



## UNIFORM POLICY

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

The College sets a high standard for uniform compliance. The uniform policy is agreed to at enrolment and is not negotiable. The enrolment contract states that parents and carers 'will provide all necessary uniforms, and 'will ensure that the student is sent to school dressed properly in the required uniform' (Section 1.2.4/5). Should there be a pattern of non-compliance with the uniform policy, parents/carers will be asked to collect students from the College and rectify the uniform issue before returning the student to the College. Uniform items in this document refer to College specific items bought through our supplier, not generic clothing types. The final decision about the acceptability of a student's dress standard, haircut, etc., rests with the Principal and/or her delegate.

### UNIFORM CHANGE PROCESS 2024-2027

These are the expiry dates on previous uniform items. Please consult our online uniform shop for details.

### UNIFORM – CONDITION

Uniform must be clean, neatly pressed, and kept in good condition or items will need to be replaced. Uniform that is ripped, torn, significantly faded, or has large and eye-catching stains/marks will need to be replaced.

### UNIFORM – WHEN TO WEAR

The Head of School/Head of Stage or Wellbeing Leader will produce a schedule for when to wear formal and sport uniforms. Students who don't abide by the schedule will be in breach of the uniform policy. A pattern of wearing the wrong uniform to school will be managed under the Responsible Behaviour Plan as a refusal to follow teacher direction. Students cannot mix and match formal and sports items. Formal items must only be worn with formal wear and sport items are only to be worn with sport wear. For a list of appropriate uniform items per stage, please consult our online uniform shop.

## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS – NON-APPAREL

### HAIR, NAILS and MAKEUP (all students)

Hair should always look neat, tied up, and presentable.

- You must be able to wear a hat – if your hair impedes this, it is not an acceptable style.
- You must have a natural-looking hair colour.
- Mullets, rat-tails, and undercuts (and all varieties thereof) or any extreme hair style that draws attention to you are not permitted.
- Afros are permitted if this the natural way your hair grows (they must be neat, hair must still be off the eyes, collar, and ears, and you must be able to wear a hat).
- No extensions or braiding without discussion with your Head of School.

Hair length:

- Hair at the sides and back of the head must be similar length and suitably blended.
- Hair at the top of the head must be tied up if it is long and falls over the sides and back.
- Hair must be off the ears, off the eyebrows (1cm above), and off the collar.
- You may shave your head, but you are not permitted to carve patterns, symbols, lines, etc. into your hair.

Hair which is collar length or longer must be securely tied up with:

- Slide combs, bobby-pins, clips, hair elastics/bands to be hair colour



- A narrow head band (maximum width of 1.5 cm) is permitted in a colour similar to the hair colour or school colours.
- Scrunchies and ribbons in school or hair colours only (purple, bottle green, white)
- "Snap closed" hair clips in plain silver or hair colour

Makeup is not permitted. This means, no mascara, visible foundation, eyeshadow, etc.

No false eye-lashes are permitted.

Nails should be clean and tidy

- No false nails are permitted
- No coloured nail polish is permitted
- Nails should be at a practical length for safety during practical classes (E.g. HPE)

#### **HYGIENE**

Students should maintain a high level of hygiene and should use deodorant / anti-perspirant as required. Uniform items should be washed and cleaned regularly.

#### **JEWELLERY**

Students may wear a watch (**no smart watches are permitted<sup>1</sup>**).

No necklaces are permitted. No rings. No other jewellery except earrings (see below).

Earrings (and piercings):

- are to be worn in the lower lobe of the ear only and have only one earring per lobe.
- Students are permitted to wear a set of plain silver or gold studs (no stones) or sleepers.
- Earrings should be small (small thin sleeper or small stud 6mm). Hoops are not permitted.
- A clear/invisible stud can be used for other piercings, which are discouraged in students.

#### **FREE DRESS DAYS**

Free Dress Days are conducted occasionally as fundraisers. The following expectations regarding students' attire are to be observed:

- Shorts should reach to just above the knees and cannot be shorter than mid-thigh (no short shorts). Students may not wear active wear / tights / leggings.
- Students should wear a sun-safe t-shirt or equivalent. No bare midriffs, low necklines, singlets or strappy tops. All shirts must have sleeves.
- Clothing that has negative slogans or images will not be permitted.
- Students must have a hat.
- Practical closed shoes to be worn that do not impede the ability of students to participate in class or scheduled activities. Crocs are not deemed suitable for this purpose.
- Students may not colour their hair except as in the Uniform Policy.
- Students may not wear makeup, eyeliner, fake eyelashes, etc.

NOTE: Students who fail to comply with the dress standards will not be permitted to participate in Free Dress Day and their parents will be asked to either bring suitable clothing or collect them from school. If finding a suitable free dress option is too difficult, students can wear their full sport uniform.

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<sup>1</sup> The College defines a 'smart watch' as a device capable of accessing the internet and receiving messages.