



UNIFORM AND GROOMING POLICY

CONTEXT

Sacred Heart is a Catholic school in the Marist tradition. It boasts a proud tradition which requires all members of the school community to present themselves in a way which reflects the values and standards of the school. Necessarily, uniform places restriction on personal choice and requires consistency in presentation of all students.

PRINCIPLES

Uniform and student presentation at Sacred Heart will:

- be in accord with the rich history of the Marist Order
- reflect those symbols and traditions that are consistent with Marist heritage
- be of a standard that brings pride and credit upon the school
- be congruent with the high regard with which the school is held in the broader community
- avoid extreme trends and fashions, particularly with regard to hair, personal appearance and deportment

At all times, students are ambassadors of the school and are expected to wear the uniform in a way that presents a positive face of Sacred Heart College.

As an over-arching principle, the cost of uniforms will be kept as low as possible to ensure that all families can afford official school attire.

PROCEDURES

- Students are to wear the designated summer, winter and sports uniforms on all occasions when the school is being officially represented.
- The uniform shop will ensure that adequate stocks of uniforms are available for students in advance of the time that they are to be worn.
- Periodic review of uniforms will be undertaken to ensure that they adequately reflect the values and characteristics of the school.
- Changes to uniforms will be undertaken only through recommendation of the School Executive and approval of the School Council.
- Where students are in violation of the uniform policy, appropriate consequences will be incurred.
- Significant restrictions exist with regard to jewellery. These are outlined on page 2 of this policy.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Wearing the school uniform is a requirement of all students attending Sacred Heart College. The following standards apply:

1. The school uniform is to be worn in its complete and approved form:
 - (a) When the students are travelling to and from school
 - (b) To each class
 - (c) To all official school functions (Presentation Night, Parent Teacher nights etc.)
 - (d) As directed by the Principal or Executive staff.
2. The correct wearing of the school uniform is a prerequisite for attending classes.
3. Only the Principal, Deputy Principal, Director of Student Services or Director of Teaching and Learning may sanction any departure from these requirements.
4. The summer uniform is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4; the winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3.
5. Hair: Hair styles for both boys and girls should be tidy and neither grown nor groomed in an extreme or exaggerated fashion. Hair should be evenly cut, a natural colour, worn off the face and should not obstruct sight. Hair must be at least a "number 2" cut. Dreadlocks are not permitted.
6. Clean Shaven: It is the expectation of the College that all students will be clean shaven and will have side-burns no longer than the middle of the ear.
7. The only approved bag which students may use is the official Sacred Heart College bag or back pack. This must be maintained free of graffiti and other slogans.
8. Casual Clothes: There will be some occasions when students will be permitted to wear casual clothing. The following guidelines will apply:
 - clothing should be neat, clean and free of graffiti, damage or questionable slogans
 - thongs and bare feet are not permitted
 - tank tops and singlets are not permitted
9. Year 12 Jumper: This is an OPTIONAL item; it does not replace the blazer in Terms 2 and 3. The Uniform Shop will arrange for the jumpers to be embroidered; students may either supply their own jumper or order a monogrammed one through the shop.
10. House Braid: House Coordinators will provide House braid which is to be sewn on the blazer pocket.
11. **Jewellery and body piercing is not permitted with school uniform.**
The only exceptions relate to earrings and watches. Students may wear one plain small pair of sleepers or studs, one in each earlobe or they may wear one sleeper or one stud in the ear lobe only. Earrings are not to be worn during sport.
12. **Visible tattoos are not permitted** with the school uniform and must not be visible with the PE or sports uniform.

13. New and second-hand uniform items (except shoes) can only be purchased from the Tri Schools Uniform Shop.
14. Only minimum make-up may be worn. No eye-shadow, nail polish, bright lipstick or obvious mascara may be worn. **At the discretion of the Executive Staff, students may be sent home if they do not comply with this regulation.**

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