24th June 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At the end of 2025, students at St Mark's shared feedback with the School Board on school uniform and the issue of uniform was discussed by the Board. A review of uniform at St Mark's is proposed to commence next year and will include consultation with stakeholders on a range of considerations regarding uniform.

While this review will be comprehensive, there are a number of factors which can be taken into consideration prior to a full review being conducted, particularly when looking at uniform requirements for younger students. Several important considerations concerning uniform have been identified. These include:

- Supporting student wellbeing through catering for their comfort and sensory needs;
- Supporting student learning through providing uniform options which allow for more hands-on and play based learning in the junior years;
- Practical considerations relating to the ease of managing the formal uniform for young students, particularly the winter uniform.

Based on these considerations, a change from formal uniform to sport uniform will be implemented for students in Foundation to Year 3, beginning in 2027. This change will be phased in, with students having the option to wear formal or sport uniform during this phase-in period. Sport uniform will become the required uniform for all Foundation to Year 3 students by the start of 2029.

The table below sets out the timeline for transition to sport uniform.

	Mid-Year Foundation	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
2026	Sport	Formal	Formal	Formal	Formal
2027	Sport	Sport	Optional	Optional	Optional
2028	Sport	Sport	Sport	Optional	Optional
2029	Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport

As mentioned above, further review of the uniform at St Mark's will be taking place. Part of this review process will involve consultation with families. We will keep families notified regarding commencement of the review and its progress.

Yours sincerely,



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