

St Joseph's School Papanui

UNIFORM REVIEW

An effective school regularly reviews all aspects of its operation to ensure that it is maximising learning for all children. Over the last few months, the School Board has reviewed the school uniform. This review was initiated in response to feedback from students. During the review, the Board sought feedback from parents and considered a Report from the Human Rights Commission on School Uniforms.

The board have endeavoured to provide an updated uniform that is more practical for the day-to-day life of a school in the 21st century. As a result, suggested changes included:

- Replacing the white shirts with a coloured shirt
- Replacing the dresses and pinafore with culottes and skorts



Feedback from parents was strongly in favour of retaining a formal uniform. After considering different options, the board concluded that retaining a buttoned shirt would achieve this goal. A polo top was considered too informal.

One of the issues with the current winter shirts is they are most often worn untucked. The new shirts are designed with a flat hem so they can be untucked and still look smart.

Cost was an issue looked at in depth by the board. The new skort and culottes are significantly cheaper than the pinafore. All other uniform items are a similar cost.

The updated uniform is designed for all seasons. Children have the choice to wear either long or short sleeve shirts all year round. The shorts, culottes and skorts are also designed to be worn all year round. This means that parents save money by not having to purchase separate summer and winter uniform items.



The current uniform has distinct uniforms for boys and girls. The updated uniform is designed to improve uniformity across the school. The colour grey was chosen for the culottes and skort so they match the grey shorts. The boys' socks will become unisex socks.

The grey colour was chosen to minimise change as well as minimise the different colours of blues of the uniform.

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Proposed Uniform Update

The updated uniform is designed to retain some formality, is practical, and is cost-effective. The updated uniform is designed so that it can worn all year round by any child.



Proposed Updated Uniform Schedule

- Royal-blue softshell jacket
- Royal-blue merino jersey or cardigan
- Light-blue monogrammed shirt or blouse with long and short sleeved options
- Grey monogrammed shorts or culottes or skort
- Black shoes
- Black ankle socks or grey knee-high socks with blue and gold bands.
- Royal-blue wide-brimmed hat (summer)

- St Joseph's beanie (optional)
- St Joseph's senior cap (optional)

The board are now seeking feedback from students, teachers, parents and caregivers on the proposed Uniform update. A survey will be sent to all school families shortly so parents and caregivers can provide feedback on the proposal. Please ensure that your comments are respectful and constructive.

If the uniform is changed, it is unlikely to be made before term two, 2024. If a change occurs, the board will roll out changes over a 12-24-month period to minimise its impact on families.