



# MacKillop Catholic Primary School Mackay School Uniform Policy

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## Policy Statement

The wearing of the prescribed MacKillop Catholic Primary School uniform is compulsory for all students in The Preparatory Year of School (Prep) to Year 6.

## Description

An official school uniform demonstrates a unified group and is worn by the student with pride and respect as representatives of MacKillop Catholic Primary School.

Students at MacKillop are required to dress in the prescribed school uniform for a variety of reasons as listed below:

- Easy identification of students.
- To foster a sense of belonging.
- To promote equality and justice amongst students.
- To promote a positive school image.
- To provide a uniform suitable for the climate and activity.

# Implementation Issues

1. Parents are asked to ensure that students wear the complete prescribed uniform to school as outlined in the Parent Handbook. If this is not possible on occasion or for a limited period, parents are asked to explain the circumstances in writing to the school.
2. Parents are asked to ensure that the correct school uniform is maintained in good condition for the full year.
3. Children will be expected to have respect for and pride in their personal appearance as per the Uniform Guidelines outlined in the Parent Handbook.
4. The school reserves the right to consider that a particular item may be against the spirit of the school.
5. If changes to the uniform are proposed, approval is sought from the Director, following wide consultation and collaboration with the school community including the Board and P&F Association. Parents will be given adequate 'phasing-in' time to comply with new requirements.
6. In order to facilitate access for families to the prescribed uniform - as well as assisting families who wish to donate outgrown uniforms in good condition - the P & F Association will operate a secondhand Uniform Shop.
7. From time to time the Principal may allow all or part of the uniform not to be worn by an individual or group of students, for example in the case of illness or injury, parents having difficulty obtaining a uniform item, on various excursions or free dress days. This will be negotiated between parents and the Principal following a request from parents in writing.
8. When children are not in the correct uniform, a note will be sent home to parents indicating what the issue is and parents are required to attend to the issue.
9. Year 6 students are permitted to wear their 'Year 6 shirts' as the uniform shirt on a designated day each week as decided by the Principal and Year 6 teachers.

## Reflection Material