



St. Mary's College

Uniform Code

1 Introduction

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline and fosters allegiance between pupils and staff. This policy sets out the rules regarding uniform and although an independent school and therefore not obliged to, it takes into account Department for Education guidance 'School uniform', published in September 2013.

The College will not discriminate unlawfully on the grounds of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation and religion or belief. Parents are requested to read the College's Equal Opportunity Policy and Disability Policy for further details.

2 Description of Uniform

Full correct school uniform must be worn at all times. The definitive list is included in the College prospectus and Information for Parents Booklet; additional copies of the list are available from the School Office or the College Website.

All blouses / shirts must be tucked into skirts and trousers.

School ties should be worn with 7 full blue stripes showing below the knot.

Top buttons on shirts must be fastened at all times and tie knots covering that top button.

Girls must wear navy tights or navy knee length socks.

Boys must wear plain dark grey or black socks with no logos or markings.

Girls' hair must be neat and well groomed at all times. Long hair should be tied back off the face. Slides, bobbles and ribbons must be navy, black or maroon. Colour of hair must be natural. No hair colouring, striping or streaking. The Principal shall be the final arbiter of neat and well groomed.

Boys' hair must be neat and well groomed at all times. Boys' hair is not to exceed beyond the top of the collared shirt. No stripes, tails or shaved heads. Colour of hair must be natural. No hair colouring, striping, streaking. No spiked hair; no gelled hair, tails or exotic hairstyles; The Principal shall be the final arbiter of neat and well groomed.

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No jewellery permitted, except a watch for both boys and girls.

No make-up allowed.

Shoes should be plain black leather (or similar) and have a low heel height and no conspicuous markings. Canvas shoes or trainers are not appropriate. The College can provide guidance on the types of shoes considered appropriate.

Outdoor coats should be single colour, navy or black, three quarter length (plain without logos or other trimming) not leather or imitation leather or fur around the hood.

Scarves must only be those approved as part of the College uniform.

Those whose religious beliefs require variation to this code will be accommodated, taking into account reasonable adjustments for the smooth and safe running of the school.

3 Non-compliance

Failure to abide by the terms of this policy is a disciplinary offence. If pupils come to the College in incorrect uniform then, in the absence of a good reason, parents / guardians will be asked to remove them briefly until the pupil conforms. In the case of persistent non-compliance, the College may ask the parents/guardians to remove the child permanently.

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