



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

Uniform Guide





Uniform Requirements

Students take pride in themselves and in their school by being neatly dressed and by behaving in a courteous and dignified manner on all occasions. Correct College uniform is to be worn at all times, including when travelling to and from the College. Students who wear unacceptable items and break the uniform code incur disciplinary action.

If for any reason a student is out of College uniform, a note of explanation from a parent/guardian must be shown to the House Group teacher who will issue a uniform pass. The student is to carry the pass for that day.

Special circumstances concerning the wearing of incorrect uniform are to be referred to the Deputy Principal

Formal Uniform

- Navy dress
- College badge on the left collar and House badge on the right collar.
- College socks with two blue bands – worn every day including with sports uniform. The College offers standard socks or padded socks and either style may be worn on any day. (Black tights may be worn as an alternative to socks in Terms 2 and 3. These are available from the uniform shop, however items purchased elsewhere should match. **Knee-hi stockings are not permitted at any time of the year**).
- Black leather traditional school shoe, flat-heeled (no more than 2.5 cm), lace up (**not slip on, buckle or Velcro**).
- College hat must be worn to and from school, on excursions and at all times during the school day. The hat must be in good repair.
- All students (Years 7 to 12) must purchase the College Blazer to wear to formal occasions such as assembly, awards night etc. Wearing of the blazer to and from school is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3.
- Under no circumstances is the College tracksuit or the sports cap to be worn with the formal uniform.

Sport Uniform

- Sport uniforms are to be worn on a Wednesday. Students may come to school and leave at the end of the day in their sport uniform.
- On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students undertaking HPE classes must wear their formal uniform to and from school. Students are to change prior to the HPE class and must change back into their formal uniform before leaving for the day.

Sport uniform consists of -

- College sports top (with green, red or yellow house panel).
- Navy shorts.
- College socks with two blue bands.
- Predominately white sport shoes with light, non-scuff marking soles – no gym boots, Cons, Volleys, Vans, soft canvas shoes and no featured caricatures e.g. ants, skulls etc.
- College sport cap or bucket hat must be worn at all times during the school day and to and from school.
- Year 12 senior shorts may be worn on Wednesdays as an alternative. Year 12 senior jerseys may be worn with sports uniform on Wednesdays during Terms 2 and 3 only. Senior jerseys are not to be worn with the formal uniform.

School Shoes

As you make your school shoe purchases, please remember that when students are wearing the formal school uniform they are to wear black leather lace up traditional school shoes with a maximum 2.5cm / 1-inch heel.

Wednesday Sport Days - Sports shoes must be supportive of your daughter's ankles and feet. Therefore, Converse, ballet slippers, Volleys, Vans or soft canvas shoes are not suitable footwear and are not permitted. Sport shoes should be traditional runners and must not be drawn on.

Additional Items

- The College shoulder bag or backpack are the only bags that may be used to and from the College.
- College tote bags must be used for excursions and may also be used to carry books to and from classes.
- Navy College Sport bags may be used to carry sporting gear and equipment but must not be used as a replacement for the College shoulder bag or backpack.
- The College padlock must be purchased from the uniform shop and used on student lockers.
- All students must purchase a tag for their school bag or backpack, which will be individually embroidered with the student's initial and surname. When attached, this bag tag helps students to identify their own belongings. Therefore, no ribbons, keyrings, stickers or other external markings are permitted on school bags.

Jewellery

The following items are the only acceptable accessories that may be worn at this College:

- Simple gold, silver, black or brown band wristwatch – no large or ornate, colourful designs. Students are not permitted to wear SMART watches or Fitbits. These devices can make and receive calls, text and other messages, take photos, videos and give directions, as well as having many other capabilities, while moving within the phone service area or connected to Wi-Fi.
- Plain metal stud or sleeper or College earrings (**one per lower earlobe**).
- No bracelets, rings or necklaces are allowed.

All cases of infringements will result in a detention. A repetition of wearing banned jewellery will incur significant consequences.

Piercings

One pair of sleepers or small studs or College earrings may be worn in the lower earlobe. These must be gold or silver *without* stones or shapes. No other studs (including nose and tongue studs) or spacers are acceptable, **even if they are clear**. No other piercings are permitted. Students will be asked to remove them and items held for collection by a parent/guardian.

Makeup and Nail Polish

No makeup, fake tan, fake nails or nail polish is permitted. This includes permanent or semi-permanent eye liners, eye lash tints etc.

Hair

Hair colour must be natural, one colour and cut in a conservative style. Hair of length to the collar must be tied up in either a pony tail or plait and tied back off the face with a College hair tie. A plain ribbon or navy scrunchie is also acceptable. Hair ties, clips and pins must be the colour of the hair.

Hair must be well groomed, off the face and eyes, and tied up as above if longer in length. Hair that is tied or braided must be in a style that allows for the effective wearing of the College hat.

Students are also able to purchase a hair tie from the Uniform Shop in house colours. This may be worn on Wednesdays when students are wearing their sports uniform.

Students must not shave their head, either fully or partially.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open at the following times during term:

Tuesday 7.45am – 8.25am

Thursday 7.45am – 8.25am

The Uniform Shop is closed during the last week of each semester for stocktake

Payment of uniforms can be made in the shop by cash, eftpos or credit card.

Parents of current students are able to make uniform shop purchases online, via the QKR phone App. Orders will be processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and students are able to collect their order from the office.

As a general rule, we recommend the following be purchased for all new College students.

Formal Uniform

2 formal uniforms

1 formal hat

College and house badges

4 pairs College socks

1 Jumper

1 Blazer

Sports Uniform

1 sports shirt

1 sport shorts

1 sports cap or

bucket hat

Other

1 school bag

1 tote bag

1 padlock

1 bag tag

Uniform Process

The various policies and procedures of this College are there for good order, safety and the promotion of life and learning in a positive environment. Sometimes people may think that we are being picky or pedantic when we take a stand on uniform, assessment timelines, or homework requirements, but these and policies like these are very important. They are the essential springboards to everything else in the College, because they are meant to grow mutual respect. The importance comes not from the imposition of power but from the establishment of boundaries and expectations.

The courtesy and beauty of our students are natural attributes that we enjoy each and every day. There are many other gifts and virtues residing in each young woman but they may well remain undiscovered, unless there is a challenge to change, nurturing to grow and goals to which one can aspire. The aim of our discipline is to do just those things.

So, correct socks are an issue on one level, but on a more important level, they are measurables that indicate whether a student is choosing to be a part of our community, committing herself to the job at hand, being proud of herself and aspiring to all that is attainable. The sock, or the hair, or the makeup are indicators, but at the level of our particular consciousness they represent an achievable and measurable assent to this school by students and their families, to our education and to our fullest view of the educated and impassioned MacKillop Woman. The requirements are emblematic of commitment and that is why they are important.

This is all at the high end of thinking behind our policies, but also, there is the consequence of not being committed. Our process for non-commitment is simple but so very important:

1. The first breach of requirements merits lunch time detention;
2. The second breach will attract a longer detention;
3. A third breach requires a parent interview and suspension because the issue becomes one of defiance;
4. Subsequent breaches will be serious matters.

May I stress that this process is not meant to be confrontational or unduly punitive. It is meant to indicate that we are serious about our educational goals and our commitment to our young women. I believe that families expect this of us as that is my common experience.

Principal