## MSS UNIFORM POLICY (Current 2024)

## 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:

- The previous Middle School formal uniform (grey striped shirts and blouses) can only be worn until December 2025.
- The previous Senior School formal shirt and blouse can only be worn until December 2025.
- All blazer pockets from 2026 must display the new logo (replacement pockets can be ordered from School Locker).
- The current formal hats may be worn until December 2027.


## 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

In Years 7-10 the Head of Year 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.

## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS - APPAREL

Formal items must only be worn with formal wear and sport items are only to be worn with sport wear.

## FORMAL UNIFORM

## BOYS 7-8

New: Patterned shirt, worn out. College grey shorts or long trousers. College socks.
Old: Grey striped shirt. Must be worn tucked in (until end of 2025). College grey shorts or long trousers.

## BOYS 9-12

New: White College shirt designed to be worn out. College grey shorts or long trousers. College socks. Old: Grey striped shirt (Year 9 only) or white shirt. Must be worn tucked in (until end of 2025). College grey shorts or long trousers.

GIRLS 7-8
New: Patterned blouse, worn with dress skirt, formal grey trousers, dress shorts (purple), or culottes. Old: Grey striped blouse. Must be worn with accompanying tie until end of 2025. College dress skirt or long trousers.

## GIRLS 9-12

New: White College blouse, worn with dress skirt, formal grey trousers, dress shorts (purple), or culottes.
Old: Grey striped shirt (Year 9 only) or white blouse. Must be worn with accompanying tie until end of 2025. College dress skirt or long trousers.

## Hats

Boys from 8-12 should have the dark felt hat.

Girls from 8-12 should have the formal hat (curved top).

Year 7 students, from 2024, should have the new unisex formal hat. Continuing students from Calvary may wear the Purple Junior School hat until the end of 2025 (end of Year 8).

Blazers (optional 9-10 / compulsory 11-12 at formal events)
Boys must wear the long trousers with the blazer.
Girls must wear either the dress skirt or long trousers with the blazer.

## Jumper/Jacket

New - black soft shell jacket (7-12)
Old - purple jumper (until end of 2025).

## SPORT UNIFORM

The sport uniform is unisex and encompasses:

- Green cap
- Green pants
- Sport shirt
- Sport jacket (usually winter)
- Sport track pants (usually winter)

The House Shirt (7-12) can be worn at any House event - there are frequent house competitions that occur throughout the year.

## SHOES

Sport: sports shoes are to be mesh or leather - predominately white or predominately black.
Formal uniform: Formal shoe for MSS formal uniform should be a typical black leather 'school shoe'.

## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS - NON-APPAREL

## HAIR, NAILS and MAKEUP (all students)

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

- Students must have a single natural-looking hair colour.
- Hair must be off the ears, off the eyebrows, and off the collar.
- Mullets, rat-tails, and undercuts or any extreme hair style that draws attention to the student are not permitted
- Afros are permitted if this the natural way your hair grows.
- Students may shave their head, but are not permitted to carve patterns, symbols, lines, etc. into their 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 ) 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
- No small or Zulu plaits (cultural exceptions)

Makeup is not permitted, but a light base level of skin-coloured foundation is acceptable.

No false eye-lashes are permitted. No mascara is 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 ${ }^{1}$ ). Students may wear a necklace under their uniform, but this should not be easily visible. Students are not permitted to wear rings - they may attach a ring to their necklace if necessary.

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 e.g. 6 mm ). Hoops are not permitted.
- A clear/invisible stud can be used for other piercings.

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## 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 shortshorts).
- Students may not colour their hair except as in the Uniform Policy.
- Students may not wear make-up.
- Stomach regions should not be exposed.
- Students should wear a sun-safe t-shirt or equivalent. No bare midriffs, low necklines, singlets or strappy tops.
- Practical closed shoes to be worn that do not impede the ability of students to participate in class or scheduled activities.
- Students must wear respectable tops (clothing that has negative slogans or images will not be permitted).

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


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The College defines a 'smart watch' as a device capable of accessing the internet and receiving text messages.

