

UNIFORM POLICY

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Our uniform policy is founded on inclusivity. In its essence, the purpose of a school uniform is to enable all students to be included in the community and identifiable as St Margaret Mary's College. Rules and regulations regarding the wearing of the school uniform are enforced to ensure that students are not excluded on the basis of their access to resources. Wearing the school uniform correctly and consistently within the school grounds and in the wider community is a positive representation of pride in our College.

- To ensure our new College uniform is well presented please wash the dress on a gentle cycle to reduce crushing the fabric and reduce ironing. Always dry on a coat hanger in the shade and iron with a hot steam iron. The white collar needs to be white. Spray stain removers can be used regularly. Discourage the use of tinted sunscreens and foundation as these will mark the white collar irreversibly. Remove the tie when washing. The tie should be washed occasionally but remember to remove all badges first.
- Friday is our formal uniform day where all students will be required to wear their full formal academic uniform on Friday. If students have HPE or Dance lessons on that day, they will be required to change into their sports uniform for those lessons. Class teachers will give instructions regarding these requirements.
- In support of the College's **sun safe expectations**, students are required to wear their hats whenever they are outside the classroom. The only exception is when students are in the Benedictine Place. Students are required to have a hat with them at all times and must wear the sports hat with the sports uniform and the formal hat with the formal uniform. Students will be issued with a Uniform Notice for wearing the incorrect hat with the uniform they are wearing. Sports hats should be washed occasionally and the SMMC embroidery should be white and the House colour. Students in Years 7-12 are also required to wear an SMMC rashie for all swimming activities.
- Black formal school shoes should be completely black. Scuffed shoes can be buffed with some boot polish which comes in a variety of products for your convenience.
- A limited amount of jewellery is permitted: a watch, a plain ring ONLY, a plain chain with or without a cross or religious medal, two sets of earrings (small silver/gold studs or small sleepers only). Students with inappropriate jewellery piercings will be asked to remove the item. Refusal to do so may result in withdrawal from classes until the item is removed.
NOTE: Unacceptable jewellery and piercings will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term.

A Uniform Notification will be sent home when corrections arise that require a negotiated length of time to address. One week will be given to make the appropriate change unless otherwise negotiated via a member of the College Leadership Team. Students may be withdrawn from lessons after this negotiated time if they have not made the required changes.



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UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

At St Margaret Mary's College, the integrity of the College uniform is very important. The wearer of the uniform is a member of the College community and, as such, has certain obligations in upholding the integrity and significance of College traditions, values and expectations.

COLLEGE UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

- College formal dress (clean, around knee length). Dresses that are too short will require alteration. College formal checked blouse and tailored shorts or trousers
- The College tie, correctly tied and fastened with the College badge
- Plain white crew length socks
- Black lace up shoes with black laces to be worn with formal and semi-formal uniforms only
- College formal hat (in good condition) to be worn with the formal or semi-formal uniform only
- Blue SMMC jumper or jacket worn with either formal or sports uniforms
- Hair tied up neatly (white, blue, or natural hair colour ribbons and hair bands only)
- Earrings; one or two sets of small round plain gold or silver studs or small round gold or silver sleepers
- College sports polo shirt in house colour
- College blue sports shorts
- Sports shoes/joggers – must have suitable support for playing sport
- College sports bucket hat to be worn with sports uniform only
- Natural skin tone tights may be worn in winter
- Cartilage piercings in the ear must be clear studs for school

NOTE Please write your name clearly on the inside of all your uniform items. Please do not write your name on the brim of the hat or any other visible area.

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE? (PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE OUTLINE OF CONSEQUENCES)

It is not appropriate for students to wear make-up to school. Students with visible make-up (this includes: tinted lip gloss, eye liner, mascara and tinted false eyelashes) will be required to be removed

- All piercings in the nose, chin, brow, lip, tongue are to be removed entirely (Unacceptable)
- Pearls, gemstones or shapes other than round earrings are not permitted in the ears
- Bolts, extenders or any other items in parts of the face or ear
- Shoes with a strap (Mary Jane style), shoes that are slip-ons or shoes with a buckle
- Thongs/sandals
- Street shoes that lack ample support for sporting activity e.g. Converse, Dunlop Volleys or high tops
- All nail polish must be clear

Consideration and assistance will be applied to students with knee, leg or foot injuries on an individual basis.



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A Uniform Adjustment Notice will be sent home requiring a long term change to uniform when unacceptable uniform issues are raised. One week will be given to make the appropriate change, unless otherwise negotiated via a member of the College Leadership Team. Students will be withdrawn from classes after this period if they have not made the required changes in the required time frame.

Students in the incorrect uniform will be given a reflection time by receiving a yellow Uniform Notice. Uniform variations are only issued at College's **discretion** with a valid note from home, requesting a variation.

FRIDAY FORMAL UNIFORM

Friday is a formal uniform day where all students will be required to wear their full formal uniform. If students have HPE or Dance lessons on that day, they will be required to change into their sports uniform for those lessons. Class teachers will give instructions regarding these requirements.

HATS

Students must have a hat at all times to meet sun safety requirements. Uniform notices will be issued to students without hats. Students are required to wear the sports hat with the sports uniform and the formal hat with the formal uniform. Uniform Reflection Notices will apply.

JEWELLERY

A limited amount of jewellery is permitted: a watch, a plain ring **ONLY**, a plain chain with or without a cross or religious medal, two sets of earrings (small silver/gold studs or small sleepers only). Students with inappropriate jewellery piercings will be asked to remove them immediately. **NOTE:** Unacceptable jewellery and piercings will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term.

HAIR

Hair is to be tied back. Natural hair tones only (i.e, purple, crimson red, green, blue, split tones and coloured beads, etc. are not permitted). Students with non-natural hair colours may receive time-out from classes until the matter is resolved.

Colourful clips, ribbons or flowers in the hair are not permitted. Headbands and ribbons must be either the colour of hair or College colours (blue or white).

BODY ART

Tattoos or other forms of body art must be covered when at school, at any school events, or when in public in the College uniform. A lightweight discreet skin-toned bandage would be sufficient. Students may be withdrawn from classes until this is resolved.

CHEWING GUM

This is prohibited on College property and at school-related activities. No student should chew gum while in the College uniform. A Cleaning Reflection will apply.

PERSONAL HYGIENE



Due to associated respiratory health risks, students are not to bring aerosol deodorant spray cans or perfume to school. Roll-on deodorants provide an environmentally friendly alternative. Aerosol cans will be confiscated.

BEFORE AND AFTER HOURS

Students are asked to not attend shops in school uniform unless accompanied by a parent. If this is unavoidable, then the full College uniform must be worn including correct footwear. On any day when students have an early finish, students are not permitted to visit shops in uniform. No student is to be at shops in uniform during school hours unless on an excursion or for a school event (e.g. 8.35 am – 3.05 pm). Once dropped at school for the start of the school day, students are not permitted to leave College grounds before school to visit shopping centres and cafes.