

## Bunscoil McAuley Rice School Uniform Policy

A school uniform makes all students equal and helps to give them a sense of identity with the school. It eliminates competition in dress and helps to foster a good learning environment. All students are expected to be in the school uniform every day and when representing the school.

Parents/Guardians are asked to co-operate with the school authorities in this regard. Good order and security considerations demand that the policy on uniform be strictly enforced.

**School Uniform(available in O'Brien's Drapery , Callan):**

**Our school uniform consists of a crested school tracksuit and crested polo shirt, a crested school coat and school shorts for warmer weather. School shorts will be allowed in September/October and May/June.**

- Only the school jacket (crested) may be worn in the school.
- Simple jewellery is allowed. Simple stud earrings are allowed. Drop earrings are not allowed. Multiple earrings/studs are not allowed. The school reserves the right to designate the jewellery to be worn.
- For health and safety reasons, large hoop earrings are not allowed for any student.  
Only in the event of an accident or illness or emergency at school will a student be given the loan of a uniform for the day -- size and condition cannot be guaranteed.
- Parents will be notified when there is a no-uniform day.
- Students who arrive out of school uniform will be in breach of the code of behaviour.
- The following sanctions will apply:
  - a) Reasoning with the child
  - b) Reprimand
  - c) Temporary separation from peers, friends and others
  - d) Loss of privileges
  - e) Prescribing additional work
  - f) Communication with parents
  - g) Referral to Principal
  - h) The Principal may request that the parents/guardians take the student home early from school.
  - i) Suspension (temporary)

(The above list of reprimands does not have to be followed in order.)

Ratified by Board of Management on

7/6/23

Signed By Chairperson:

W. Gardner 07/06/23

Appendix 1:

**Summary Feedback from Parents/ Guardians re: School Uniform Policy 21st April 2023:**

- i. Summary of Parent/ Guardian comments regarding current formal uniform and tracksuits:
  - Kids prefer the tracksuit for comfort.
  - My girls enjoy wearing the tracksuit but find the uniform uncomfortable. The cardigan/jumper itches them.
  - Would prefer just tracksuit as not many kids wearing the uniform.
  - Tracksuit preferred.
  - Tracksuit bottoms are too baggy.
  - Bottom of tracksuit poor quality material.
  - Prefer only the tracksuit but the tracksuit itself is outdated and in need of modernization.
  - Tracksuit and sports jacket would be more practical as my son has sport of some form every day.
  - My daughter hates the skirt and jumper. Tracksuit only should be an option for all classes and not just younger.
  - On Uniforms days there's no alternative to trousers- my son is a very warm child that suffer from eczema and the trousers makes it worse every time he has to wear it.
  - Bad fitting, too baggy in shape and poor quality material, I would suggest a more fitted style.
  - I like the tracksuit and shorts; they are practical for both girls and boys.
  - The uniform jumper is very scratchy.
  - No use for uniform - kids more comfortable in tracksuits but needs updating.
  - No shorts at all. It's too cold for them most of the year. As well some kids wear them too early- should be banned until 1st of May.
  - Formal uniform is rarely worn so seems a waste of money
  
- ii. Do you like the current school tracksuit or in your opinion, is a more modern tracksuit required?  
68% More Modern Tracksuit
  
- iii. Do you think a formal school uniform is required as well as a school tracksuit?  
81% No