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UNIFORM POLICY

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RATIONALE:

The uniform worn by students is an important aspect of our College. It is a symbol of the identity, community and values that define the mission and motto of a Catholic school. Display of the school crest on the clothing of students is a constant reminder of the culture, history and tradition that form links between the past and present. It is expected that our students wear their uniform proudly and comply with guidelines defined within this policy. These expectations reflect our anti-discrimination approach to student appearance, and was developed in consultation with the students, staff and parents.

AIMS:

The College adopts a strict uniform policy for the following reasons:

- to encourage students to take pride in their appearance
- to create a College identity within the community
- to ensure student safety
- to ensure functionality for learning activities provided by the College
- to increase a sense of belonging
- to reflect positive student image

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The guidelines of required clothing and standards of appearance are published in Student Handbooks, Student Diaries and through other avenues of communication within the College community.
- Regular reminders are published in College Newsletters. Students also receive regular reminders of proper dress through Student Notices, assemblies and from their Class/Pastoral Teachers.
- Formal uniform checks are done on a regular basis. Students who regularly present with inappropriate standards of uniform and presentation may be referred for Afternoon Detention and/or parents contacted to discuss the student's uniform. Continual breaches of the uniform policy are considered as disobedience and failure to comply with expectations may result in further disciplinary action.
- Parents are asked to provide a note of explanation if their child is unable to wear the expected uniform. Families who are struggling financially may apply for assistance in providing a uniform for their child by contacting the Principal or an Assistant Principal.

- The College Uniform Committee was re-convened in 2016. This group consists of parents and staff, in consultation with the Student Representative Council. The committee serves as a point of consultation and discussion about any updates needed to the Uniform Policy or areas of the policy deemed to be unclear or outdated. Specific articles of clothing are evaluated in relation to functionality, convenience, availability and cost if concerns are raised by members of the College community.
- The College Uniform shop is located on the first level of the College F block. Price lists are also published and there is provision for online ordering of articles of clothing from the uniform providers.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be evaluated every two years or as determined by the College Uniform Committee and College Executive.

Student Appearance-Guidelines and Expectations

- Students are expected to be **NEAT** and **TIDY** in appearance. The College uniform should be worn correctly at school, on excursions, and whenever the student is visible in the community.
- Eye make-up and lipstick **MUST NOT** be worn. No make-up or nail polish to be worn in Years K-6. Only light foundation and clear nail polish is permissible in Years 7-12.
- BOYS – must be clean shaven at all times.
- Students must wear **FULL COLLEGE UNIFORM** on excursions, unless otherwise specifically indicated.
- On Sports / PDHPE practical days, students should wear **FULL SPORTS UNIFORM**. If this is not possible, then students should wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** – not a combination of both.

Accessories:

- Shoes: all shoes must comply with WHS guidelines for safety, support and foot protection. (Canvas shoes, skate shoes or casual fashion shoes are NOT permitted).
- Laces – black for school shoes and white for sports shoes.
- The College navy blue weatherproof jacket is optional. The jacket may be worn, in addition to the compulsory uniform items but not instead of those items. No jacket, other than the College jacket is permitted.
- Scarves, gloves, beanies must be navy blue.
- Singlets/undergarments must be plain white and must not be visible at neckline, below the shirt or on arms.
- For Secondary students a College hat or College cap **MUST** be worn while in the sun at Recess and Lunch, and during PDHPE/Sport or other outdoor activities (all year round). For Primary Students a College Primary hat **MUST** be worn while in the sun at Recess and Lunch and during all outdoor activities.

Jewellery – in all cases, not offensive or elaborate:

- A maximum of two earrings in each ear – simple stud only. Students cannot wear spacer jewellery
- One simple silver / gold chain worn around the neck
- **No** facial piercings
- One watch
- One simple silver / gold bracelet or bangle
- One charity band
- One gold or silver ring per hand
- No anklet chains
- Seniors – College badge.

Hair:

- COLOUR – no colours that are not natural to hair, e.g. red, green, purple. NO two-toned styles
- STYLES – appropriate to College standards. Haircuts shall not be extreme (i.e. NO undercuts, dreadlocks, mohawks, etc.). Rats-tails MUST NOT be visible (i.e. tucked into shirts). All hair should be off the face.
- Long hair must be neatly combed and tied back securely at all times to comply with WHS issues (girls AND boys).
- College Uniform patterned hair accessories or navy blue– limited to bands, simple clips, headbands, ribbons or scrunchies.

Tattoos:

- Must not be visible at any time. Must be covered with a school uniform or bandage when wearing both school and sports uniform. Temporary body art is also not permitted (i.e. henna tattoos or temporary tattoos.) (Notice: Tattoos are illegal in NSW for children under 16 years)

GUIDELINES FOR SHOES

Below are examples of styles of shoes that are **acceptable and unacceptable**. WHS regulations **prohibit students** from participating in practical activities in school if not wearing substantial footwear that is deemed safe.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings; platform or high heels; shoes made from non-protective, open-weave materials such as canvas and cottons or similar; and other materials that do not provide adequate protection and support.

The College is committed to ensuring safety and comfort for our students.

School shoes are to be all black; the entire foot is to be enclosed by the shoe, including the upper section of the foot; the shoe is to have a stout sole; and the shoe is to have a very low heel.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE SHOES



EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE SHOES



Primary Uniform

S = Summer (T1 & T4) W = Winter (T2 & T3)

Girls

College bucket hat or slouch hat (**S, W**)
College check dress (K-Year 6) (**S**)-hem is to be worn at the knee
College jacket or jumper (**S, W**)
College pinafore (K-Year 6) (**W**)-hem is to be worn at the knee
White long sleeve blouse (**W**)
White short length socks (**S**) (must cover the ankle-no cutaway socks)
Navy or black tights (or stockings) (**W**)
Solid, black, polishable, lace-up shoes & black laces – NOT platform, ballet, slip-on, Mary-Jane styles (**S, W**) (K-2 students may wear Velcro fasteners)

Boys

College bucket hat or slouch hat (**S, W**)
White College shirt (**S, W**)
College tie (**W**)
College jumper (**W**)
College grey shorts (**S, W**) (NOT cords or cargos – worn just above the knee)
College grey trousers (**S, W**) – not cargos or jeans
Black or grey belt (**S, W**) – PLAIN buckle and strap
Grey school socks (**S, W**) (must cover the ankle-no cutaway socks)
Solid, black, polishable, lace-up shoes & black laces – NOT boots, slip-on styles (**S, W**) (K-2 students may wear Velcro fasteners)

Secondary Uniform

S = Summer (T1 & T4) W = Winter (T2 & T3)

Girls

College bucket hat, slouch or cap (**S, W**)
White College shirt (**S, W**)
College jumper (**W**)
College skirt (**S, W**) –hem is to be worn on the knee
White short length socks (**S**) (must cover the ankle-no cutaway socks)
Navy or black tights or stockings (**W**)
Solid, black, polishable, lace-up shoes & black laces – NOT platform, ballet, slip-on, Mary-Jane styles (**S, W**)
College blazer (Year 11&12) (**W+College Functions**)

Boys

College bucket hat, slouch or cap (**S, W**)
White College shirt (**S, W**)
College tie (**W+College Functions**)
College jumper (**W**)
College grey shorts (**S, W**) – NOT cords or cargos – worn just above the knee
College grey trousers (**S, W**) – not cargos or jeans
Black or grey belt (**S, W**) – PLAIN buckle and strap
Grey school socks (**S, W**) (must cover the ankle-no cutaway socks)
Solid, black, polishable, lace-up shoes & black laces – NOT slip-on styles (**S, W**)
College blazer (Year 11&12) (**W+College Functions**)

Sports Uniform – for all students K-12

College shorts and polo shirt (**S, W**)
College track pants (**W**)
College rugby top (**W**)
College SCCC sports socks (**S, W**)
Sports shoes (**S, W**) – must be lace up, athletic runners, joggers or cross trainers. (K-2 students may wear Velcro fasteners)

All items of uniform (excluding shoes) must be purchased from the College Uniform Shop (Mon 8.30am to 10.30am and Wednesday 9.30am to 10.30am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm).

FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE UNIFORM THE FINAL DECISION FOR ACCEPTABLE APPEARANCE, UNIFORM OR PRESENTATION IS MADE BY THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL.