

ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Introduction

At St Mary's College, our uniform reflects a strong sense of pride, belonging and unity. It is designed to be functional, comfortable and suited to the diverse learning experiences of our students.

The College colours, along with our name and motto *Veritas*, make the uniform a visible expression of our values of community, justice and growth. When students wear the uniform, they are encouraged to embody and reflect these values in their daily lives.

2. Shared responsibility

The correct presentation of the College uniform is a shared responsibility between home and school and forms part of the agreement signed at enrolment. All members of our community support students to meet these expectations.

Wearing the uniform correctly demonstrates respect for self, for others and for the College. We recognise that students may need guidance, and our approach to follow-up is grounded in support and restorative practices, in partnership with students, parents/carers and staff.

Supporting compliance

Staff will remind students of the requirement and provide an opportunity to correct the issue. Where an item needs alteration or replacement, the College will contact the family and agree on a reasonable timeframe. Families experiencing difficulty obtaining the correct uniform are encouraged to contact the College for assistance. Repeated refusal to follow a reasonable direction will be addressed through the College's behaviour procedures.

3. The College Uniform

Purchasing College uniform

Parents and carers may purchase uniform items on behalf of an enrolled student. School uniform items are available only to enrolled St Mary's College students.

Uniform item (asterisk indicates permitted season; requirements are specified below)	Summer	Winter
St Mary's College Summer Dress	*	
St Mary's College striped skirt		*
St Mary's College Shirt (long or short sleeve)	* (short sleeve)	*
St Mary's College Tie	*	*
St Mary's College Blazer	*	*
St Mary's College Jumper	*	*
Choice of opaque navy tights of denier 50 or greater or white socks		*
Visible white socks	*	
Black lace-up flat school shoes	*	*
St Mary's College Scarf (optional)		*
St Mary's College School Bag	*	*
Head Scarves (Hijab) White or Navy Blue only	*	*
St Mary's College bucket hat	*	*
Shorts	*	
Long Pants		*
Pinafore (Junior School only)	*	*

4. Guidelines for correct wearing of the uniform

Thermals and undershirts

Thermal tops and fitted undershirts must be fully concealed by approved uniform items at all times. Long sleeves worn beneath a short-sleeved shirt must be covered by the College jumper or blazer with formal uniform, or by the College PE jacket or rugby top with PE uniform.

Dress & Skirt Length

Our uniform expresses our shared identity and belonging to St Mary's. Clear, consistent expectations support a common standard of presentation and help reduce pressure to compete through clothing and fashion.

Summer dresses and winter skirts must reach at least the top of the kneecap when standing naturally. Skirts must be worn with the waistband at the waist, without rolling or folding. Dresses and skirts must not be tucked up beneath jumpers.
Garments have adjustable hems to accommodate growth. Families are asked to check the length before each term and arrange alterations where required. Please contact the College if assistance is needed.

Summer Uniform – Terms 1 & 4

Students wear either the College summer dress, or College shorts with a short-sleeved College white shirt and College tie. Both options are worn with visible white socks and black flat lace-up school shoes. The College jumper and/or blazer may be worn for warmth.

A College hat must be worn during Physical Education lessons and during recess and lunch in Terms 1 and 4 if outside in the direct sun.

Winter Uniform – Terms 2 & 3

Students wear the College skirt or long pants, a long- or short-sleeved College white shirt, College tie, visible white socks or navy opaque tights of denier 50 or greater, and black flat lace-up school shoes. The College blazer must be worn to and from school. Year 12 students may wear their College Senior Jacket in place of the blazer when travelling to and from school. The College jumper may be worn beneath the blazer when travelling and as the outer garment at school. The College scarf may be worn for additional warmth.

A plain navy rain jacket, including a College-branded rain jacket issued for a school trip, may be worn when travelling to and from school in wet weather. In Terms 2 and 3, the rain jacket must be worn over the College blazer or, for Year 12 students, over the College Senior Jacket. Puffer jackets are not permitted.

During Terms 2 and 3, the College may authorise summer uniform when the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts a maximum temperature of 25°C or above. Permission will be communicated through SEQTA notices for the following school day.

School Bag

All students must use the College school bag to transport their belongings to and from school. Alternative or additional backpacks, sports bags and tote bags, including commercially branded bags, are not permitted unless approved by the College for a specific activity.

5. PE Uniform

- Polo Shirt – blue/white with monogram

- Shorts – navy monogrammed
- Skort – navy monogrammed (optional)
- Jacket - blue/white monogrammed (optional)
- Track pants – blue/white monogrammed (optional)
- Rugby top – monogrammed (optional)
- Visible white socks (Optional monogrammed socks available)
- Blue bucket/legionnaires hat or College baseball cap

Shoes – supportive athletic shoes suitable for running and physical activity. Leisure shoes such as Converse, Vans and Dunlop Volleys are not suitable.

To participate fully in Physical Education lessons, students must wear the correct PE uniform. The College PE polo shirt, shorts or approved skort, visible white socks, supportive athletic shoes and College hat or cap are required for PE lessons and sport. Students may wear PE uniform for the school day, including travel to and from school, when they have a timetabled PE lesson or lunchtime sports training. For training before school, students must change into formal uniform before lessons. For matches or training after school only, students must travel to school in formal uniform and change at school.

Correct uniform items

Puffer jackets and SMC-branded hoodies are not approved PE uniform items. For warmth, students may wear the College PE jacket, rugby top or track pants. The general rule for thermal tops and undershirts also applies to PE uniform.

The College may also authorise PE uniform for sporting events that occupy all or most of the school day, excursions or special activities. Families will receive notification confirming when this permission applies.

Labels

The uniform is a financial investment for families and is designed to be durable. All items must be clearly labelled, especially jumpers and blazers, so lost property can be returned to students.

Lost Property

The College's Lost Property Procedure can be found here: LINK.

6. Personal presentation

The uniform is a key symbol of our identity as a College community. When students wear it, they are expected to model behaviour and presentation that reflect our values and ethos.

Students can express their individuality while meeting the shared presentation requirements outlined below.

Hair

Hair must be a natural hair colour. Hair that reaches the shoulders or longer must be tied back and kept away from the face. Hair accessories must be white or navy blue scrunchies, bands, ribbons or clips.

Nails

Nails must be natural or coated with clear nail polish or clear shellac only. Nails must not extend beyond the fingertips and must be safe for sport, yard play, food handling and science activities. Coloured coatings, including nude shades, and acrylic nails are not permitted. These requirements apply whenever students attend school or school activities.

Make up

Makeup must be minimal and limited to light foundation or tinted moisturiser. False eyelashes and heavy makeup are not permitted at school or when representing the College.

Jewellery and Tattoos

Jewellery must be simple and comply with these requirements whenever students wear College uniform, including PE uniform. Items must be removed where required for safety during an activity.

Permitted items include:

- Up to two small studs or sleepers per ear
- A single thin, plain ring
- A small necklace with a cross or religious medal

Visible facial jewellery is not permitted. A clear spacer may be worn in a nostril piercing. Septum jewellery must be removed. Permanent and henna tattoos must remain covered.

7. Revision Record	
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