

Salesian Secondary College

Don Bosco Road, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.

UNIFORM POLICY

Following discussions with the Parents Association, Student Council and members of Staff, the Board of Management has reviewed the Uniform Policy. The Board has determined that the School Uniform is a fundamental part of the school identity and underscores all areas of school life.

Our school uniform identifies each student as part of Salesian Secondary College. It is a fundamental aspect of the school identity. We expect each pupil to wear the school uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that, when in uniform, each student represents not just her/himself but the whole school community. At Salesian Secondary College we work to provide a secure, welcoming and ordered environment where individuals are encouraged and challenged to develop to their full potential as human beings and to respect both themselves and others.

Salesian Secondary College promotes the holistic development – body, emotions, mind and spirit – of the young people with whom we work. The school uniform is one of the ways in which a positive climate of learning is achieved. It reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school especially when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities and during whole school events.

Objectives of the Policy

It is the policy of the school that all students wear the school uniform during school activities. This includes time spent on the premises before and after class and en route to and from school.

- ❖ The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image of the school.
- ❖ It encourages a sense of school togetherness and promotes a professional attitude towards learning.
- ❖ The uniform makes pupils recognizable as members of Salesian Secondary College.
- ❖ The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition.
- ❖ The wearing of a uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.
- ❖ The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

School uniform must be worn every day in school, at school and State Examinations, representing the school and coming to and from school. Students are encouraged to take pride in wearing their uniform and to keep it in good condition. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name. Student's appearance must be neat, clean and tidy. All clothing and footwear is to be kept in good repair.

It is a requirement that all students possess two full sets of uniform and all items must be clearly labelled with the student's name. One crested school jacket is sufficient and compulsory.

Students must wear the school tracksuit for athletic activities such as PE classes, team training and travelling to matches. They must change back to full school uniform before resuming normal classes.

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Any clothing worn under the uniform must not be visible. Students will be asked to remove visible items according to the guidelines described under the heading "Failure to comply with the uniform policy". School Uniform consists of the following:

Girls Uniform

- ✓ The navy school crested jacket is the only jacket allowed to be worn to, from and in school. This jacket should be worn when students leave home in the morning. No other jacket is permitted.
- ✓ Navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest. Students can also opt to wear the school ½ zip with Salesian Crest - no other ½ zip is permitted. Please note that the navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest is compulsory for official school events.
- ✓ Plain, light blue blouse/shirt.
- ✓ Navy trousers with royal blue pinstripe or Navy pleated skirt with royal blue pinstripe.
- ✓ Flat black, navy or brown school shoes with leather uppers. **Boots, Uggs, runners or canvas shoes are not permitted.**
- ✓ Navy socks or navy opaque tights or navy leggings. **Tracksuits or pyjamas are not permitted.**
- ✓ Gloves, hats and scarves may be worn but must be plain navy with no pattern or other colour. Gloves and hats must be removed when in the classroom.
- ✓ Grey/white t-shirts or vests may be worn under the blouse - no other garments are permitted to be worn underneath the blouse.
- ✓ Students may not combine elements of the PE uniform with the school uniform.

Boys Uniform

- ✓ The navy school crested jacket is the only jacket allowed to be worn to, from and in school. This jacket should be worn when students leave home in the morning. No other jacket is permitted.
- ✓ Navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest. Students can also opt to wear the school ½ zip with Salesian Crest - no other ½ zip is permitted. Please note that the navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest is compulsory for official school events.
- ✓ Plain light blue shirt.
- ✓ Plain grey trousers.
- ✓ Flat black, navy or brown school shoes with leather uppers. **Boots, runners or canvas shoes are not permitted.**
- ✓ Black or grey socks. **White socks are not permitted to be worn with uniform shoes.**
- ✓ Gloves, hats and scarves may be worn but must be plain navy with no pattern or other colour. Gloves and hats must be removed when in the classroom.
- ✓ Grey/white t-shirts or vests may be worn under the shirt - no other garments are permitted to be worn underneath the shirt.
- ✓ Students may not combine elements of the PE uniform with the school uniform.

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Jewellery

Facial jewellery, including eyebrow, lip or nose piercing is not permitted.

PE Uniform - to be worn for PE classes, matches and training or when specified by teachers

- ✓ Navy tracksuit pants
- ✓ Plain white t-shirt or plain white polo shirt.
- ✓ ½ zip with Salesian Crest is permitted for PE classes.
- ✓ Runners/Trainers.
- ✓ Navy shorts - weather permitting.

School uniform is available for sale in:

Noel's Uniform Shop, 43 Wickham St, Limerick - Telephone 061 210040
Noel's Uniform Shop, Bishop Street, Newcastlewest – Telephone 069 62445
Shaws Department Store, Crescent Shopping Centre – Telephone 061 227774

Roles and Responsibilities

We reinforce to our students, and to all parents/guardians that all successful organisations require rules and that if students are to succeed in school they must respect them. To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is dependent on the support of parents and guardians. Note that it is neither possible nor practical for the school to operate exceptions to this policy. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your son/daughter presents themselves in full school uniform every day.

Medical Certificate: Requests for uniform exceptions on medical grounds must be accompanied by a written explanation from the relevant health professional. When unable to wear school uniform on medical grounds, students must wear their school PE gear. No other clothing will be allowed unless specified on the medical certificate.

→ Students are expected to adhere to the full school uniform as defined by the School Uniform Policy; the school uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held.

→ Teachers will be responsible for monitoring the school uniform in their classes. Uniform checks shall take place regularly throughout the school day. Students who are found to be in breach of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

→ Students cannot represent the school where uniform requirements are not fulfilled. At times, the navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest will be a requirement for outings and other events. Students must consult with their teachers before such events.

Disciplinary Actions for Failure to Comply with Uniform Policy

On the first breach of uniform policy, the breach will be documented in the Student Journal as 'no uniform' and the student will have to serve a lunch time detention. The breach will also be logged in the student profile in VShare.

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On the second breach of uniform policy, the breach will be again documented in the Student Journal as 'no uniform' and will be logged in the student profile in VShare. The student will have to serve a lunch time detention. The parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to make arrangements for the uniform (or part of the uniform) to be brought to the school on that day. If this is not possible, the student will be asked to remain at home the following day until he/she is in a position to attend school in full school uniform.

Any item which is not part of the official school uniform will be confiscated. (Student dignity will not be compromised in this regard.) Confiscated items will be available for collection at the end of each half term from School Management and a "no uniform" comment will be noted on VShare.

Refusal by a student to hand over a non-uniform item of clothing, or jewellery will result in an immediate conduct report.

When three "no uniform" notes are recorded on Vshare, a Conduct Report is written up. The Year Head will contact parents/guardians and make an appointment to visit the school and discuss the uniform situation. If a resolution cannot be found, suspension will have to be considered. If a student has difficulty in complying with our Uniform Policy on a continuous basis, this is an indication that the student is not happy in our school and an alternative school should be considered.

Non-uniform items of clothing found by any staff member on school grounds (floor, changing rooms, benches etc.) will be stored in the collection area and can be retrieved at the end of each half term.

Repeated Conduct Reports have a negative impact on the student's availability for participation in school teams, entry to Transition Year, participation in extracurricular activities, etc.

Donation to Charity

All confiscated items will be stored in a collection area. At the end of each half term, students must collect the item(s) confiscated. All items not collected will be donated to charity during the half term holidays. The school is not responsible for lost items of clothing. We encourage all students to label all items of clothing brought to school including runners and boots.

Parents are invited to donate outgrown/unwanted uniform to the school.

Signed: _____

Date: June 2017

Breda Enright, Chairperson
Board of Management