Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware the new supplier for St Brendan’s school uniform is Cowan and Lewis, the same supplier as the St Brigid’s uniform. Orders for the school uniform can be made via the School Office (order forms available); Cowan and Lewis website (www.cowanlewis.com.au); via fax 9440 8931 or phone 9449 9777. Orders are delivered to the school every Tuesday and Thursday morning by 9am.

In addition, Cowan and Lewis representatives will be on-site (in the school hall) for fitting purposes on Monday 13th April from 8-11am and Tuesday 14th April 8-11am.

The items available at this time will include:

BOYS: Long sleeve shirt, trousers and fleece jacket

GIRLS: Long sleeve blouse, fleece jacket, cotton tights, winter bib and skirt (where stock of this item is low, orders will be taken and delivered in Week 4 of Term 2).

Lowes Stock and Proposed Adjustments to the Sports Uniform:

Unfortunately, I have been made aware that since October 2014 a small number of the sports shorts and tracksuits purchased from Lowes have a fault in the material. The fault is not evident in all stock. If you have one of these items and suspect the material may be faulty please contact Matthew at Cowan and Lewis or myself.

I have also spoken to Matthew (Cowan and Lewis) regarding the concerns that many parents have shared about the fading and staining of the current sports shirt. These concerns were raised by the parent community at several 2013 and 2014 P and F meetings. As indicated on the agenda of the last P and F meeting, these concerns were tabled. In response, Matthew visited the meeting. Cowan and Lewis has made up a sample of a shirt which would be phased into Kindergarten 2016. Students from other classes would be able to purchase this shirt from Term 4 of 2015 (or following this date, whenever they required a new sports shirt). Whilst the Uniform Committee, having garnered positive responses at the P and F meeting, has approved the sample, it is crucial that the parent community’s opinion is gathered before proceeding. The Uniform Committee will circulate amongst the parent body at various functions to allow you to make comment. A photo of the sports shirt and shorts will be placed on the website. You will note that due to the better quality and type of fabric there is an adjustment to the grey used in the uniform. Whilst it is darker than the current grey, it does make a statement and is fade resistant. Please be sure to share your thoughts.

Most importantly, it is not expected that these adjustments to the uniform will result in an increase in the pricing structure. If the adjustment to the sports uniform is made, some adjustments to the tracksuit will follow to ensure uniformity across the whole sports uniform. Again, samples will be made available for parent comment before any decision is made.

Please note: it is expected that any changes to the sports uniform would occur over a 3 year phase in period; no family would be expected to discard uniform articles before their use by date.

If you have any queries please ensure that you speak to a member of the Uniform Committee (Terease Howson, Jenny Kent, Irene Fuller), a member of the P and F Committee, and/or a member of the Enrichment Board.

Kind regards

Luanna Fletcher