

# Scoil Na Tríonóide Naofa

## School Uniform Policy

### Rationale

We are very proud of the uniform of our school, which identifies and distinguishes our students. We believe that wearing the school uniform correctly is conducive to good behaviour, underlines the importance of being neat and tidy in all aspects of school life, avoids unnecessary distraction, helps focus students and creates a sense of equality.

- Whilst wearing the uniform, we remind students that they are ambassadors of the school and accordingly should behave in a manner which reflects the high standards of behaviour, respect and courtesy expected from them at Scoil Na Tríonóide Naofa.

It is understood that students who choose to enrol and attend our school accept that the **full school uniform must be worn during the school day and to and from school**. We look to the support of parents to ensure that the rules are followed. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to ensure that their daughter/son is in full uniform before leaving home each morning.

### Links to Mission Statement

*“Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa is a Catholic School that provides an inclusive education which strives to enable students to achieve their potential. We seek to promote the wellbeing of all members of the school community in a respectful, safe and caring environment which values the dignity of each individual”.*

- *“Inclusive education” & “dignity of each”*: Our uniform serves to promote equality and enhance the dignity of all our students by eliminating branded clothing and fashion items from day to day wear.
- *“Respectful”*: The uniform is to be worn consistently by all pupils, unaltered in any way- this contributes to our school being a respectful environment, free from unnecessary distraction.
- *“Safe”*: Items of clothing and jewellery which may cause injury in a variety of classroom environments are not allowed as part of our uniform. The uniform is a visual aid in identifying our students in a variety of environments.

### Uniform

Girls	Boys	P.E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air force blue crested jumper</li> <li>• White reverse blouse</li> <li>• Mid- calf length blue plaid skirt <u>or</u> grey trousers</li> <li>• Crested school jacket</li> <li>• Blue socks/ tights</li> <li>• Black or navy leather shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air force blue crested jumper</li> <li>• White shirt</li> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• Crested school jacket</li> <li>• Black or navy leather shoes</li> <li>• Dark coloured socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy crested tracksuit bottom</li> <li>• Air- force blue crested round neck t-shirt</li> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• Rugby Shirt for First and TY students.</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform items are available from the uniform supplier <u>only</u>. See <a href="http://www.stn.ie" style="color: white;">www.stn.ie</a> for details.</b>		

- The school uniform should be worn in a neat and tidy manner at all times.
  - The style of all uniforms must be consistent and are not to be altered in any way.
  - Students may not combine elements of the PE uniform with the regular uniform.
  - Shirts/ blouses are to be tucked in and jackets are to be removed whilst in class.
  - No fraying of cuffs and damaged uniform items must be repaired promptly.
- Students are not allowed wear pyjama bottoms, jeans or leggings underneath their skirt or coloured t-shirts underneath their shirts/ blouses. Pins, badges etc are not allowed.
- Items of clothing which obscure the face are forbidden as they create an artificial barrier between teacher and student which is not conducive to learning.
- The uniform is to be worn in its entirety every day, unless otherwise instructed by a teacher or member of management.

- Student's names should be written discreetly on all items.

#### **Jewellery/ Body Art**

- One small stud earring is allowed in each ear.
  - Large ear rings, including hoops, are banned for health and safety reasons. Students found wearing excess ear rings or large ear rings will have to remove them immediately and they may be kept and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
  - Other visible body piercings are not allowed. It is not permitted to cover piercings with a plaster or wear a spacer.
  - A student who is unable to remove a piercing will not be allowed to class and their parents/ guardians will be contacted to collect them.
- Only one small finger ring is allowed.
  - All rings must be removed when instructed for health and safety reasons. The rings will be kept and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- Visible body art is not permitted.

#### **Hair Colouring/ Styles**

Hair must be kept neat and tidy at all times. Long hair must be tied back in practical classes.

- Coloured hair is acceptable as long as it is a natural hair colour (one that could be grown) and not distracting. No extravagant hair colours or styles are permitted such as those which involve stripes, patterns or other grading. Students in breach of this rule will have to recolour/ cut their hair before they are allowed to join class.

A final decision regarding what is appropriate and tasteful rests with school management.

#### **Make- Up**

- Students up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> years are not allowed wear make-up.
  - Students found wearing make-up will have to remove it immediately.
- Senior students (TY/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) may wear a discreet level of makeup which is appropriate to day wear.
  - Senior students whose makeup, in the view of management, is neither tasteful nor discreet will have to correct it immediately.
- Fake tan and false nails are not allowed.

#### **Implementation**

- The only uniform which is acceptable from September 2013 is the Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa uniform.
- Students who have PE 1<sup>st</sup> class may come to school in their PE gear and change out of it immediately after PE ends. Those ending the school day with PE may travel home in that uniform.
- No non- uniform days, save in exceptional circumstances.
- No team jackets, TY hooded tops, team hooded tops etc.
- When travelling to matches, day trips etc, students are only permitted to wear the regular uniform or the PE uniform, at the discretion of the teacher(s) and management. On trips involving overnight(s) clothing is at the discretion of the teacher(s) and management.

#### **Disciplinary Measures**

- If a student comes to school without the correct uniform, they will not be allowed to class and their parents/guardians will be contacted to bring in the proper uniform.
- Students who do not present for trips in the required clothing will not be allowed to travel.
- Flagrant and/or persistent breaking of these rules is a serious breach of the Code of Behaviour and will be dealt with using the agreed sanctions.

**Discretionary Powers of School Management.**

School management reserves the right to adjudicate on the appropriateness of hair styles, body piercings, other jewellery, make up, footwear and other items of clothing not covered by the uniform policy.