



# SCHOOL UNIFORM & HAIR POLICY

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### Introduction

The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. In fact it is our policy that all students should wear School uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event, unless otherwise stated. This will aid to uphold the school image. We expect students to wear the complete uniform, always keep hair neat, avoid non-permitted accessories and always be well groomed. This document is to clarify and specify the list of items needed for the school uniform. It also provides details about haircuts, shoes, accessories and general appearance.

### Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies our students with the school;
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers.

## Uniform

We expect a high standard of personal appearance and very much appreciate parent/carers support in achieving this. All students are expected to wear the appropriate agreed school uniform at all times in school and for education related visits in the appropriate way.

1. Shirts must be tucked in and buttoned up at all times.
2. All pupils will be expected to wear a belt. Trousers to be worn at the waist. No hipsters allowed.
3. Ties are expected to be done up.
4. Students should wear their blazers on entry or exit from school, during Assembly and during official activities. During lesson-time, the student may choose to suspend the blazer to the hangers in his classroom.
5. Students involved in break-time sports tournaments can change into their sports kit at the start of the break. Any change of clothes must take place in the bathrooms. Students involved in break-time tournaments must change back to their uniform and return to their lesson location within 5 minutes from the end of the break.
6. All items of clothing must conform to the published uniform in terms of colour and style. They must be the official school items which can be purchased through the school's uniform supplier. No replacements accepted. (see table below fig. 1)
7. Ideally all items of clothing must be marked with the student's name.

## Compulsory items of the school uniform

You are to attend school wearing these compulsory items of the school uniform, as indicated:

Period of Year	Clothing	Footwear	
<b>Summer</b> Sept- end of October May-June	normal day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue School Polo Shirt</li> <li>• Dark Grey School Trousers</li> </ul>	Formal Black Shoes
	PE day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School PE Maroon T-Shirt</li> <li>• School PE Track Suit Trousers</li> <li>• School Black PE Shorts (to be worn only during PE lessons)</li> </ul>	Sports Shoes
<b>Winter</b> November-April	normal day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Shirt</li> <li>• School B/W striped tie</li> <li>• Dark Grey School Trousers</li> <li>• Grey School Jersey</li> <li>• Blue School Blazer</li> </ul>	Formal Black Shoes
	PE day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School PE Maroon T-Shirt</li> <li>• School PE Full Track Suit</li> </ul>	Sports Shoes

**Figure 1**

You are exempted from wearing the uniform on Uniform Free Days. You will be given prior notice by the school on the date and attire guidelines for such days.

## Hair

Ideally students are expected to keep short and neat but hairstyles can be very much up to interpretation in terms of how smart or appropriate they may be in a school setting. Therefore our school would like to make clear what are the 'conventional hair styles' as detailed in our school policy and those cuts which would not be appropriate for school.















		NO	
<b>Colour</b>	Natural hair colour is encouraged. Highlights and hair dye, tipped or dipped hair are not allowed.		
			
<b>Cut</b>	Hair cut should not be shorter than grade 3.		
	Graduated or stepped haircuts – hair which is shaved less than a grade 3 at the sides and long on top are forbidden.		
			
	Too long hair (below the collar) is strictly prohibited. No fringes/ long bangs that obstruct the eyes are allowed.		
<b>Designs</b>	The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts with designs. Any kind of line or pattern shaved into the side or top of the head are prohibited.  Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme designs such as tramlines, shaved lines, stars, extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts are forbidden.		
			

Figure 2

## Shoes

The school wants all students to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that are not appropriate for their feet, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list in figure 1 and figure 3.

It has come to our attention that some boys are wearing ‘trainer-like shoes’ which are marketed as school shoes. Our school does not consider these ‘formal leather shoes’ as indicated by the uniform policy. Here are some examples of what would be considered appropriate and inappropriate:

Appropriate school shoes <span style="color: green;">YES</span>	Inappropriate school shoes <span style="color: red;">NO</span>
	
	
	
	

**Figure 3**

We do not require our students to change the shoes immediately on the spot if they are not formal shoes, but we expect them to be replaced by the next day. If not, the student is immediately sent home.

## **Accessories**

You can wear a wrist watch. However, wrist bands, necklaces, rings and ear-rings (or other piercing) are not allowed to be worn on school premises. Non-transparent contact-lenses are also prohibited. Students are not permitted to cover their piercings and as such these have to be removed. Students not complying with this will be sent home. Unsuitable jewellery will be confiscated.

## **Cold weather accessories**

During the colder months, you might feel the need to further protect yourself from the chilly weather. Kindly follow these guidelines:

- **Scarves** must be grey or dark blue (no patterns or designs). You are to wear a scarf over your full uniform (including the school black and white tie and grey jersey).
- **Beanie Caps** must either be plain grey or dark blue (no patterns or designs). You can wear these outside (on the street or in school yard), but they must be taken off inside the school building (corridors and class-rooms).

## **Sanctions**

The School reserves the right to apply appropriate sanctions to students who exhibit extremes of body decoration, behaviour or dress not appropriate to the school environment.

Please note that students wearing incorrect uniform will be notified at the school entrance. There they are given a note from the Assistant Head to be allowed to join their lessons only for that day. We expect them that the next day the item must be in accordance with the school uniform, if not, student is sent immediately home.

Furthermore students will not be allowed to go on school outings if their uniform is not complete and may be sent home.

Students with fancy hairstyles will not be allowed to attend for lessons and will be sent home.

## **The role of parents**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and of appropriate fit.

Parents and guardians are kindly urged to support the School in upholding the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary image and ensure that their child abides by this uniform policy.