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. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. Issues of jewellery being worn by students are fundamentally about health, safety and school image. Some forms of jewellery pose potential health, safety and school image problems. These types of jewellery are not to be worn at school or on school related activities.

Aims: • To promote equality amongst all students. • To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school. • To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment. • To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community. • To provide clear directions regarding the expectations of uniform and dress code at St Joseph’s.

Implementation: ➢ We believe the dress code provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

➢ The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

➢ Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn. Variations of the uniform to include different cuts, styles and trimmings are not acceptable.

➢ The uniform is to be in a state of good repair and no undergarments should be visible.

➢ Extreme hair colors (eg: green, blue, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.

➢ Hair which is shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied up. Hair ties are to be in school colours.

➢ No nail polish or cosmetics may be worn at school.

➢ The only headwear that is acceptable is the school’s sunsmart hat with emblem. This hat is consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4.
Students without a hat in terms 1 & 4 will be confined to an undercover area at recess

➢ The uniform shop will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.

➢ The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and uniform shop opening hours, will be published in the school handbook, an annual newsletter and be available from the office at any time.

➢ Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms for families experiencing economic hardship.

➢ As a general rule:
   Summer uniform applies in first and fourth terms.
   Winter uniform applies in second and third terms.

The school acknowledges that our weather is subject to variation and the change of seasons does not always match change of school terms. For the first three weeks of term 2 and term 4 students may wear either Summer or Winter uniform, and are encouraged to dress according to the weather conditions.

**Jewellery/Accessories**

➢ Ear studs or sleeper earrings may be worn in the earlobes unless required by a staff member to be removed or covered for safety reasons. Eg. Sporting activity.

➢ Earrings that ‘dangle’ or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.

➢ Rings, studs or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.

➢ Necklaces, anklets, rings, bracelets and brooches must not be worn.
   (SRC and House Captain Badges excepted)

➢ Watches may be worn, but may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons.

➢ Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.

➢ Sunglasses approved by the anti cancer council as available for order through the school may be worn during recess or lunch breaks, or may be worn on approved excursions but remain the responsibility of the student at all times.

**Evaluation:**
This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the School’s Development Plan.
ST JOSEPH’S UNIFORM

**Summer - Boys & Girls**
Red polo shirt, logo, contrasting navy stripes  
Navy shorts, with two pockets  
Summer Dress (option for girls)  
Navy slouch hat, logo  
Polar fleece jacket or vest with school emblem  
Navy rugby jumper, contrasting stripes (option with shorts and t-shirt only)  
Navy blue socks (anklets or long)  
Black school shoes (not runners)

**Sport - Boys and Girls**
Navy polo shirt, logo, contrasting white stripes  
Navy track pants, reinforced knees (winter)  
(Navy shorts with two pockets, to be worn as sports uniform also)  
Polar fleece or Navy rugby jumper, contrasting stripes (as above)  
Runners and white socks

**Winter Uniform**
Navy Polar Fleece Jacket/Vest or Navy rugby jumper, contrasting stripes

**Boys**
Red Skivvy (optional)  
Navy Tailored Pants (unisex)  
Red Polo Shirt, long sleeved, logo, contrasting navy stripe.  
Navy woollen jumper optional only -

**Girls**
Red Skivvy (optional)  
Navy Tailored Pants (unisex)  
Navy Pleated Pinafore  
Navy Skirt (if needed for senior girls)  
Red Polo Shirt, long sleeved, logo, contrasting navy stripe.  
Available at “The Bounty Shop” in Frankston.
Correct School Uniform is to be worn at ALL TIMES. Runners and sneakers are NOT part of the School uniform. Children should wear their P.E. uniform on the allocated sports day/s - this will be notified to parents at the beginning of the School Year, through the weekly school newsletter

Note:
There has been little demand for the rugby jumper since the introduction of the polar fleece. The uniform shop still carries a limited number of rugby tops and these are available for sale. Future orders will only be placed if there is sufficient demand to fill the minimum order required.