SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

At St Francis Xavier School we are very proud of our school uniform. It is very presentable and, when worn correctly, builds a sense of belonging. At our school, students are encouraged to have pride in and respect for their personal appearance.

With this in mind, the student needs the support of their parents. Parents will be responsible for ensuring that the school uniform is maintained and in good condition, i.e. not faded, frayed or damaged, for the duration of the school year.

Parents will be responsible for ensuring that their children wear the prescribed uniform to school on the prescribed day. The school Sports uniform will be worn on the student’s HPE day and on Friday only, unless otherwise stated. All other days, and on special occasions, the students will wear the school Day uniform. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that the correct school uniform is worn. Parents are informed consistently of uniform expectations through the newsletter and by the school Leadership Team. Our School Uniform Policy and expectations are in our Parent Handbook and on our school website.

Students who are not wearing the prescribed uniform are expected to have a note from their parents explaining this. Parents will receive written notification from the school if their child’s uniform is different to the uniform guidelines and an explanation detailing the area of concern. Parents of children who repeatedly depart from wearing the prescribed uniform to school may be contacted by a member of the Leadership team to request explanation.

Boys’ Day Uniform

Shirt: Official check school shirt.
Shorts: Navy shorts medium length. Not below the knee and not cargo style.
Socks: Short, white socks. (Not ankle sports length or with stripes or markings.)
Shoes: Black leather, or leather upper joggers. No marks, brands or stripes. Cut below ankles – not boots. Brown or black leather sandals may be worn during FIRST and FOURTH terms. Velcro on shoes is great for younger children who can’t yet tie their own laces.

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Girls’ Day Uniform

Dress: School check OR
Culottes: Navy worn with check school shirt OR
Skirt: Navy worn with check school shirt
Socks: Short, white socks. (Not ankle sports length with stripes or markings.)
Shoes: Black leather, or leather upper joggers. Shoes are to be enclosed, not a Mary-Jane style. No marks, brands or stripes. Sensible heels (no more than 2cm). Brown or black leather sandals may be worn during FIRST and FOURTH terms. Velcro on shoes is great for children who can’t yet tie their own shoe laces.

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Boys’ Sports Uniform

Shirt: Red school sports shirt
Shorts: Navy shorts medium length. Not below the knee and not cargo style.
Socks: Short, white socks. (Not ankle sports length with stripes or markings.)
Shoes: Black leather, or leather upper joggers. Shoes are to be enclosed. No marks, brands or stripes. Brown or black leather sandals may be worn during FIRST and FOURTH terms.
Girls’ Sports Uniform:

Shirt: Red school sports shirt
Culottes: Navy
Socks: Short, white socks. (Not ankle sports length with stripes or markings.)
Shoes: Black leather, or leather upper joggers. Shoes are to be enclosed, not a Mary-Jane style. No marks, brands or stripes. Sensible heels (no more than 2cm). Brown or black leather sandals may be worn during FIRST and FOURTH terms.

In Cold Weather:

- **BOYS:** School jumpers/cardigans. May wear plain, navy track pants **over** school shorts.
- **GIRLS:** School jumper/cardigans. May wear plain, navy track pants **over** culottes or if wearing dresses or skirts, navy tights may be worn.

Other Uniform Regulations:

**Hair**
- Hair is to be neatly groomed and, if it is longer than shoulder length, tied back away from the face, with a navy, red or white ribbon, scrunchie or headband. Hair accessories are to be minimal in size and appropriate.
- Hair may not be dyed in unnatural colours or two toned nor worn in a style that is extreme or inappropriate for school. *(As a guide, rat’s tails would be considered inappropriate as would words, symbols or lines shaved onto the scalp).*

**Jewellery**

**Girls**
- A Christian symbol such as a crucifix or medal worn on a plain chain
- One pair of matching studs or sleepers, one worn in each ear lobe. These are to be small, of appropriate colour (eg. gold, silver or white) and inexpensive (No euro balls)
- appropriate school badges
- a watch
- a plain signet ring

**Boys:**
- As for girls except that boys may not wear studs, sleepers or ear-rings of any kind.

**Accessories**
- Boys and girls are not to have fingernails painted or any other type of coating worn on them to school at any time.

**Prep Students**
- Prep students follow the same guidelines for uniform, but wear their Sports Uniform on every school day.

*If in doubt, check with the Principal before purchasing items or about hairstyles. Do not rely on your child’s advice or rumours about what other students may or may not be wearing. Uniform requirements can be expensive and it is important to purchase the correct items.*

**Wearing of School Hats**

The official navy school bucket hat with school name on front & embroidered student’s Christian name on side. *(Available only from Uniform Solutions, Alfred Street.)*

Hats are to be worn when children are in the open, during certain lessons, during excursions and physical education activities. Your support is sought by providing your child with the correct school hat and ensuring that he/she brings it to school.