

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">St Joseph's School, Waroona</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Uniform and Grooming Guidelines</h2>	Last updated: 2025
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1. Purpose

The purpose of the school uniform is to:

- Promote a sense of belonging and pride – a contemporary and welcoming environment.
- Provide protection of children to ensure safety and well-being in accordance with best child-safe practices.
- Gender equality – offers versatility and supports play-based learning.
- Support affordability in accordance with the school's low-fee initiative & school mission statement.

[Sources of Authority – CECW Policy – Catholic Education Commission Western Australia Community Policy Statement – February 2021](#)

2. Scope

The guidelines apply to all students who attend St Joseph's School, Waroona.

3. Guidelines

School Mission Statement: To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

All parents who enrol their children at St Joseph's School agree to dress their children in the recognised uniform and are required to ensure their children are dressed appropriately when they leave for school each day. Please support the school's efforts to continue the high standard of dress we wish to keep. Students are to wear their uniform with pride, and it must be clean and neat at all times.

- Kindy children do not have to wear a uniform; however, may wear a St Joes Kindy T-shirt if they wish (available for purchase from the uniform shop).
- All items of clothing must have the student's name written on the inside of the item in a visible place.
- The school backpack is the only allowed school bag from Pre-Primary to Year 6.
- The school hat must be worn during breaks or when children are involved in outside activities. Refer to the school Sun Smart Policy.

The school uniform is to be worn each day for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6:

- School polo shirt (blue & yellow) to be worn 4 days a week,
- Faction coloured polo shirt (on Thursdays),
- Blue shorts,
- White school socks with blue and yellow trim,
- School tracksuit (Jacket and track pants to be worn as requested for events and excursions),
- School shoes must be sports shoes offering arch support (canvas shoes or hi-tops are not permitted).

- School polo shirts (blue & yellow) are to be worn on excursions and formal events (not faction shirts), on school photographs and choir performances.
- Sports uniform including faction shirts (red, green or blue) are to be worn for faction events (e.g., School Faction Athletics Carnival) and for the weekly Physical Education (PE) lesson. The class teacher will advise which day of the week the class is scheduled to have their PE lesson.
- Leavers shirts may be worn by Year 6 students in place of the school polo shirt at school. At the discretion of the Principal, Year 6 students may, on occasion, wear the Leavers shirts for offsite events.
- Hair for all students must be clean, neat and tidy at all times. All shoulder length or longer hair that touches the collar or can hang over the face must be tied or pinned back. The fringe is not to fall over the eyebrows.

Hair and Grooming Guidelines:

- Hair for all students must be clean, neat and tidy at all times. All shoulder length or longer hair that touches the collar or can hang over the face must be tied or pinned back. The fringe is not to fall over the eyebrows.
- Students are expected to maintain hairstyles that are conventional and non-distracting. To provide clarity, the following guidelines apply:
 - **Prohibited Hairstyles:**
 - Shaved patterns or lines.
 - Mullets, rat tails, or dreadlocks.
 - Raw blade cuts.
 - Unevenly graded cuts, extreme undercuts, or stepped hairstyles.
 - Dyed or highlighted hair in unnatural shades is not permitted.
- The Principal reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any hairstyle or colour. If you are considering a significant change to your child's hair and are uncertain about its compliance with school policy, please consult the school beforehand.
- Hair ribbons/head bands must be in the school colours of royal blue or gold.
- Make-up or nail polish is not permitted.
- Children are not to graffiti or draw on hands or any body parts.
- Jewellery:
 - Students are permitted to wear a chain with a religious symbol.
 - Wrist watches may be worn at owner's risk. Smart watches with cameras or messaging functions are strictly not allowed.
 - Earrings must have one simple stud or sleeper style earring per ear lobe.
 - Both ears must have a matching stud or sleeper if earrings are being worn.
 - **NO** other jewellery is to be worn.

- If an accident or problem prevents a child from wearing the full uniform on any particular day, parents are requested to send an explanation to the classroom teacher.

If a student does not adhere to the Uniform and Grooming Policy or meet the school's expectations, then they will be asked to rectify within a negotiated time frame. This will be communicated initially via a SEQTA text message and if the problem persists a Uniform Infringement Notice will be sent home by the school. If the uniform infringement is repeated, the parents will receive a phone call from the school to discuss the matter further.