Dear Parents and Students,

On page 18 are the details of the uniform requirements for all students who attend St Joseph’s Catholic High School.

The policy endeavours to clearly state the boys’ and girls’ summer, winter and sports uniform. Also included are the policies on grooming, jewellery and hats.

The presentation of students attending St Joseph’s Catholic High School is a high priority, as the way students present themselves is a reflection of the pride they have in the School and themselves. We aim to set a standard of which we can all be proud and which brings credit to students, parents and the School. There are aspects of the school uniform code that are necessary to comply with the Work, Health and Safety regulations and to ensure students’ safety in speciality areas. St Joseph’s Dress Code aims to instil standards accepted in the workforce.

All students are expected to wear the full, correct uniform at all times, and maintain their uniform to the highest standard.

It should be neat and tidy. All items of student clothing should be marked clearly with the students’ name.

As a Catholic School upholding Christian values of equity and fairness, it is very disconcerting when some students choose to set themselves apart from the general student body by wearing incorrect uniform or being groomed inappropriately.

A growing concern is the purchase of School uniform items from outlets outside school. If School uniform items are not purchased from the School Uniform Shop, they are not School uniform.

The School’s Uniform Code, like other matters of School policy, relies heavily on parent support. The school can only enforce the School Uniform guidelines if parents/guardians provide the correct uniform and closely monitor their child’s uniform and grooming regularly.

**Uniform and Grooming Policy and Procedures**

- Homeroom teachers and classroom teachers check uniform and grooming daily.

**Repeated Uniform and Grooming Infringements**

The following are considered examples of infringements of the Uniform and Grooming Policy which will result in the subsequent actions being taken:

- Incorrect uniform
- Incorrect footwear (black hard leather lace up school shoes are the only permitted School shoes)
- Incorrect footwear on sports days and during PDHPE lessons (non fluro jogger style shoes are the only shoes permitted on these days)
- Uniform being worn inappropriately (i.e. boys shorts worn too low on waist)
- Sports uniform being worn on incorrect days
- Excessive makeup
- Visible undergarments
- Uniform items not being worn (i.e. tie, belt, blazer etc)
- Shirt out in winter (arriving and departing School, in class, assemblies and other formal situations)
- Excessive or inappropriate jewellery

Staff issue infringements for students who are out of uniform or who are breaching grooming standards as per the student Diary. These infringements are entered on the student’s record on Sentral. The consequence for repeated uniform infringements pending the number of infringements may include: withdrawal from the playground during recess in Room A1, afternoon community service, in-School exclusion, and/or, if ongoing, being sent home or suspension. (See related Behaviour Management Policy document available on the School Website)

Students and parents can check your child’s Uniform Record using the Sentral Student and Parent Portals.

**Major Uniform and Grooming Infringements**

There are a number of major School Uniform and Grooming infringements which are completely unacceptable in a Catholic School Environment which require swift and immediate action where such breaches occur.

A student with these infringements will be referred immediately to the Assistant Principal or Principal.