

General Expectations

Wearing the College uniform is a way for our students to show pride in being part of the Holy Cross College community. It helps reduce the pressures that can come with different styles of dress and presentation.

The College uniform is to be worn to and from school, during the school day and at designated College events. Students' presentation contributes to the way our College is perceived within the community. The uniform is to be clean, well-pressed and in good condition.

Uniform: Kindergarten to Year 4

Junior School students in Kindergarten to Year 4 are required to wear the College sports uniform as described below.

- College grey sports polo shirt
- College sports shorts and/or College tracksuit pants
- College tracksuit jacket (optional)
- College bucket hat
- White College sports socks
- Predominantly white or black sports shoes and shoelaces which match the predominant colour.

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 sports shoes with Velcro straps, however, from Year 2 students are expected to wear lace-up sports shoes. Examples of appropriate sport shoes are on page 2.

Academic Uniform: Year 5 to Year 12

Shoes

Traditional black leather lace-up school shoes, with a low heel (no higher than 3cm) is to be worn with the academic uniform. Black sneakers, skate shoes, flat-soled or sandals are not permitted.



Shirt

The formal blue College shirt with the Holy Cross College logo can be worn all year. In Terms 1 and 4, it is worn with the College grey shorts or College trousers, and in Terms 2 and 3, the College shirt is worn with the College trousers or skirt.

Trousers/Shorts

Only the College trousers or shorts are permitted, and must be worn at the waist. Students are permitted to wear a belt with the College trousers however, it must be a plain, black belt.

Skirt/Dress

The College winter skirt is worn in Terms 2 and 3 with the College navy tights or white College socks. The College dress is worn in Terms 1 and 4 with the white College socks. Both the length of the dress and skirt must be at the knee.

Jumper

The College jumper is optional, and can only be worn with the academic uniform.

Socks

White College socks must be worn with the College dress or skirt. The College navy tights can be worn with the skirt in Terms 2 and 3. Socks and tights cannot be worn together. College grey socks are to be worn with the College trousers or shorts.

Blazer

The College Blazer is compulsory for Year 5-11 students in Terms 2 and 3. Students must wear the blazer to and from school, and students in Years 5-11 must have their blazer with them until the start of recess.

Year 12 students are permitted to wear their Leavers' Jacket in place of the College blazer however, must have a College blazer for formal occasions such as: whole-school assemblies, masses and celebrations.

College Bag

Only the College bag should be used each day to carry device, books and belongings. During the school day, it must be stored in the students' locker.

Scarf

The College scarf is optional, and can only be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

Hat

It is compulsory that students wear a College hat for all outdoor activities during Terms 1 and 4. This includes recess, lunchtime, Physical Education classes and school excursions. Students who do not have a hat on at lunchtime will need to remain in the shade.

House Shirt

Students are required to wear their designated House shirt every Friday and for specified College events with the College shorts or College tracksuit pants, white College sports socks and predominantly white or black sports shoes, and shoelaces which match the predominant shoe colour. The College tracksuit top is the only outer layer that can be worn with the House shirt (with the exception of the Leaver's Jacket for Year 12 students).

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.

- College grey sports polo shirt
- College shorts and/or College tracksuit pants
- College tracksuit top
- White College sports socks
- Predominantly white or black sports shoes, and shoelaces which match the predominant shoe colour
- College cap (Years 7 to 12 only) or bucket hat (Years 5 to 12) – compulsory Term 1 and Term 4; optional Term 2 and 3.

Sports shorts should be purchased and worn at an appropriate length.

Shoes

Predominantly white or black sport shoes are to be worn with the College sport uniform or on Fridays with House uniform. Shoelaces must match the predominant shoe colour. These shoes must provide adequate foot support. No skate-style sneakers, canvas or flat-soled shoes are to be worn.



Socks

White College sport socks are to be worn with the sports uniform. Plain white socks are not acceptable.

Swimming and Outdoor Water-Based Activities

The following items are required:

- Navy/black one-piece bathers or navy rashie and black speedos/board shorts
- Towel
- Footwear (sports shoes)
- College sports bag

Dance Uniform

The following items are required:

- College grey sports polo shirt
- College sports shorts or College tracksuit pants
- College tracksuit top (optional)
- White College sports socks
- Predominantly white or black sports shoes with laces which match the predominant shoe colour

College Sports Bag

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



Additional Information

Uniform Amendments or Exceptions

Every effort should be made to wear the College academic uniform. If a student is missing one part of the uniform, they should make every effort to wear the rest of the formal uniform (eg. sports shoes with academic uniform if academic shoes have been misplaced). The sports uniform should only be worn in emergency.

Students with a legitimate reason for being in their sports uniform, when they should normally be in their academic uniform, must have a note from their parent/guardian. This note should either be written, dated and signed by parent/guardian. An email from a parent/guardian is also acceptable: sent to the HTG teacher. A note or email does not necessarily mean that the reason is adequate. The following reasons are NOT acceptable (list is not exhaustive):

- Left part of uniform at friends, mum's or dad's house.
- In sport uniform because blazer is at the drycleaners.
- Uniform is in the wash.
- Forgot to bring regular uniform to school when there is training/activities before school.

Junior School Sports Days

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.

Middle and Senior School Students

Year 7-12 students must come to and from school in their academic uniform. 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 change at the commencement of this period in allocated changing rooms.

Exceptions to this rule are as follows:

- A 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 academic uniform in their school sports bag.
- A student has a timetabled Physical Education, Physical Education Studies practical class, Sport and Recreation practical class, Outdoor Education practical class or Dance Education class on a Wednesday, in which case they are permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school.

If a Year 9-12 student is required to wear their sport uniform three or more times in a day, they are to speak to their IRL who may issue a uniform exemption.

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, crocs 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.

Physical Education Exemptions

Notes to excuse a student from Physical Education classes 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 have the opportunity 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.

Formal Occasions

On certain occasions students will be required to wear the academic uniform along with the College tie for students wearing College pants and the College tights for students wearing the winter skirt. Students may also be asked to tuck their shirts in for these occasions.

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; additional socks underneath the College socks.

Uniform and Personal Presentation Breaches

Students will be given consequences for uniform and personal presentation breaches in line with the College's Behaviour Support Procedures.

Personal Presentation

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 bands, ribbons, scrunchies and claw clips should be black, navy, orange or white. Additional hair accessories such as butterfly clips or bows are not permitted.
- Extreme fashion styles that include beaded-braids, rats' tails, dreadlocks, spikes or undercuts are not permitted
- The length of hair should be no less than a "number one" cut. Gradual fades are acceptable. Students are not permitted to have tracks, patterns or 'shaved-in' lines in their hair. Eyebrow slits are not permitted.
- 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.
- For cases of cultural significance, students are to seek approval from the Deputy Principal – Inter-relationships or Head of Primary.

Final decisions around the appropriateness of hairstyles will be the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team.

Acceptable and unacceptable hairstyles/cuts are included below:



Jewellery

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

Students may wear one pair of small silver or gold studs (maximum 5mm) or sleepers (maximum 12mm diameter), one per ear in the lower lobe. Students may choose to wear one small silver or gold stud or sleeper in either but must be worn in the lower lobe. Clear plastic studs are not permitted.



No other visible body piercing is permitted. Clear plastic studs, place holders or surgical tape are not permitted.

A fine, lightweight gold or silver chain with a discreet cross or religious symbol may be worn. Medical bracelets are allowed.



A simple, flat ring may be worn. Rings should not include gems, stones, jewels, patterns, engravings or decorative designs.



No bracelets or bangles are permitted.

Excess jewellery will be confiscated and is to be reclaimed from the Wellbeing centre at the end of each day. Persistent wearing of excessive jewellery may result in prolonged confiscation.

Students may be permitted to wear items of cultural significance after approval is granted by Deputy Principal – Inter-relationships (Years 7-12) or Head of Primary (PK-Year 6).

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. False eyelashes are not permitted.

Pimple patches are not permitted.

Tattoos

No visible tattoos are permitted.