MEL MARIA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM GUIDELINES
Year 3 – 6

Aim

A uniform dress code reinforces a student's pride in their appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Our school uniform not only provides a sense of belonging and pride of association in students at Mel Maria Catholic Primary School, but also promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of students as belonging to our school. Equality is fostered through the school uniform guidelines and requirements, which is common to all students.

Scope

Year Three to Six students are expected to wear a uniform as documented in the contract between parent and school at the time of enrolment.

School Uniform Guidelines

1. Summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four, Winter uniform in Terms Two and Three. Children are to wear the school sports uniform on the day they have Physical Education or sport (determined by Class Teacher).

2. At all times, children are expected to be well presented in their uniform. Uniforms are to be clean, pressed and in good condition. Black shoes are to be well-polished and white sport shoes kept clean.

3. Students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance and to be neatly attired. Shirts to be tucked in, top button done up with a school tie (Winter Uniform), shorts and skirts are to be worn sitting on the waist. Uniform dresses and skirts are to be worn at or below knee length. Each student is expected to be properly attired in full school uniform whilst at school, travelling to and from school, and when representing the school at external functions and events.

4. It is compulsory to wear the school hat while participating in Physical Education classes and other outdoor lessons.

5. For hygiene reasons, when a child's hair is of collar length or longer, it must be tied back off the face. The following guidelines also apply to hair:

    - All hair that is longer than collar length must be tied back with plain green, red, black or white hair elastics, ribbons, scrunchies (to match the school uniform). The school colors of green and red should be used when using ribbons or other hair accessories and must not be too large. Elastics, bobby pins and side clips may be black.

    - Children's haircuts need to be conservative and appropriate to uniform expectations. Radical haircuts and dyed hair are not acceptable. This includes spiked hair, undercuts, shorter than number 2 lengths, and any hair style that would be considered radical.

    - Number two and above hair cut lengths are only allowed.

    - The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hairstyles at Mel Maria Catholic Primary School.

6. It is recommended that no jewellery be worn at school for safety and security reasons. A wristwatch, a cross or Christian medal are acceptable. Only one pair of plain sleepers or studs is permitted.

7. Makeup and nail polish are not to be worn.

8. Parents/carers and staff are expected to monitor and maintain the correct wearing of the school uniform and insist on the maintenance of high standards of personal presentation.

9. The school follows the sun protection procedures where the school hat must be worn all-year round during recess, lunch time and outdoor activities.

10. The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of the appropriate school uniform at Mel Maria Catholic Primary School.