



APPLICABLE TO	All schools in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese
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SCHOOL ACTIONS	System policy. Each school is required to develop local school uniform requirements.
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Purpose

This policy aims to:

- Provide direction and procedures for developing, changing or modifying school uniforms.
- Set out the responsibilities of various groups involved in making changes to school uniforms.

Policy Statement

Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle have a long tradition of school uniforms as an important dimension of school life. School uniforms provide a strong sense of identity and contribute to inclusiveness and equity in schools.

Diocesan schools are committed to ensuring school uniform requirements will:

- be developed in consultation with the school community
- be consistent with health and safety considerations
- comply with anti-discrimination legislation
- consider affordability, functionality and durability of uniform items
- provide uniform options, including shorts and pants, in all uniform categories for all students, regardless of gender.

It is an expectation that all students will wear the correct uniform, and are supported by their parents/carers to do so.

Scope

This policy applies to all Catholic schools in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

Definitions

means the entire uniform being replaced. Where the uniform is to be completely changed then the consent of the appropriate Assistant Director of Schools is required.

means an addition to or alteration of one part of the uniform.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

- Support and engage in consultation led by the principal, giving advice and recommendations