



*"To Live, To Love, To Grow In Christ"*

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

### **Rationale**

The purpose of a policy on school uniform is to provide all parents and students, a clear and common understanding of what is required in the wearing of a school uniform. At Holy Spirit we ask that all students wear their uniform with pride. In wearing the uniform correctly, students express respect for themselves, each other and the wider school community.

All students from Transition to Year 6 are required to wear Holy Spirit authorised school uniform whilst on school premises and when attending official school activities during and after school hours.

### **Policy Statement**

A school uniform encourages a sense of belonging and provides a visible identity with Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School community. It eliminates for parents and students' unnecessary costs associated with fashion trends and peer pressure.

Our uniform reflects the distinctive nature of our school. Our school colour, predominantly purple as chosen by our students. The school logo featured on our polo shirt and hat, consists of Sisters of Mercy logo. Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School was opened in February 1979 by the Singleton Sisters of Mercy. The logo also carries the motto '*To Live, To Love, To Grow in Christ*'. In addition, a dove representing the Holy Spirit and lastly Sturt's Desert Rose which is the floral emblem of the Northern Territory.

There is also a reversible bucket hat with purple colour on the inside. Students are permitted to wear their hat as either black or purple.

### **Aim**

#### **Students will:**

- Wear the full school uniform to school, every day
- Wear the prescribed school hat all year round (to meet the school's commitment to being a Sun Smart School)

#### **Parents are expected to:**

- Support the school in the matter of correct school uniform

#### **Staff will:**

- Encourage students to always wear the correct uniform
- Provide a uniform shop and process NT Government Back-to-School payments as a means of assisting families to comply easily with this policy

### **Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School uniform consists of the following:**

#### **Clothing**

- Purple polo shirt
- Black school shorts or skorts that are mid-length, just above the knee (plain black with no logos / markings / stripes)

- Dress that is mid-length, just above the knee (our dress is optional for girls to wear)
- School Jumper
- Bucket hat with our logo – school black/purple reversible hat only Black shoes or runners (including laces)
- Socks – black only

### **Jewellery**

A wristwatch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross, but no other form of jewellery is permitted. Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of 'sleepers' or 'studs' only. The school will exercise discretion in determining whether earrings are acceptable. We understand we have students wearing jewellery/bands that reflect their religious traditions, for this we approve with discretion. No Smartwatch to be worn.

### **Hair**

Hair must be neatly groomed and, in a style, appropriate to wear with the school uniform. Cuts, styles or colours which, are extreme or not a natural hair colour is not acceptable. The school will exercise discretion in determining whether a hairstyle is acceptable. Hair that is collar length or longer must be always tied up.

Hair must always be worn off the face, be neatly brushed and not hang down over the eyebrows or over the face. If ribbons or clips are worn, they are to be black or purple only.

### **Implementation**

In the event of a student arriving to school, not in full uniform, a teacher or any other staff member will provide a verbal reminder of our policy and present the students with a 'Uniform Notice'.

Exceptional circumstances: the school recognises occasionally; due to family reasons a child may come to school out of uniform. On these occasions parents should provide a note to their class teacher. The principal may also approve special occasions where uniforms are not required to be worn.

### **Ratification:**

This policy was ratified by School Board July 2021

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year cycle July 2024