

STUDENTS STANDARD OF UNIFORM AND GROOMING

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1. Aim

The wearing of the College uniform should reflect both the pride we have as members of the Holy Cross College community and the self-respect of each person and removes many of the peer pressures associated with dress and grooming styles. It is important that parents and students actively support the correct wearing of the uniform.

| Sources of Authority | |
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| CECWA Policy | Community |
| Executive Directive | Student Safety, Wellbeing and Behaviour |

2. Scope

ALL

3. Definitions

The College uniform is to be worn to and from school, during the school day and at designated College events. The way students present themselves has an impact on the College's reputation in the community. The uniform is to be clean, well-pressed and in good repair. Students who do not comply with uniform standards for a specific reason on a particular day must have an explanatory note from their parents.

JUNIOR SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 4)

Junior School students in Kindergarten to Year 4 are required to wear the College sports uniform as described below. Year 4 students are permitted to wear the Middle and Senior School winter sports uniform e.g., College tracksuit pants and tracksuit jacket in preparation for Year 5.

TERM 1 AND 4

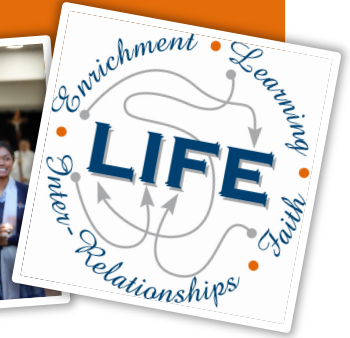
College grey sports polo shirt
Navy College shorts
Navy College cap or bucket hat
White College sports socks
Predominantly white sports shoes and white shoelaces

TERM 2 AND 3

College grey sports polo shirt
Navy College tracksuit pants
Navy College tracksuit jacket
White College sports socks
Predominantly white sports shoes and white shoelaces

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Students are required to wear their designated **House shirt on Fridays** and when participating in Physical Education lessons and for specified College events.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 1 may wear predominantly white sports shoes with Velcro straps, however, from Year 2 students are expected to wear predominantly white lace-up sports shoes.

JUNIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 5 to 6) AND MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOLS

GIRLS ACADEMIC UNIFORM

Term 1 and 4

- College summer dress (dress length to be at knee)
- College socks
- Low-heeled (no higher than 3cm) black lace-up school shoes (not boots)

Term 2 and 3

- College winter skirt (skirt length to be at knee)
- Blue shirt with College logo
- College grey long pants (with grey College socks)
- College jumper
- College blazer
- College navy tights or College socks
- College grey scarf (optional)
- Low-heeled black lace-up school shoes (not boots)

BOYS ACADEMIC UNIFORM

Term 1 and 4

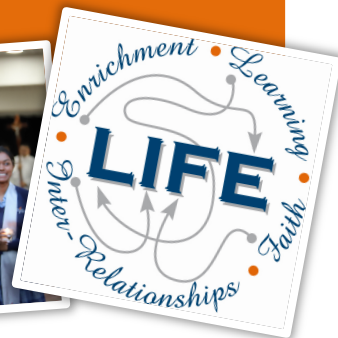
- College grey shorts (to be worn at the waist) or College grey long pants (Senior School boys only)
- Blue shirt with College logo
- College grey socks
- Low-heeled black lace-up school shoes (not boots)

Term 2 and 3

- College grey long pants (to be worn at waist)
- Blue shirt with College logo
- College jumper
- College blazer
- College grey socks
- Low-heeled black lace-up school shoes (not boots)

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FORMAL UNIFORM

On certain occasions students will be required to wear the College formal academic uniform. This is the winter academic uniform and includes the College jumper as well as the College tie for the boys and College navy tights for the girls.

COLLEGE HOUSE SHIRTS

Students are required to wear their designated House shirt every Friday and for specified College events.

SPORTS UNIFORM

The following is a list of uniform items required for Physical Education, Physical Education Studies, Sport and Recreation, Outdoor Education or Dance Education, some of which are compulsory and some optional.

Students are expected to bring the appropriate clothing items on all occasions including the first days of term and casual dress days unless directed by their teacher.

TERM 1 & 4 SPORTS UNIFORM

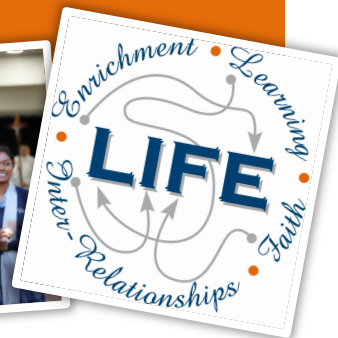
| Compulsory Items | Optional Items |
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| College grey sports polo shirt Navy College shorts Navy College cap or bucket hat White College sports socks Predominantly white sports shoes and white shoelaces | College tracksuit top, drink bottle |

TERM 2 & 3

| Compulsory Items | Optional Items |
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| College grey sports polo shirt Navy College tracksuit pants Navy College tracksuit top White College sports socks Predominantly white sports shoes and white shoelaces | Navy College shorts, navy College cap or bucket hat, drink bottle |

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SWIMMING / OUTDOOR WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

| Compulsory Items | Optional Items |
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| College bathers Towel Footwear (e.g., thongs or sports shoes) College sports bag | Navy rashie, goggles, navy College shirt, navy College shorts, navy College cap or bucket Hat |

DANCE UNIFORM

| Compulsory Items | Optional Items |
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| College grey sports polo shirt White College sports socks Predominantly white sports shoes and white shoelaces | Navy College shorts, College tracksuit top and drink bottle |

COLLEGE SPORTS BAG

Students need to use the College sports bag to carry their sports uniform on days they have their elective subjects such as Dance or Drama or for swimming and excursions. Other bags are not permitted.

COLLEGE BLAZER

In 2023 the College blazer will be optional for all students in Years 5-12.

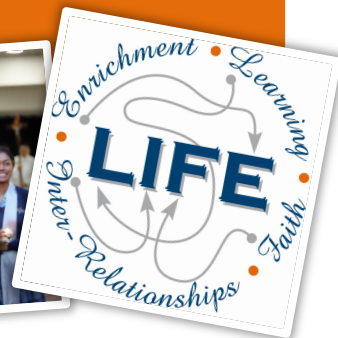
In 2024 all students enrolled in Year Five to Year Ten will have a compulsory College blazer. It will remain optional in Year 11 and 12.

By 2025 it will become compulsory for students enrolled in Year 11 to have a College blazer. It will remain optional in Year 12.

2026 will be the first year that the College blazer is compulsory for Year 12s with an optional leavers jacket to remain as part of the College Uniform.

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Transition Plan for College Blazer

| Year Level | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 onwards |
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| 5 - 10 | Optional | Compulsory | | |
| 11 | Optional | Optional | Compulsory | |
| 12 | Optional | Optional | Optional | Compulsory *Leavers Jacket remains optional |

After the transition period, there will be special events where students from Years Five to Twelve, will be required to wear their blazers, such as Award Assemblies and Annual Celebration Evening.

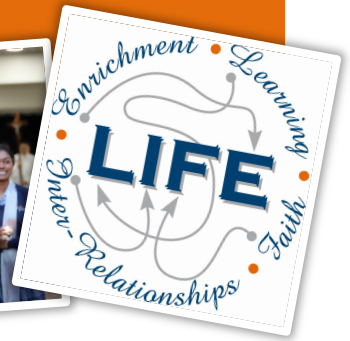
Students must wear the blazer to and from school. Students do not have to wear their Academic jumper when wearing the blazer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. On their allocated sports days, Junior School students (Years 5 – 6) are to wear their sports uniform to school and are not required to change into their academic uniform.
2. Students must come to and from school in their full academic uniform. The only exception is when the student is participating in an excursion that requires the wearing of the sports uniform or when a student is participating in before or afterschool school sports, in which case they will need to have their full academic uniform in their school sports bag.
3. Middle and Senior School students who have a Physical Education, Physical Education Studies, Sport and Recreation, Outdoor Education or Dance Education class will be required to get changed at the commencement of this period in allocated changing rooms.
4. Notes are to be presented to the teacher at the start of class if the student is unable to actively participate in the lesson due to injury or illness. Notes do not excuse students from participating in the non-practical components of the lesson and students will be used to assist/coach/umpire or complete theory work. Students who do not present a note will be marked as a *uniform consequence* until such time as a note can be presented for the injury or illness.
5. Students who do not have their full Physical Education uniform are to wear their academic uniform to and from school. They will then need to change into their Physical Education uniform just before their scheduled period and supply a note stating the uniform item that is missing and a reason why they do not have that item of the school uniform. The non-school clothing must be matched to a similar item of the Physical Education uniform.

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6. All notes must be written and signed by a parent / guardian.
7. If students are required to wear their sport uniform multiple times in a day, they are permitted to stay in their uniform for their next lesson over one break period only. For example: a student who has Outdoor Education Period 2 may stay in their sports uniform for their Dance lesson period 4, but would not be permitted to stay in their sports uniform if Dance was Period 6.
8. Students will be given consequences for uniform breaches in line with the College's detention process.

ALL STUDENTS

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

On some occasions students will be permitted to wear casual dress to school. On these days students must wear closed shoes (no sandals, thongs, etc). Students are not permitted to wear short skirts or shorts (the regulation length of the College sports shorts and skirts are the minimum length for these items). Students are also not permitted to wear low-cut or midriff tops, singlet tops or clothing with inappropriate slogans or logos.

COLLEGE BAGS

Only the College bag should be used each day to carry device, books and belongings.

HATS

It is compulsory that students wear a College hat for all outdoor activities during Terms One and Four. This includes recess, lunchtime, Physical Education classes and school excursions. Students who do not have a hat on at lunchtime will need to remain under the shade.

SCARVES

The College scarf may be worn outdoors in winter. No other scarves are permitted. Scarves may not be worn with the College tracksuit.

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS

No extra pieces of clothing are to be worn with the uniform, if visible. This includes t-shirts and singlets under College shirts.

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GROOMING AND APPEARANCE

Hair

General principles for all students include:

- Hair should be clean and kept neat and tidy
- Hairstyles should be business-like and conservative
- Hair should be a natural colour. No brightly coloured or streaked hair or multi-coloured hair, natural tints only
- Neat collar length or longer hair is to be tied back off the face. Long fringes must be clipped back off the face. Hair ties should be black, navy, orange or white narrow elastic hair bands, plain ribbon or a narrow scrunchie. Additional hair accessories such as butterfly clips, other decorative hair clips or hair extensions are not permitted
- Extreme fashion styles that include beaded-braids, rats' tails, dreadlocks, spikes or undercuts are not permitted
- No shaved heads or parts of head. The length of hair should be no less than a "number two" cut
- Excessive gel, mousse or wax is not permitted
- Sideburns must not be any lower than halfway down the ear and the face must be clean-shaven. Students in breach of this standard may be required to shave using the College provided shaving equipment
- Facial hair is not permitted, students should always be clean shaven. For cases of cultural significance, students are to seek approval from Deputy Principal – Inter-relationships.

Members of the College Leadership Team are the final arbitrators on any decisions regarding appropriateness of hairstyles and students will be expected to adjust their hairstyle without question.

Jewellery

Students are encouraged to wear a simple wristwatch to promote good habits of time management.

A single matching pair of small silver or gold studs or sleepers (one in the lobe of each ear) may also be worn. No other visible body piercing is permitted. Additional clear plastic studs, place holders or surgical tape are not permitted.

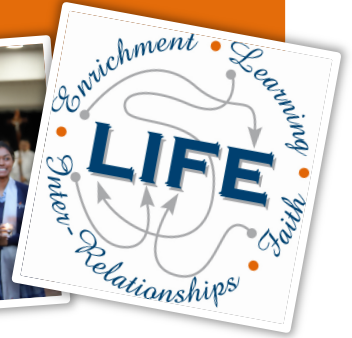
A simple, flat ring may be worn and a fine neck chain with a simple cross may be worn. Medical bracelets are allowed.

Excess jewellery will be confiscated and is to be reclaimed from the Wellbeing centre at the end of each day.

Students may be permitted to wear items of cultural significance after approval is granted by Deputy Principal – Inter-relationships.

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Make-up and Nails

Make up is not permitted; however, a light concealer may be worn to cover blemishes. False or acrylic nails and coloured nail polish may not be worn to school. No visible tattoos are permitted.

False eyelashes are not permitted.

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