



# ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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## UNIFORM POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

Our College uniform is an outward reflection of our identity as a community. Its colours and the use of the school name and motto make it a tangible expression of our values and as such, when students wear the uniform, they are encouraged to reflect those values.

The uniform clearly identifies us as a school so wherever it is worn, the image of the College is on display. Therefore, we work in partnership with families and students to ensure that the College is always well-represented. Individual actions affect the image of the College and perceptions of others.

The College uniform provides safety and a sense of identity and belonging. It acts to remind the public that the whole community shares in the responsibility to care for and protect children. The uniform is a visible and public statement that the young people wearing it, are students of St Mary's College.

## 2. Shared responsibility

The correct presentation of the school uniform is a shared responsibility between home and school and as such, forms part of the agreement signed at enrolment. All members of the community are responsible for supporting our young people to comply with the policy.

Wearing the uniform correctly is a mark of respect for self, for the College and for living in a way that meets the expectations of the community that each of the students is a part of. It is a simple, baseline commitment to being in relationship with the school. We understand that young people need support in this, and this is at the heart of our procedure for follow up.

Application of the uniform policy is understood within our commitment to restorative processes and is therefore held in relationship with the student, parent/carers and staff of the College. The approach to supporting the correct wearing of uniform is outlined below.

## 3. The College Uniform

	Summer	Winter
St Mary's College Summer Dress	*	
St Mary's College striped skirt		*
St Mary's College Shirt (long or short sleeve)	*	*
St Mary's College Tie	*	*
St Mary's College Blazer	*	*
St Mary's College Jumper	*	*
Choice of opaque navy tights of denier 50 or greater or white socks		*
White socks (Long) R - 12	*	
Black lace-up flat school shoes	*	*
St Mary's College Scarf (optional)		*
St Mary's College School Bag	*	*
Head Scarves (Hijab) White or Navy Blue only	*	*

St Mary's College bucket or legionnaires hat (compulsory for Junior School students)	*	*
Shorts	*	
Long Pants		*
Pinafore (Junior School only)	*	*

#### 4. Guidelines for correct wearing of the uniform

##### **Dress & Skirt Length**

The College uniform, both winter skirt and summer dress, are designed and manufactured to be worn at or below knee length. The dress or skirt should be no shorter than the top of the knees. They are not designed to be rolled up underneath jumpers. Over the course of a lifetime, the hems are created to be adjustable as the student grows. This needs to be checked by families before the start of each term.

##### **Labels**

The uniform is a financial investment for families. The major pieces have been carefully designed to be durable and therefore last for a few years. Label all uniform items, especially the jumper and blazer. This enables us to return items that are lost. This enables any lost items of the uniform to be returned to students.

##### **Summer Uniform – Terms 1 & 4**

Students wear the College summer dress, black flat lace-up shoes and white socks, or shorts with short sleeved white shirt and school tie (if wearing the shirt). If an additional garment is needed for warmth transiting to and from school during these terms, the College blazer can be worn. The College jumper may be worn at school. A College hat must be worn during recess and lunch in Terms 1 and 4 if outside in the direct sun.

##### **Winter Uniform – Terms 2 & 3**

Students wear the College skirt or long pants, white shirt, College tie, choice of long white socks or navy opaque tights and black flat lace-up shoes. The blazer needs to be worn to and from school. The College jumper may be worn under the blazer to and from school and as the outer garment at school. The College scarf may also be worn for additional warmth. Any additional warmth can be provided with a long sleeve fitted t-shirt or thermal that is not visible when the uniform is worn.

A plain navy rain jacket including St Mary's College branded jackets (i.e. jackets allocated for school trips) are also appropriate. These can be worn if students are travelling to and from school via public transport in inclement weather. This does not include puffer jackets.

If the forecast temperature, according to the Bureau of Meteorology website, is 25C and above, students will be advised via SEQTA notices that they can wear their summer uniform the following day.

##### **School Bag**

All students are expected to use the College school bag to transport their belongings to and from school.

## 5. Sports Uniform

- Polo Shirt – blue/white with monogram
- Shorts – navy monogrammed
- Skort – navy monogrammed (optional)
- Jacket - blue/white monogrammed (optional)
- Track pants – blue/white monogrammed (optional)
- Rugby top – monogrammed (optional)
- Short white socks (Optional monogrammed socks available)
- Blue bucket/legionnaires hat or College baseball cap

Shoes: Leisure shoes (e.g., Converse, Vans, Dunlop Volleys) are not suitable.

To participate fully in Physical Education lessons, students must wear the correct PE uniform.

The sports shirt, shorts, socks, shoes and hat or cap are compulsory for all students in Reception to Year 12 and are to be worn for all PE lessons and sport. Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school only when they have a PE lesson on that day. Students are not permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school when they only have matches or training after school. They are expected to change at school. Students who have training before school must change before going to lessons.

### **Correct uniform items**

Non-uniform items such as puffer jackets or SMC branded hoodies are not to be worn as part of the PE uniform. Any additional warmth can be provided with a long sleeve fitted t-shirt or thermal that is not visible when the uniform is worn.

Students are permitted to wear sports uniform to and from school when they are participating in a sporting event that will absent them from school for the entire day or most of the day. Parents will receive a notification from the school confirming such an event. Notification will also be sent if the students are allowed to wear the sports uniform for special activities such as an excursion. On days when they have training before school, they change into formal uniform after training. If they have training at lunch, PE uniform can be worn for the whole day.

### **Hats**

Hats must be worn during all Physical Education lessons in Terms 1 and 4. Hats must also be worn during recess and lunchtime in Terms 1 & 4, if sitting in the direct sun.

## 6. Personal presentation

The uniform is the key symbol of our identity as a community. As outlined above, when students wear the uniform, they are asked to model behaviour and presentation that is reflected of our ethos and values.

We recognise that our physical presentation is also a marker of our personal identity and as young people grow and develop, they look for ways to explore this identity. It is important to consider carefully how identity is expressed in different settings, for example the difference between work and home.

In many workplaces, young people will not be allowed to complete their shift without following personal presentation protocols such as correct uniform and rules regarding nails and jewellery.

Our uniform is designed for functionality and safety whilst involved in the range of activities that make up our learning programs.

The following guidelines need a strong partnership between home and school so that we can be consistent in our implementation.

### **Uniform length**

Both the summer and winter uniforms are designed to be worn at or below knee length. As students grow, the hem will need to be adjusted.

### **Hair**

Hair needs to be natural colours. Hair that is shoulder length or longer, needs to be away from the face. Hair accessories need to be white or navy blue scrunchie, band, ribbon or clip.

### **Nails**

Nails need to be in their natural state or with clear polish. They need to be kept at a length that is safe for sport, yard movement, working with food and in science labs. No longer than the tips of fingers is appropriate for school activities.

Please work with the school to ensure that your child is not wearing coloured shellac, SNS or acrylics. This includes all shades of nude. Clear is fine. If they are attending a function on the weekend, nails need to be returned to their natural state for the school week.

### **Make Up**

A moderate approach is called for if needed so therefore limited to a light foundation or tinted moisturiser. False eyelashes and heavy makeup can be reserved for weekend activities.

### **Jewellery and Tattoos**

A moderate approach to jewellery that is in keeping with a formal school uniform is required. This can include a single plain, flat ring, thin, plain sleepers or small studs and a small cross or religious medal on a chain.

Prominent facial piercings are not in keeping with a formal school uniform.

Permanent and henna tattoos must always be kept covered.

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