



## St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura

### Core Procedure: Uniform (NAG 6)

#### **Rationale:**

The purpose of the school uniform is to provide an outward sign of our unity and identity as St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura to each other and the community at large.

#### **Purpose:**

1. To affirm the dignity of each student as a child of God, through the provision of safe, tidy, comfortable and appropriate clothing to wear whilst attending the school or taking part in its various activities.
2. To affirm our identity as a Catholic school through the inclusion of appropriate symbols, logos and wording on core uniform items.
3. To provide clear and detailed guidelines for parents, students and staff.
4. To enhance the tone of our school and help build self-esteem among its students and pride in St Mary's Catholic School, Papakura.
5. To allow for the seasonal changes.
6. To avoid competitiveness in dress.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. The Principal is responsible for ensuring a high standard of uniform at all times.
2. The normal periods for the summer and winter uniform will be:

Summer	...	Term One and Term Four
Winter	...	Term Two and Term Three
3. The Uniform requirements are to be read with and form part of this procedure.
4. All students are to wear the full sports uniform (*or a school-provided playing strip*) when representing our school at sporting events.

The Principal has the discretion to authorise/approve casual days/kakahu kainga for fundraising and special events.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Board of Trustees would advise any proposed change to the current school uniform to the community through its consultation process. Should circumstances deem a change appropriate then the Board of Trustees would, via the above process, consult with the school community and make a decision using the information from the community's response. A transition period would be adopted for any change, the length of which would be decided by the Board of Trustees, taking into account the degree of change involved.

Following any major uniform change, there would be a minimum period of four years, following the transition period, before any further major change could take place, providing however that no external factors are involved.

**Review (Core Procedure / Administrative Guideline)**

This procedure may only be reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Any recommendations for change must be submitted to the Board for consideration.

*Board Authorisation – Board Minutes of 23rd June 2022*