



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Geraldton Western Australia 6530

18th September 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware the decision was made to review the school uniform this year. I was extremely reluctant to review the school uniform however, after listening to the students, especially the girls, it was evident that our uniform had limitations.

As a learning community we emphasise the importance of developing the whole child and providing an inclusive curriculum and learning environment. This was not occurring, with the uniform limiting many students' ability to actively participate in diverse learning opportunities.

As a result, the review was launched early Term One. The rationale was to ensure a uniform that enabled;

1. All children to be active
2. To be comfortable
3. Retain our identity
4. Ensure affordability to families

The process involved creating an optional survey which 126 families completed. This data, combined with student input assisted the direction of the Board and Sub-Committee. Total Uniform supported the school, providing a range of options and samples.

The process was robust with several solutions being explored based on the above criteria.

I am extremely pleased that the changes decided upon were unanimous from the Board, Sub Committee and students involved. Understandably this will not be the case with the wider school community as many personal preferences will differ. I am comfortable with this.

Accessible, affordable and sustainable Catholic Schools is a system priority. I am extremely pleased that our school is working towards achieving this system direction with the total cost of a uniform being reduced saving families \$45 - \$60 per child.

The decision has been made to transition over a two-year period. This will assist families utilising existing uniforms whilst ensuring a timeframe to have a consistent look. Total Uniform anticipate having new items available for purchase in January 2020.

From Monday 23rd, samples of the uniform will be on display in the school office for interested families to view.

I thank the School Board and Sub-Committee involved in the process and Total Uniform for their ongoing support. The end result is a uniform that provides St Francis Xavier a contemporary look whilst ensuring all students can actively engage in a curriculum that supports the development of the whole child.

Regards

Ben Doyle

Principal

2020 Uniform Changes

Girls Uniform

New skirt or culottes option worn with blouse

New jacket to be worn with both formal and sport uniform

Boys Uniform

Logo added and pocket removed from grey shirt

New jacket to be worn with both formal and sport uniform



Sports Uniform

New breathable dye sublimated polo shirt

New jacket to be worn with both formal and sport uniform

