

School Uniform Policy

All students are expected to wear full and correct College uniform during the school day and when travelling to and from the College. Students show respect for this community and themselves through their appearance and by wearing the correct uniform at all times. People often (rightly or wrongly) judge a school by the appearance and behaviour of its students, therefore this policy applies in all circumstances where students may be in school uniform, including out of hours in shopping centres or other public places.

General Appearance

Students should be neatly dressed, well-groomed and take pride in their appearance at all times. When situations occur where it is not possible to wear a part of the uniform, parents/guardians are asked to provide a note for their student to present at the Primary or Secondary Receptions, or to the Home Class teacher.

Without an acceptable reason and communication from parents, consequences such as lunch-time detentions will be enacted. Even with appropriate communication from parents, the College will do all it can to ensure that College expectations are met and that breaches are consistently and fairly followed up. Thus, if students present in incorrect uniform, the College reserves the right to loan students items of clothing so they are correctly attired.

Primary Formal Uniform

Girls:

- the College dress, white ankle socks and the College hat are worn;
- the College pullover is worn on cold days;
- the College hat is to be worn to and from school and during all breaks;
- the College blue stockings are optional in place of the socks;
- a suitable length for the dress is below the knee;
- hats are kept clean, in good shape and worn appropriately;
- traditional matt black leather lace up school shoes, with no coloured stitching, ornate stitching, decoration, or logo; are worn with the College white socks and kept clean and in good repair (see further information under the Other Uniform Requirements);
- Mary-Jane style black buckle shoes are also suitable for students in Years 1-3;
- shoe heels are not to exceed 4cm;
- fashion and sports style shoes are not to be worn;
- no noticeable make up, cosmetics or coloured nail polish should be worn; and
- the College blazer is an option for Year 6 students.

Boys:

- the College shorts, shirt, blue ankle socks and the College hat are worn;
- the College pullover is worn on cold days;
- the College hat is to be worn to and from school and during all breaks;
- traditional matt black leather lace up school shoes, with no coloured stitching, ornate stitching, decoration, or logo; are worn with the College navy socks and kept clean and in good repair (see further information under the Other Uniform Requirements);
- black leather velcro closing shoes are also suitable for students in Years 1-3.
- no makeup, cosmetics or coloured nail polish to be worn; and
- optional items include College long pants;
- Year 6 boys only may wear the secondary school style shorts; and
- the College blazer is an option for Year 6 students.

Prep Students Girls & Boys:

- the College sport shorts, or sport skirt, are worn with the College sport polo shirt and College sport socks;
- the College tracksuit is worn on cold days;
- the College bucket hat is to be worn to and from school and during all breaks;
- sport shoes, which provide ankle and arch support are to be worn with the College sport uniform;
- raincoat (to be kept in child's school bag at all times); and
- spare uniform or casual clothes (to be kept in a plastic bag in the Prep room)

Secondary Formal Uniform

Girls:

- the skirt or shorts, blouse, tie, white ankle socks and the College hat are worn;
- girls' skirts are designed to sit on the waist and should be worn at an appropriate level so that no midriff is shown;
- a suitable length for the College skirt is below the knee;
- fashion trend alterations to uniforms are not acceptable;
- the College pullover or College Blazer is worn on cold days;
- the College Blazer is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3;
- the formal hat is to be worn during breaks when students are in unshaded areas;
- hats are to be kept clean, in good shape and worn appropriately;
- no noticeable make up, cosmetics or coloured nail polish should be worn;
- noticeable coloured undergarments or coloured clothing items are not to be worn under uniforms;
- traditional matt black leather lace up school shoes, with no coloured stitching, ornate stitching, decoration, or logo; are worn and kept clean and in good repair (see further information under Other Uniform Requirements);
- shoe heels are not to exceed 4cm;
- fashion and sports style shoes are not to be worn;

- the formal and sport uniform are not to be mixed i.e. the tracksuit top or pants are not to be worn with the formal uniform;
- on non-uniform days students must dress appropriately and modestly; and
- the College navy blue stockings and long pants are also an option.

Boys:

- the shorts, shirt, College socks and the College hat are worn;
- boys shorts are designed to sit above the hip and should be worn at an appropriate level with no underwear showing;
- the College tie is worn in Terms 2 and 3;
- fashion trend alterations to uniforms are not acceptable;
- the College pullover or Blazer is worn on cold days;
- the College Blazer is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3;
- the formal hat is to be worn during breaks when students are in unshaded areas;
- hats are to be kept clean, in good shape and worn appropriately;
- noticeable coloured undergarments or coloured clothing items are not to be worn under uniforms;
- no noticeable make up, cosmetics or coloured nail polish should be worn;
- traditional matt black leather lace up school shoes, with no coloured stitching, ornate stitching, decoration, or logo; are worn and kept clean and in good repair (see further information under Other Uniform Requirements);
- fashion and sports style shoes are not to be worn;
- the formal and sport uniform are not to be mixed i.e. the tracksuit top or pants are not to be worn with the formal uniform;
- on non-uniform days students must dress appropriately and modestly; and
- optional items include a College vest and long pants.

Primary & Secondary Sports Uniform

- for boys, the College sport shorts are worn with the College sport polo shirt and College sport socks;
- for girls, the College sport shorts, sport skirt, or a skort are worn with the College sport polo shirt and College sport socks;
- the College pullover or optional College tracksuit is worn for warmth;
- no stockings are to be worn with the sport uniform the tracksuit is available for colder weather;
- Secondary students the bucket hat is to be worn with the sport uniform; and
- Primary students the College hat can be worn with both the formal and sports uniform. The
 College bucket hat is optional for students in Years 1 6 and may be worn with the sports
 uniform only.
- non-marking soled sport shoes, which provide ankle and arch support are to be worn with the sport uniform; and
- fashion sports shoes that do not provide ankle and arch support are not to be worn.

Special Uniform Items

From time to time special items of uniform may be made available to members of teams, clubs and groups. Examples may include sports team polos, netball hoody, mission trip shirt, Year 6 polo and Year 12 jacket.

In general, these items are to be worn only on special occasions in place of regular uniform when express permission has been given to do so. These are not to be worn as a substitute for regular uniform at the will of the student.

The sports house shirt is only to be worn on internal sports carnival days, namely the swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. This includes the Junior Primary Sports Day. Permission may be granted for the house shirt to be worn on other occasions when other inter-house competitions are to be held.

As a special privilege, the Year 6 polo may be worn on Tuesdays only with the sports uniform.

As a special privilege, the Year 12 jacket may be worn with the sports uniform only.

Jewellery

- students may wear a plain watch and a single small ring of special significance such as covenant ring or a small cross necklace that is not to be displayed;
- girls may wear one pair of small, plain gold or silver, matching stud or sleeper style earrings on the earlobes;
- boys are not permitted to wear earrings; and
- no other piercing or body art is permitted.

Hair

- hair is to be worn neatly brushed and clean;
- extreme or attention seeking hairstyles are not permitted;
- hairstyles and colour should be appropriate for school wear;
- hair that is longer than the top of the collar line is to be fully and neatly tied back;
- hair is to be kept out of the eyes and off the face;
- short cuts are to be no shorter than a number 1 blade.
- basic thin hair ties may be of any dark colour or a colour that matches the student's hair colour;
- girls' accessories such as scrunchies, ribbons, clips and head bands should be in the College colours of red, white and navy;
- boys should be clean shaven and side burns past the lobe of the ear are unacceptable.

Student Bags

- school bags are compulsory for all students; and
- school bags must not be defaced, and any additions must be consistent with the College ethos.

Formal shoes

Advice from podiatrists

- footwear should bend only at the ball of the foot where the toes bend and not through the arch;
- leather uppers are preferable due to their durability and ability to breathe. avoid synthetic materials;
- a soft, cushioning non-slip sole and a low, wide heel helps decrease jarring and strain through the foot, leg and spine while the child's musculoskeletal system is developing;
- a shoe's heel cup and arch regions should be firm and not compress with pressure; and
- the sole should not twist.

Expectations

- matt black leather lace up school shoes, with no coloured stitching, ornate stitching, decoration, or logo;
- must provide support to the arch with a heel distinct from the sole (ie. the sole should not be flat);
- heels are not to exceed 4cm;
- girls' formal shoes are to be laced up and with black shoe laces only i.e. buckles or velcro straps, and coloured laces are not permitted;
- hybrid style shoes: not permitted.

Examples of shoes that do meet expectations



Examples of shoes that do not meet expectations



Other Matters

- students and parents/guardians are strongly advised to name all items of uniform;
- if students who are leaving the College wish to have a shirt signed or autographed, a second shirt may be brought to the College for this purpose;
- it is unacceptable for students to have their uniform defaced if they are wearing it;
- all new students receive a Suncoast Christian College badge and these can be replaced through the Uniform Shop; and
- Leadership badges are distributed each year at the Student Dedication Ceremony and replacements can be purchased from the Enrolment Officer in Main Administration.





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