



Holy Spirit College

A Catholic Coeducational Secondary College

Student Uniform Policy

RATIONALE:

The wearing of correct school uniform is very important at Holy Spirit College as it creates a greater sense of equality among the student population despite the diverse socio-economic backgrounds of their families.

When accepting enrolment at the College, students and parents/carers agree to support the College Uniform Policy.

Students can be sent home if their uniform or dress at Carnivals or casual clothes days does not meet College expectations. Students will also be placed on the detention system if they have incorrect items of clothing, wear the incorrect uniform or their grooming does not meet the College expectations.

GENERAL:

- All students must wear their correct uniform to and from school daily.
- Uniforms are to be labelled, cleaned, pressed, properly repaired and worn neatly at all times.
- Only white short sleeved unpatterned T-shirts with no logos are to be worn underneath the uniform. No long sleeved T-shirts are to be worn underneath the uniform at any time.
- If a student is out of uniform they must have a note in their diary signed by parents/carer explaining the reason and the duration of the time out of correct uniform.
- During examination times students are to be in full school uniform, including school shoes, with no extra jewellery or makeup.
- Summer uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4 and Winter uniform is worn in Term 2 and Term 3 (unless otherwise specified).

All items of uniform must be purchased from the College Uniform Shop.

Grooming

HAIR

- Haircuts should be conservative, clean, neat and tidy. Haircuts should not draw a negative comment or attract undue attention
- Haircuts should be blended and uniform in appearance, excessive variations in length are unacceptable
- Extreme hairstyles should be avoided; these include but are not limited to undercuts, layers, steps, rat's tails, mullets, lines, mohawks etc
- Dyes in the hair which are clearly of an unnatural colour are not permitted
- Long hair should be consistent in length and tied back if it touches the collar
- Hair should be tied back with plain band; maroon / navy ribbons are permitted
- Ultimately, the decision is at the discretion of the principal.

NAILS, MAKEUP

Nail polish and excessive makeup (including false eyelashes) are not permitted. Acrylic, gel or long nails are not permitted. This is a WHS issue.

JEWELLERY

The following items may be worn:

- College badge
- Watch
- 1 flat ring to a maximum width of 8mm
- 1 neck chain with a crucifix or cross
- 1 pair of gold or silver studs ONLY (no diamante, pearl or gemstones) to a maximum width of 4mm

The following are NOT permitted

- Body or facial piercings
- Tongue or microdermal piercings
- Tattoos or body art

HATS

Students must wear the College hat for sun protection whenever outside. This includes PE classes, recess and lunch times. Students do not have to wear a hat if they are sitting in a shaded area with a roof.

College hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or Student Services.

SCHOOL SHOES

- Shoes for both boys and girls must be enclosed, black, lace-up, below the ankle and able to be polished.
- Shoes for both boys and girls must have a heel and are to be no more than 3cm high. Platform soles are NOT permitted.
- Buckle shoes or boots are not permitted.
- Leather surf or skate shoes or similar are NOT permitted.
- Shoes must not have logos or any colour.

SPORT SHOES

- Shoes for both boys and girls must be recognised as a sporting shoe.
- Black soled shoes are not permitted.
- Basketball, surf, skate, canvas, slip-on or similar shoes are not recognised as a sporting shoe and are not permitted.

Summer Uniform

JUNIOR GIRLS (YEARS 7 to 9)

- Blue blouse with embroidered College Crest
- Grey pleated skirt (below the knee) OR
- Grey shorts purchased from the College Uniform Shop – embroidered College Crest on left leg OR school approved girls grey slacks
- White school socks (with two maroon stripes)
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with embroidered College Crest

SENIOR GIRLS (YEARS 10 to 12)

- White blouse with embroidered College Crest
- Checked skirt (below the knee) OR
- Grey shorts purchased from the College Uniform Shop – embroidered College Crest on left leg OR School approved girl grey slacks
- White school socks (with two maroon stripes)
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with embroidered College Crest

JUNIOR BOYS (YEARS 7 to 9)

- Blue shirt with embroidered College Crest
- Grey long trousers (purchased from College Uniform Shop only) OR Grey walk shorts embroidered with College crest on left leg (polyester/viscose - not elastic waisted, purchased from College Uniform Shop)
- Grey school socks
- Maroon jumper or vest with embroidered College Crest
- Black or grey belt

SENIOR BOYS (YEARS 10 to 12)

- White shirt with embroidered College Crest
- Grey long trousers (purchased from College Uniform Shop only) OR Grey walk shorts embroidered with College crest on left leg (polyester/viscose - not elastic waisted, purchased from College Uniform Shop)
- Grey school socks
- Maroon jumper or vest with embroidered College Crest
- Black or grey belt.

Winter Uniform

JUNIOR GIRLS (YEARS 7 to 9)

- Navy blazer
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with embroidered College Crest
- Blue blouse with embroidered College Crest
- Grey pleated skirt (below the knee) with grey opaque coloured tights OR School approved girls grey slacks

SENIOR GIRLS (YEARS 10 to 12)

- Navy blazer
- Maroon jumper or cardigan with embroidered College Crest
- White blouse with embroidered College Crest
- Checked skirt (below the knee) with grey opaque coloured tights OR School approved girls grey slacks

JUNIOR BOYS (YEARS 7 to 9)

- Navy Blazer
- Maroon jumper or vest with embroidered College crest
- Blue shirt with embroidered College Crest
- Grey long trousers (purchased from College Uniform Shop only)
- Grey socks
- Maroon and white striped junior school tie
- Black or grey belt.

SENIOR BOYS (YEARS 10 to 12)

- Navy Blazer
- Maroon jumper or vest with embroidered College Crest
- White shirt with embroidered College Crest
- Grey long trousers (purchased from College Uniform Shop only)
- Grey socks
- Maroon senior school tie
- Black or grey belt.

SPORT/ PE UNIFORM GIRLS AND BOYS

- White and maroon sport shirt with embroidered College Crest
- Maroon unisex shorts (must be a modest length)
- White school socks (with two maroon stripes) or simple white ankle socks with no logos
- College tracksuit
- College cap or broad brimmed hat
- Rash vest (swimming)

UNIFORM INFRINGEMENTS

Students incur infringements for being out of uniform, these are documented in Compass. Students are required to complete a lunchtime coordinator detention (25 minutes) if they incur 2 x uniform infringements. Parents and students are notified for this via email.

Continually incurring uniform infringements will result in the escalation of consequences.

BEING SENT HOME (FOR ONGOING ISSUE/S ONLY)

When possible, students will be asked to go home (parent/carer will be asked to collect their son/daughter) to rectify any ongoing issues and return them to school. Once a formal letter has been sent to the parents/carers, students are eligible for withdrawal/suspension if they do not respond and comply with the Uniform Policy (even if they have not yet completed an afternoon detention).

Ongoing uniform issues will result in student privileges being taken away as well as students being exempt from extracurricular activities (including sport).

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS JACKETS

A number of students are recognised for their contribution to College sport and are issued a representative sports jacket. To be eligible for a jacket, a student must have been selected in and competed for NSWCCC at a NSW All-Schools or School Sport Australia event or win a NSWCCC title. A team must win a NSWCCC event OR win/come runners up in an All-Schools Event to receive a champions jacket. Students may only wear the jacket with their sports uniform.

SCHOOL BAG

The College Bag is compulsory for students currently in Year 7 and Year 8. This is bought directly from the Uniform Shop. It is optional for students in Years 9 - 12.

BADGES

College badges are issued throughout the year to recognise student participation in a range of College events. These include Public Speaking, CCC Sport, Debating and Environment Club.

YEAR 12 SENIOR JACKETS

Year 12 students are permitted to wear their Senior jackets on Thursday and Friday (unless negotiated) instead of their blazer. After Trial examinations Year 12 can wear their jackets every day. Students are still required to have a blazer for formal occasions.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS AND DISCOS

Holy Spirit College sometimes conducts 'Casual Clothes' days to raise funds for various charities. It is important that all students are dressed appropriately for the school day. Hence, clothing is expected to be appropriate for a Catholic school context, shorts of a modest length, no midriff tops, no singlets, clothing with inappropriate slogans/images. Additionally, students must wear covered footwear and during day time activities wear garments that will protect them from the sun.

SCHOOL SPORTING CARNIVALS

All students in Years 7 - 10 are to attend each school carnival in their College Sports uniform. Students in Years 11 - 12 should wear their full sport uniform (if they have it). Otherwise, their clothing should represent their house colour. It is important that all students are dressed appropriately. Hence, clothing is expected to be appropriate for a Catholic school context, shorts of a modest length, no midriff tops, no singlets, no clothing with inappropriate slogans/images.

EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

When representing the College at a sporting event students are to wear the College sports uniform to and from the event. The attire worn on the sporting field will be stipulated in the permission note. At any other event that a student attends (such as excursions, speech nights and musical events), they are to wear the full summer or winter uniform (as stipulated in the permission note).

Continued failure to comply with the College's Uniform Policy may result in a uniform monitoring level, withdrawal from class and ALL extracurricular events.