1. **RATIONALE**
   - This policy aims to provide guidelines for all members within the school community in a simple and meaningful way, with regard to the expectations of school uniform.
   - In formulating a uniform policy, parents and teachers can expect uniformity throughout the school, as this policy hopes to establish consistency and pride within the school, concerning uniform.
   - The school acknowledges that children and parents today have many options in regard to school uniform suppliers and the effect of peer pressure which can impact on children as to what shoes, bag or accessories your child may wish to purchase. The school considers uniform to be a commitment to the expectations of the school community. Therefore parents need to be informed of the school’s uniform requirements so that necessary and appropriate items are worn at all times.

2. **AIMS**
   This uniform policy aims to:
   - Create uniformity and consistency throughout the school concerning uniform, so that teachers, children and parents are aware of the expectation placed on the wearing of uniform each day.
   - Highlight the importance of uniform as a means or encouraging self-discipline, pride and a positive attitude to learning.
   - Provide parents, staff and students with guidelines in regards to correct uniform that will ensure children’s safety, modesty and comfort, when participating in various teaching and learning activities.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**
   - The general appearance of a child is an outward sign to others of the pride and respect one has in oneself. We aim to develop in the children an understanding of this fact. We encourage the children to be neatly groomed - this includes dressing neatly, having their hair clean and combed, shoes polished, etc.
   - For safety reasons, the children are not permitted to wear jewellery, such as bracelets, necklaces, dangly ear-rings (only studs and sleepers allowed) to school.
   - The school has in place a uniform committee which will consist of interested parents. This committee will meet as required and report any proposed changes to the school principal and P &F parent body.
   - The role of this committee is to monitor the uniform pool, opening the uniform shop to parents as required and ensure that adequate stock is made available to parents.
   - There is also a second hand shop which is operated by an interested parent.
   - New school uniform suggestions will only be considered after initial consultation with the principals, the P&F and then the parent body of the school, via survey. (See attached procedures).
A uniform pool is available to the school community. Opportunity will also be made for one day per week to purchase school bags, hats and second hand clothing.

The uniform is outlined below; copies are also available on request from the school office.

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform each day unless otherwise notified. If a child is unable to wear correct uniform a note is to be provided to the school.

Where financial difficulty occurs, families will be given assistance and appropriate consideration by the school. A clothing pool is available for uniform purchase.

Families will be notified when children change from summer to winter uniform.

At St Patrick’s we have a no hat, no play policy. The school hat is to be worn all year round. (Sun safe).

Sports uniform will be worn as advised.

4. BUDGET
The uniform shop will be self sufficient and follow the processes set up by the Principal and the P&F.

5. EVALUATION
Amendments will be made as required after due process and consultation between the Principal and P&F subcommittee.

PROCEDURES

1. Guide for adopting a new school uniform

- Initial proposal for changing the uniform must be made to a P&F meeting. The meeting will move the motion approving the principal to form a committee to proceed.
- The Principal will facilitate a committee to guide the process. The committee shall comprise of all sections of the school community; principal or Assistant Principal, parents from various grades, and staff (if applicable).
- The committee’s role is to gauge community support for the change and present options for the uniform to the community. The new uniform must be placed on display for the community to view. The process will entail wide consultation.
- The consultation process will involve a survey to all parents of children enrolled. Survey returned will be signed by parents. Of the returned surveys, in the order of 60% will determine the outcome. It should be noted that surveys not returned are not an indication of approval or otherwise.
- The school community must be informed of the results as soon as practicable. The next meeting of the P&F should endorse the change.
- Once the community has endorsed the change, the Assistant Director of Schools must be advised of the outcome and seek approval for the change.
• Once permission has been given for the change of uniform a minimum of a 2 year change over period must be adhered to.

2. **Guide for modifying the school uniform**
   Occasionally a school uniform may need to be modified. If modification is to be undertaken then the following procedure is to be followed.
   • Initial discussions will take place at a P&F meeting, outlining the reasons for the modification. The meeting will move a motion to engage an appropriate sub-committee to investigate possible options and make these options known to the school community.
   • A survey will be sent to parents of all children outlining the options. New options are to be placed on display. A majority of returned surveys will determine the outcome. It should be noted that surveys not returned are not an indication of approval or otherwise.
   • The modification should be formally endorsed at the next P&F meeting.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
The uniform items can be purchased from the St Patrick’s uniform shop, which is open every Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am. The shop is located in the school hall. Orders with payment can also be sent to the school office in an envelope marked with your child’s name and class. All students are expected to wear the school uniform correctly. The correct school uniform is as follows:

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<th>Boys</th>
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<td><strong>Summer</strong></td>
<td>• Blue dress with inverted pleat (front and back)</td>
<td>• Grey shorts (Cargo shorts are not an acceptable alternative to the school uniform)</td>
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<td>• White ankle socks</td>
<td>• Blue shirt (short sleeves)</td>
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<td>• Black leather lace-up or buckle shoes that are able to be polished</td>
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<td>• School hat</td>
<td>• Black leather lace-up or elasticised shoes that are able to be polished</td>
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<td><strong>Winter</strong></td>
<td>• Grey and blue tunic</td>
<td>• Long grey trousers</td>
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<td>• Pale blue long-sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar</td>
<td>• Blue long-sleeved shirt AND school tie</td>
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<td>• White ankle socks or Grey stockings</td>
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<td><strong>Sport days</strong></td>
<td>• Navy shorts bearing the St Patrick’s name</td>
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