

Casual Clothes Day Guidelines

It has been necessary to produce guidelines for casual clothes days as some students are unsure of the type of clothing that is suitable to wear on the one day each term when there is a casual clothes day.

The funds raised by casual clothes days are used by the SRC to support causes that promote social justice. This is an integral part of who we are as a Catholic school. The Term 1 casual clothes day supports a local charity, the Term 2 day supports a national charity, the Term 3 day supports the global charity of the De La Salle Brothers in Sri Lanka and the proceeds from the Term 4 day is given as a 'random act of kindness' to a family or group in need.

Students must adhere to the guidelines so that the school day can continue as it would when students are wearing their uniform. **The school retains the absolute right to make judgements about the appropriateness of dress and to determine consequences for non-compliance.**

Girls

- All tops must cover the shoulders and should not be low cut. All tops should be of sufficient length to cover the midriff.
- Shoulderless, shoe-string strapped and singlet tops are not appropriate.
- Tops should not be see through or have lace that would expose underwear.
- Shorts and skirts must sit no lower than the hips and must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Dresses should comply with the above requirements.
- Jeggings and leggings are not to be worn without a skirt or shorts over the top.

Boys

- All shirts should cover the shoulders and not convey inappropriate messages or messages that relate to alcohol, cigarettes or drugs. Singlet tops are not acceptable.
- Shorts should sit no lower than the hips and must be mid-thigh length or longer. Underwear should not be seen.

Shoes

- All shoes must have closed in toes. Sandals or thongs should not be worn.
- If students have a Science or Design and Technology class on a casual clothes day then they must wear or bring the joggers or shoes that they normally wear to school for this class.

PE lessons

- Students who have PE or Sport on a casual clothes day must wear clothing and shoes that allow them to actively participate in the class. Students **MUST** wear their normal joggers for PE lessons. Skate shoes, Rabens or other lace up shoes are not permitted for PE lessons.

School Bag

- All students are expected to bring the James Sheahan School bag with the correct books and equipment for the day.

Penalties

- This is a normal school day so normal rules with regard to behaviour apply.
- Students who do not comply with these guidelines will be asked to telephone their parents to bring in the appropriate item of clothing and issued with a detention.
- Students who do not have the appropriate clothing or footwear will be excluded from class due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons. These students will be expected to make the time up after school.
- Students should not be compelled to purchase new clothing to wear on Casual Clothes Day. These days serve to promote our commitment to social justice and are not designed to be an occasion for fashion parades.