



17th Feb 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019 SAPSS marching season. We are a combination of students from St Joseph's Regional College (SJRC), MacKillop College and Newman Senior Technical College. Please see below a summary of key information for this year.

Rehearsal times for term one are 3:30 - 5:30 at St Joseph Regional College. There is a bus which leaves MacKillop junior campus bus bay at 3pm and students need to see Mrs Adams or the MacKillop music trainee Thomas Horder to collect a permission to leave stamp for their student diary. Students are responsible for staying on top of missed classwork and collecting homework from their class Teacher. We are going to review rehearsals times for term two.

Afternoon tea -there is currently a canteen provision for students, we are looking for a parent volunteer to staff this. Please let us know if you are able to support us.

Communication -this year we are trialling a SAPSS Marching Band facebook page in addition to the existing moodle page. Parents and students are encouraged to join these pages for last minute updates, and to share images/videos from events. We will also be communicating via School newsletters and Schoolworx notices.

Parent Committee -this year we are taking you up on your kind offers of support! To continue to grow and offer more performance opportunities we need you! We are looking for volunteers to support our afternoon canteen, fundraising, uniform organisation and instrument transport. If you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in supporting the SAPSS Marching Band please contact Mrs Sharon Green at SJRC or email for more information [sharon.green@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sharon.green@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Performance and rehearsal etiquette; we understand that our students are blessed with a variety of talents which mean they are involved in many different groups, ensembles and even have employment commitments. Due to the nature of our performances every single part of the Marching Band is integral to our success. That said, we do understand that life happens and there are occasions when students' are unable to attend rehearsals or performances. In which instance, we respectfully request that email notice (as much as possible) is given to the Director of Winds (Mrs Natasha Jones) or Director of Drums (Mr Mark Spence) so that they are able to plan accordingly.

Core Performances; ANZAC Day parade (Port Macquarie), Remembrance Day parade (Wauchope last year TBC), and the Christmas or Santa Parade in Port Macquarie. We are currently confirming details for a performance at the IRONMAN event and other community events such as local NRL games and school performances. These will be communicated home as soon as we have that information.

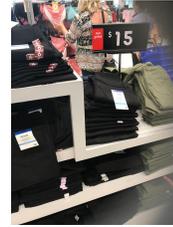
### **UNIFORM**

There are a few modifications to last year's uniform. These changes have been made in response to Student experiences and feedback from last marching season. We have had specific SAPSS Marching Band Jackets made for us to combat the issue of marching in cooler weather, the details are listed below. These Jackets are to replace the previous SAPSS wind breaker jackets (for MacKillop students only) and can be embroidered with Camps and Tours as Student's wish. When we are marching during the Summer months, summer uniform sports shorts are to replace the skinny jeans. Black socks are to be worn all year around please. Students will need to wear their respective black school performance shirt, please make sure that it fits or that you have ordered another.

We have decided that it will be much easier if students buy their own shoes and skinny black jeans as they can then try them on. We can't get them any cheaper by buying in bulk. Also, most students weren't able to tell us

the size of their jeans or shoes! Previously these items were available at the shops listed below, prices and availability may be slightly different this year.

**Kmart Skinny Black jeans - girls \$15. Boys \$20**



**Big W & Target - girls jeans only \$15**



**Kmart - boys white shoes \$20**



**Target - girls & boys white shoes \$25**

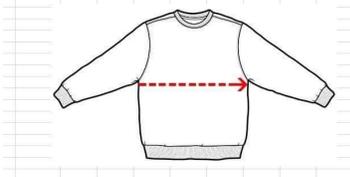
If these shops run out you might be able to buy them online until they get more stock in.

### NEW SAPSS JACKETS

Available in Womens sizes 4 to 16 and Men's sizes small to 5XL (please see the size guide below). Inclusive of all embroidery and printing these cost; Womens \$43 and Mens \$45 Jackets are to be ordered no later than week 6 to allow for delivery and pick up prior to the ANZAC Day March.



| KIDS       | 8 EQUIV | 10 EQUIV | 12 EQUIV | 14 EQUIV |     |     |     |
|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| WOMENS     | 4       | 6        | 8        | 10       | 12  | 14  | 16  |
| HALF CHEST | 43      | 45       | 47       | 49       | 51  | 53  | 55  |
| MENS       | S       | M        | L        | XL       | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL |
| HALF CHEST | 57      | 59       | 61       | 63       | 65  | 67  | 69  |
|            |         |          |          |          |     |     | 71  |



The Akubra hats are being ordered again in the next few weeks and no later than week six (delivery reasons). Could parents please come to the music room to collect their child's hat and jacket and we will ask you to sign for them. St Joseph's Regional Students will be billed \$88 and for the cost of jacket on your school account. MacKillop students should make payments to St Joseph's Regional College office and NOT MACKILLOP please.



Please do not hesitate to contact the co-curricular Music co-ordinator at your respective school for further information or if you wish to discuss anything following this meeting.

We are looking forward to another highly successful marching season.

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