Sport shoes or sand shoes (no skate shoes)  
        Regulation rugby/polar fleece  
        Regulation track pants

Boys:  College polo-shirt
Regulation navy shorts.  
St Martins College socks/white socks  
Sport shoes or sand shoes (no skate shoes)  
Regulation rugby/polar fleece  
Regulation track pants

HAIR
Girls: Hair longer than shoulder length to be tied back and not covering face. Clips and hair pins must be plain design and ribbons and head bands in the colours of black, brown, navy.  
Boys: No longer than collar length and not covering face. Clean shaven. Dramatic hair colouring or bleaching is not acceptable and styles must be moderate.

JEWELLERY AND MAKE-UP
No jewellery may be worn except for:
- A watch.  
- One only plain chain with a plain cross around the neck.  
- One plain stud or sleeper (as a safety precaution) in the lower part of the lobe in each (or one) ear.  
- Medic alert bracelets, plain hair ties, ribbons, headbands and hairclips in navy, red, black, brown.

Rings, bracelets, wrist bands or bangles are not considered part of the school uniform and may be confiscated if worn.

Visible make-up and fingernail polish are not to be worn at school.

Facial piercing not permitted.

6. Expectation
Students and parents are reminded that the correct wearing of uniform was agreed upon enrolment, therefore:
- Students will wear the correct uniform whenever they are in the care of the College.  
- The correct uniform is to be neatly worn while traveling to and from school and for special events  
- Children representing the College must wear the complete uniform  
- Any student coming to school without some item of uniform must carry a note from the parents explaining the reason for being out of uniform  
- All clothing and personal effects must be clearly labeled with the student’s name.  
- The uniform will be maintained in a neat and tidy manner at all times. (This includes shirts being tucked in, buttons being done up, clothes being clean and in good order).
7. Exceptions
Approved additions to the uniform are:

- An approved red, yellow, green or blue polo shirt to be worn for house team identification on athletics days and other official house competitions.
- Screen printed navy windcheater commemorating the Year 6 musical to be produced as soon as the musical is known. Screen printing includes commonly accepted student name and names of staff involved in the musical.
- Senior jumper/jacket for students in year 11 and 12

8. Breach of the Uniform Code
Students who breach the uniform code without written reason from parents/guardians will:

1. Receive a warning and make arrangements to rectify the situation
2. Receive an orange Incorrect Uniform Code sticker in the diary with arrangements to rectify the situation
3. Written note home to parents from home class teach or HOS addressing the concern and requesting arrangements to be made to rectify the situation, communicate concern to all staff
4. Meeting with the parents to resolve the matter.

9. NO HAT NO PLAY

In support of the OHSW guidelines and the Health Education program of the School, including the Sun Smart Policy:
The students of St Martins Lutheran School will wear a navy blue school legionnaire or slouch hat for all outdoor activities conducted as part of the school curricula and co-curricula program during term 1 and 4 or when the UV reading is extreme outside of these terms. This includes all play times, physical education lessons and school sport.

Exceptions may be made for:

- Short bursts of intense activity (such as sprints, hurdles or long jump) providing the hat is replaced immediately after completion of the activity
- Competitive winter sports (such as football, netball, hockey and minkey).
- Students who do not have a hat for play periods will therefore be asked to sit in the lunch shed for the duration of the period.
- Parents may supply a small tube of sun-block for their child, for application as necessary by the child or where special needs arise assistance may be given. (The school will also have some sun block available to students should this be needed).
Definitions
1 UV Reading as promoted on local media and internet.

References
1. Cancer Council SA – Sun Smart Policy
2. UV Reading as promoted on local media and internet.

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