Uniform Policy

Rationale:
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
• To promote equality amongst all students.
• To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
• To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
• To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
• The school has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
• The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
• Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Exception of cultural requirements, which must be discussed and approved by the principal.
• The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
• The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
• The Principal will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
• Arrangements in regard to this policy and the acquisition of uniforms can be made with families experiencing economic hardship.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review cycle.
This policy has been developed with a view to full implementation by January 2016. In the interim current students may continue to wear their current uniform until the end of December 2015. As the current uniform wears out items will be replaced with the new uniform. When replacing items families will need to be aware that purchase of the shirt will also require purchase of the SMDP Jumper. Please check with the School Office for further details.

### Summer Uniform (Girls)
- Summer Dress
- SMDP Jumper
- White Anklet Socks
- Black School Shoes

### Summer Uniform (Boys)
- Short Sleeve SMDP Shirt with Logo
- SMDP Jumper
- Navy Socks
- Black School Shoes
- Everyday Drill Shorts or Navy Blue Trousers (Long Double Knee)

### Winter Uniform (Girls)
- SMDP Long Sleeve Shirt &
- SMDP Pinafore Dress
- SMDP Jumper
- Navy Tights/Socks
- Black School Shoes
- **Please Note that the SOFTSHELL SPORTS Jacket can be worn over the winter uniform, however it does not replace the SMDP Jumper**

### Winter Uniform (Boys)
- SMDP Long Sleeve Shirt & Trousers (Long Double Knee)
- SMDP Jumper
- **Please Note that the SOFTSHELL SPORTS Jacket can be worn over the winter uniform, however it does not replace the SMDP Jumper**
- Navy Socks

### Sports Uniform – Girls & Boys
- SMDP Polo Top (Short Sleeve/Royal and White Panelling & Logo)
- Sports Shorts (Navy with school logo)
- SOFTSHELL SPORTS Jacket (all year round over sport uniform)
- White Sports Socks
- Sports Track Pants
- Sports Runners

### Optional Items:
- School Backpack (Navy with Logo)
- Art smock
- Rain jacket (Waterproof Polar Fleeced Lined)

### Official Uniform Supplier
Rushford's School wear
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No modification to the wearing of the school uniform and the uniform policy is permitted unless there has been consultation with and permission from the Principal.