



## UNIFORM AND GROOMING REQUIREMENTS 2021

One of the most recognisable features of any school is the uniform worn by its students while on campus and in wider public forums. A uniform should establish a sense of pride, belonging, purpose and identity among students. The College uniform and the way it is worn provides a statement about the way we perceive ourselves, and the way in which we hope members of the public will perceive us.

All students share in the responsibility to maintain the College's reputation by their wearing of the uniform correctly during school hours, while travelling to and from school and on all occasions when representing the College (including excursions).

Therefore, we expect all students to model the College uniform. We ask that parents support the College by ensuring their daughter is equipped to wear the College uniform correctly every school day. Only in partnership can we ensure that our College uniform is worn appropriately.

All items of the Academic uniform may be worn year-round. Students may select the combination of items in the Academic uniform which best suits their needs. The Academic uniform is the standard school uniform and is expected to be worn each day. The Sport uniform is to be worn for practical Sport and Physical Education classes. In most cases, students will change in to / out of their Sport uniform during the day.

There can be no alterations to the uniform, with the exception of lowering the hem of a dress/skirt to meet hem length standards. Please note that knee length is defined as where the dress or skirt reaches the knee cap when the student is standing.

### Academic Uniform

#### Compulsory items:

College Blazer (outermost garment to be worn to and from school)

College Jumper

Plain black leather lace up shoes (no T-bars, ballet slippers, patterns or heels)

St Columba's College Navy Backpack (with College emblem)

Students in Years 9-12 are able to purchase the new items if they wish to do so. If they purchase the shorts or pants, they must also purchase a new shirt. The old shirt will not be worn with the shorts or pants.

#### Students may select a combination of the following to be worn with the compulsory items above:

Summer dress (knee length)

Skirt (knee length)

Short sleeved white shirt

Long sleeved white shirt

College shorts (knee length)  
College long pants  
College Vest  
Blue socks (anklet)  
Navy blue opaque tights or Noone blue tights

College Scarf – navy with green stripe  
Beanie with College emblem (worn outside only)  
Year 12 Commemorative windcheater

Year 12 students are permitted to wear the windcheater on the first day of a school week in term 1 2021 as well as every day in terms 2 - 4 as an alternative to the College jumper. Should a student be found to be in breach of any grooming or uniform expectations on 3 occasions, her windcheater will be confiscated for four school weeks. She will then be able to continue to wear the windcheater provided compliance with all uniform and grooming requirements occurs.



## Sports Uniform

Students who are representing the College in any sporting event must wear the full sports uniform. Students in Year 7 – 10 are permitted to wear the sports uniform to school when they have a PE or a Dance lesson. Year 11 – 12 students are required to change into the sports uniform at school for PE or Dance. Students in Year 7 - 10 are expected to wear their sports uniform including their House T- shirt at the House Athletics and Swimming Carnivals

## Compulsory

Sports Soft shell jacket  
PE shorts (Navy with gold crest)  
House Polo T-shirt  
White athletics socks with no visible branding  
Runners (must be appropriate athletic shoes)  
College hat (Terms 1 and 4)

## Optional

College PE track pants (navy with gold crest) - cuffed or straight leg  
College leggings (may also be worn for drama). The leggings may not be purchased without the College PE track pants  
College rugby top  
College bathers (compulsory for students in the College Swim Team and other events that the College competes in such as Diving and City to Surf)

The College track pants are designed to be worn in the form that they have been purchased. The College leggings are not to be worn as the outermost garment to and from school, but may be worn under their track pants.

In regards to sport shoes, leisure, skating or street shoes are not considered appropriate for Health & PE classes, as they do not provide adequate support for physical activity.

Combinations of items from the Academic and Sports Uniforms are not permitted (for example, students are not permitted to wear school jumper with the PE tracksuit pants OR the PE rugby top with the skirt).



## College Backpack

All students are required to use the College backpack as their school bag. The College backpack has been designed to support each student's physical health. We are mindful that on occasions the students have heavy bags to carry, hence our choice of design, which has chiropractic approval. Therefore, there will be no justification for students to carry the wrong bag. From 2019, Year 7 students have been required to purchase a haversack for use on excursions, camps and activities. The College provides all other students with an excursion bag as required for activities, where the current school bag is not suitable for a

variety of reasons.

## Hair

### Permitted

Students may wear hair ties, scrunchies, headband, clip or ribbons (issued by the College) - they must be plain (without patterns) navy blue or the student's House colour

Hair that is shoulder length or longer to be tied back and off the face

Moderate cut, colour, style.

### Not Permitted

Unnatural colours (pink, blue, purple, bright red etc.)

Shorter than a number 3 razor cut

Extreme styles (dramatic contrasts, bright colour streaks over black hair, mohawks, fluorescent colours etc.)

## Jewellery

Any religious jewellery, worn in support of a student's faith, must be discreet and simple.

Religious jewellery must not be visible, i.e. a crucifix worn on a necklace must be fully concealed below the neckline of the College summer dress or winter shirt.

### Permitted

Single pair of plain studs or sleeper earrings

One earring per ear

One wrist watch

One small plain nose stud

Year 12 commemorative ring (Year 12 only)

Discreet and simple religious jewellery

### Not Permitted

Necklaces, bracelets, large and/or decorative earrings (e.g. hoops)

Facial jewellery (eyebrow, lip piercings)

Tongue rings

Any other type of jewellery not listed as permitted (e.g. gauges, bars)

## Year 12 Ring

In consultation with the Student Leadership Executive, in 2014 Year 12 students were given the opportunity to purchase a Year 12 Graduation Ring. This option has continued and Year 12 students are permitted to wear their St. Columba's College rings throughout their final year.

## Make Up

Makeup and nail polish are not permitted - students will have short, natural looking nails.

Students will be asked to remove makeup or nail polish before entering the classroom.

Tattoos are strictly not permitted by the College, and those students who have tattoos must cover the tattoo up whilst wearing the College uniform.

## Wearing Incorrect Uniform

Students who are out of uniform need to have a signed note from their parent/legal guardian

explaining the reason why they are out of uniform. Students are required to go to the House Leaders Office to collect a uniform pass which is attached to the parent note.

Students are asked to present the pass to teachers if requested. A behavioural note will be entered on SIMON regarding the issuing of the uniform pass.

Students wearing the uniform incorrectly will not be permitted to attend College excursions irrespective of a parent note.

The College is committed to having a proactive approach to uniform and communicates regularly with students, parents and staff regarding uniform expectations. Some new guidelines will be outlined at the commencement of 2020 for the College community. We are committed to a restorative approach to resolving uniform issues with students. Standards on the College uniform are not negotiable and students will be required to fix their uniform within a reasonable time frame. (See 8.4.7)

The process for escalation will be fair, reasonable and make the students accountable for meeting the uniform expectations of the College community.

Where students are unwilling to remove items or to address the issue within the agreed time frame, they will be withdrawn from classes, parents will be contacted to collect their daughter, and the student will be unable to attend the College until the uniform issue is rectified.