UNIFORM POLICY
St Brendan’s Somerville

RATIONALE
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

PRINCIPLE
We believe that a school uniform promotes equality amongst all students. It develops a sense of pride in, and identification with our school. It provides durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment and maintains and enhances the positive image of the school in the community.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES
• After initial consultation with the school community a dress code was developed at the school that allows students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
• This dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions and whenever the students represent their school.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
• Plain gold or silver stud earrings and sleepers, watches and fine gold/silver chains with Christian symbols are the only acceptable jewellery.
• All jewellery worn to school is at the student’s own risk.
• Extreme hair colors and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
• All hair below the collar needs to be tied back.
• Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• At an extra cost the Year Six children may wear a commemorative zip jacket.
• The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats, which are issued by the school. The hats must be worn outside from September 1 until April 1, which is consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside. No other hats or caps are permitted.
• Beanies, scarves and hair accessories are to be in school colours only.
• The student dress code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, on the website and in the Parent Handbook.
• The Principal is responsible for implementation of the dress code.
• Uniforms are only available at the school’s Uniform Shop.
• Parents are required to inform the principal in writing any reasons, why their child is not wearing the correct school uniform.

EVALUATION
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review cycle.

This policy was ratified by the School Advisory Committee on August 1, 2011