

Uniform Policy



St Columba
College

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1. Preamble

The wearing of the College uniform is directly related to the values of the College, respect for self and others. Respect calls each person to an awareness of their own dignity and the dignity of others. Respect is also concerned with acting responsibly and an awareness that actions affect the spirit of the College, the image of the College and the perceptions of the student community.

The College uniform supports students to develop their sense of belonging to our community, maintaining a clear dress standard and creating a sense of personal pride in being a student at St Columba College.

The Uniform Policy of St Columba College addresses the total appearance of the student traveling to and from school and while at school. The uniform is seen as an external statement of the quality education offered at the College and presents to the public an image which is in line with the College ethos. In addition, the uniform is a means of helping to develop unity and pride within our community.

2. Expectations

Labels: The College requests that all uniform items be labelled, especially the jumper, sport jacket, hat and blazer. The College will not take responsibility for items of clothing that are misplaced or lost. **School Bag:** Students are expected to have the approved College school bag sold from the College uniform shop. No other bag is to be used by students to transport their belongings to and from school. Graffiti on the College school bag is unacceptable. The College satchel is an optional school bag that can be used during class time.

Summer Uniform – Terms 1 and 4: The College Hat is worn with the Summer Uniform to and from school. If an additional garment is needed for warmth the College jumper may be worn.

All Year 6-12 students are required to wear the College blazer when attending formal College functions. The College tie is to be worn with long trousers or shorts. Girls must ensure their dress collar is over the blazer collar.

Winter Uniform – Terms 2 and 3: Students must be in full winter uniform at the beginning of Term 2. Please note that the summer uniform may be worn if the forecast temperature, according to the Bureau of Meteorology website, is above 25°C.

For students in Years 6-12, the College blazer is always to be worn to and from school during Term 2 and Term 3. The College jumper may be worn under the blazer to and from school and as the outer garment at school. The College scarf and College beanie may also be worn.

All Year 6-12 students are required to wear the College blazer when attending formal College functions.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform: The PE uniform is only to be worn on timetabled PE lesson days or attending a sporting event.

House Polo Tops: House tops are to be worn for approved House Activities and Sports Day in partnership with full Sports Uniform.

Year 12 Jumper: Year 12 students have the opportunity to purchase a special Year 12 Jumper. This jumper is worn during the day but not to and from school. The Year 12 Jumper is not to be worn with the College blazer or worn to formal College occasions. The jumper may not be altered from that which was authorised by the College. The College reserves the right to withdraw this privilege if a student's behaviour does not meet expectations.

Dress and Skirt Length: The College uniform, both winter skirt and summer dress, are designed and manufactured to be worn at or below knee length. The College expects that the lengths of these are not shortened after purchase to above the knee and that hems are lowered to meet this requirement as a student grows (if necessary).

Hair Styles: Hair must be of natural colours and a length and style appropriate to the image of the College. Hairstyles must allow for the correct wearing of the College hat.

Hair is always to be kept in a neat and tidy manner off the face and if necessary, pins/clips must be used to ensure that hair is not over the face. Fringes are not to be below the eyebrows.

Hair longer than the top of collar length must be fully tied back. Any tie back or clip is to be in one of the colours of the College (red, green, yellow, black or College tartan).

Extreme cuts/styles are not permitted e.g., rats tails, mohawks, shaved heads, cuts or slits, extreme hair colouring.

Boys must be clean shaven at all times.

If a student's religious observance mandates a beard, this will be sanctioned by the Principal on enrolment.

Shoes: Dress Shoes: Black lace up school shoes with heels no greater than 4cm in height. No coloured stitching or logos. Shoes must be polished and in a good state of repair.

Sports Shoes: Must be a cross trainer style sport shoe with laces and treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities. Boots or any footwear with flat soles, e.g., skate shoes, street wear, Chucks, Vans or Volleys are not permitted. Sport shoes are never to be worn with the College dress uniform.

Hats: The College Hat is part of the Summer Uniform and must be worn to and from school and on excursions. Hats must also be worn during recess and lunchtime if playing or sitting in the direct sun. It is expected that hats are removed indoors. Hats are not compulsory between 1 May and 31 August.

Hijab: Girls who wear a hijab are able to wear a plain black hajib. Black underclothes (e.g., long-sleeved tops or tights) are to be only worn for religious purposes.

Turban: Students who wear a turban are able to wear a plain black turban.

Make-up and Nail Polish: A very light, barely visible foundation is the only makeup that will be accepted. No coloured nail polish or acrylic nails are allowed. Nails must be a reasonable safe length.

Jewellery and Tattoos: A necklace consisting of either a small gold or silver chain with a single small Christian or other faith object may be worn. No other symbol is permitted.

Watches and medical alert bracelets may be worn. Bangles, bracelets, rings are not allowed.

A Kara (a steel bracelet) maybe worn by those who observe the Sikh faith. This will be sanctioned by the Principal on enrolment.

Only plain gold/silver or small birth-stone studs (maximum diameter 4mm) may be worn, and only one must be worn in each ear lobe. A single stud may be worn. Sleepers are not allowed.

No visible piercings (other than ear lobes) are permitted e.g., no piercings of the nose, tongue, eyebrows.

No visible body art e.g., visible tattoos, temporary body art is permitted.

Casual Clothes Dress Code: From time to time the College invites students to wear casual clothes to school. On these occasions we seek to be clear about the expectations that we have in relation to what is and is not appropriate.

All clothing is to be of a good and clean state of repair and must be of a 'modest' nature.

Shoes need to be enclosed. Hairstyle, makeup and jewellery expectations apply as per the policy.

Clothing that contains language or graphics of a sexual, violent, profane or offensive nature will not be accepted.

Students are still required to wear a hat that provides sun protection during Term 1 and Term 4,

3. Uniform Non-Compliance Process and Consequences

Students choosing not to comply with the uniform expectations of the College will be reminded via the diary (R-5) or receive a blue slip (6-12) and parents will be notified by an SMS.

If uniform non-compliance continues to a third incidence in a term the student will be withdrawn from class. Parents/caregivers will be contacted for the student to be taken home to change. If a parent is unable to be contacted, the student will remain withdrawn until they return to the College in the correct uniform.

Students wearing jewellery that is outside the Uniform Policy will be asked to remove it. It will then be placed in an envelope and passed on to Student Services Office. It may be collected from Student Services Office after 3:15pm. Students wearing make-up or fingernail polish will be sent to Student Services Office to remove it.

If uniform non-compliance is extreme (hair colour or style inappropriate, casual clothes) the student will be withdrawn from class. Parents/caregivers will be contacted for the student to be taken home to correct the hair or change. If a parent is unable to be contacted the student will remain withdrawn until they return to the College in the correct uniform.

4 UNIFORM - JUNIOR SCHOOL (RECEPTION TO YEAR 5)

Girls Summer Uniform	Boys Summer Uniform
Tartan Summer Dress (To be worn at knee length) or Black College Monogrammed Trousers or Black College Monogrammed Shorts with White Open Neck Monogrammed Short Sleeve shirt	Dark Grey College Shorts (Elastic back) White Open Neck Short Sleeve Monogrammed Shirt
White Socks, crew length (No anklets)	Grey Socks, crew length (No anklets)
Red College Jumper	Red College Jumper
Black Lace Up School Shoes or Black Low Heel Plain Style Sandals (sample on display in the Uniform Shop)	Black Lace Up School Shoes or Black Low Heel Plain Style Sandals (sample on display in the Uniform Shop)
Bottle Green College Hat (Bucket, Legionaries or Slouch)	Bottle Green College Hat (Bucket, Legionaries or Slouch)
Girls Winter Uniform	Boys Winter Uniform
Tartan Pinafore (To be worn at knee length) or Black College Trousers	Dark Grey College Long Trousers (Elastic back)
White Socks or Black Cotton Blend Tights (No anklets or knee-high stockings)	Grey Socks (No anklets)
White Open Neck Long Sleeve Monogrammed Shirt	White Open Neck Long Sleeve Monogrammed Shirt
Red College Jumper	Red College Jumper
Black Lace Up School Shoes	Black Lace Up School Shoes
Black Gloves and/or Black Scarf / Black beanie (Optional)	Black Gloves and/or Black Scarf / Black beanie (Optional)
Girls Sports Uniform	Boys Sports Uniform
College Polo Top	College Polo Top
College Track Jacket	College Track Jacket
College Track Pants	College Track Pants
Black Fleecy Track Top (Not compulsory, Term 2 & 3 only)	Black Fleecy Track Top (Not compulsory, Term 2 & 3 only)
Black Monogrammed Sports Shorts	Black Monogrammed Sports Shorts
College Monogrammed Sports Socks	College Monogrammed Sports Socks
Cross Trainer Sports Shoes with laces and treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities.	Cross Trainer Sports Shoes with laces and treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities.
House Polo Top (To be worn for House Activities and Sports Day in partnership with full Sports Uniform)	House Polo Top (To be worn for House Activities and Sports Day in partnership will full Sports Uniform)
Bottle Green College Hat (Bucket, Legionaries or Slouch)	Bottle Green College Hat (Bucket, Legionaries or Slouch)

5 UNIFORM – MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL (YEAR 6 – YEAR 12)

Girls Summer Uniform	Boys Summer Uniform
Tartan Summer Dress (To be worn at knee length) or Black College Monogrammed Trousers or Black College Monogrammed Shorts with White Open Neck Monogrammed Short Sleeve shirt	Dark Grey College Shorts or Long Trousers White Open Neck Monogrammed Short Sleeve Shirt Black Belt / small silver buckle
College Blazer	College Blazer
Red College Jumper	Red College Jumper
College Hat (Black)	College Hat (Black)
Black Lace Up School Shoes	Black Lace Up School Shoes
White Socks, crew length (No anklets)	Grey Socks, crew length (No anklets)
Girls Winter Uniform	Boys Winter Uniform
Tartan College Skirt (to be worn at knee length) or Black College Monogrammed Trousers	Dark Grey College Trousers Black Belt / small silver buckle
White Long Sleeve Monogrammed Shirt	White Long Sleeve Monogrammed Shirt
White Socks or Black opaque tights or Black Cotton Blend Tights (No anklets or knee-high stockings)	Grey Socks, crew length (No anklets)
College Tie	College Tie
Red College Jumper	Red College Jumper
College Blazer	College Blazer
Black Lace Up School Shoes	Black Lace Up School Shoes
Black Gloves and/or Black Scarf, Black beanie (optional)	Black Gloves and/or Black Scarf / Black beanie (optional)
Girls Sports Uniform	Boys Sports Uniform
College Polo Top	College Polo Top
College Track Jacket	College Track Jacket
College Track Pants	College Track Pants
Black Fleecy Track Top (Not compulsory, Term 2 & 3 only)	Black Fleecy Track Top (Not compulsory, Term 2 & 3 only)
Black Monogrammed Sports Shorts	Black Monogrammed Sports Shorts
College Monogrammed Sports Socks	College Monogrammed Sports Socks
Cross Trainer Sports Shoes with laces and treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities	Cross Trainer Sports Shoes with laces and treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities
House Polo Top (to be worn for House Activities and Sports Day in partnership with full Sports Uniform)	House Polo Top (to be worn for House Activities and Sports Day in partnership with full Sports Uniform)
House Sports Cap	House Sports Cap