

Sacred Heart College



Yarrowonga

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Uniform Policy

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RATIONALE

This policy sets out Sacred Heart College expectations regarding student uniform which is to be worn in its entirety to, whilst at and from the College. The purpose of a uniform is to promote a shared sense of school identity and ensure students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities; ensure students are easily identifiable; strengthen the profile and identity of the school and its students within the broader community; encourage students to take pride in their appearance and prepare students for the expectations of the workplace.

The College seeks to endorse an inclusive, cost-effective uniform that meets the needs of the community.

Please note: A 12 month transition period will occur to accommodate changes to the policy. All students are expected to comply with policy changes from Term 1, 2026.

COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

We aim to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety. All students enrolled, and visiting, have a right to feel safe and to be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance to child abuse.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Sacred Heart College:

- Is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities are not discriminated against and are accommodated to participate in education on the same basis as their peers,
- acknowledges and responds to the diverse needs, identities and strengths of all students,
- students with disabilities and additional needs are treated with respect and are involved in making decisions about their education
- will make reasonable adjustments, where necessary, to accommodate students with disabilities or additional needs.

A positive classroom environment is fostered contributing to positive attitudes and beliefs about disability, positive learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for all students.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

School uniform is compulsory at Sacred Heart College and all students are expected to take pride in their appearance and grooming. The correct uniform option is to be worn in its entirety to and from the College with no reductions or additional items worn to, from or during the school day. Undergarments must not be visible from uniform items. Full school uniform is to be worn to all excursions and occasions as advised. The Physical Education uniform may be worn to and from school on days when students have Physical Education classes. All items of uniform are required to be in good, well-fitting condition.

Students may wear either the Summer or the Winter uniform at any time throughout the school year however, each uniform must be worn in its entirety. A student may not wear a combination of Summer and Winter at the same time.

Plain navy scarves, gloves and Sacred Heart beanies can be worn to and from school, and outdoors in the colder months. These items are not to be worn indoors during class time.

Dress Length

The College dress and skirt is to be worn within five centimetres of the top of the knee.

Hair and Personal Grooming

Whilst the College recognises that hairstyles are a matter of individual style and taste, all students are required to keep their hair neat and clean.

- Hair colours must remain within variations of natural colours. Extremes of colour are not permitted.
- Hair must be worn off-the-face. Hair that reaches the collar must be tied back.
- It is preferred that students are clean-shaven: however, students in Years 11 and 12 may wear neat, short-cropped facial hair.
- Visible or partially visible tattoos are not permitted.

Hats

In line with the College's Sun Smart Policy, students must wear the College hat during Term One and Four whilst outside of school buildings during recess, lunch, Physical Education classes and other outdoor activities.

Jewellery

| Permitted Items | Prohibited Items |
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| One watch, medical alert bracelet, one charity band; | Rings |
| Two pairs of small ear studs or sleepers; | Facial, tongue and visible body piercings. |
| One fine-chain necklace, or medical-alert necklace. | Bangles or bracelets; |

A clear spacer may be worn to accommodate nose piercings which must be removed during the school day.

Make-up

Make-up, including but not limited to blush, eyeliner, eye shadow, lipstick, nail polish and mascara is not permitted. A student is permitted to wear a light covering of natural foundation that matches their skin tone.

Uniform Exceptions

Students not in full school uniform are required to have an explanatory note or email from a parent or guardian. The student must present this note to their Learning Advisor to be signed. It then becomes a uniform pass for the day. Alternatively, a parent or guardian may ring the office between 8:20 and 8:50 am to advise that the student will be out of uniform. The Learning Advisor will be informed of the situation. When out of uniform, the expectation is that the student will wear the College Physical Education uniform. In the event that this is not possible, students must look neat, modest and presentable. Denim jeans, sandals or thong-style slip on footwear are not regarded as suitable and are not to be worn under any circumstances. Students out of uniform

without appropriate explanation on the third and any subsequent instance will be placed on detention.

Summer Uniform

All students from Years 7-12 may elect to wear one of the following options

OPTION 1

- Navy tailored shorts
- Short sleeve, light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket
- VCE ONLY: Short sleeve, white button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket

OPTION 2

- Brunella College dress

Winter Uniform

All students from Years 7-12 may elect to wear one of the following options

OPTION 1

- Navy pants
- Light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)
- VCE ONLY: White button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)

OPTION 2

- College winter skirt (mixed check)
- Plain, navy tights
- Light blue button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)
- VCE ONLY: White button through shirt with embroidered College emblem on pocket (available in long or short sleeve)

Additional Items

- Plain navy scarf
- Plain navy gloves
- Sacred Heart beanie

Common Elements

- College pullover (wool or cotton option available)
- College soft-shell zip-through jacket (to be worn as outer garment)
- Plain white socks (no logos may be visible)
- Black, leather shoes (no mesh or coloured, visible logos)

Physical Education Uniform

All students from Years 7-12

- Unisex navy sport short
- College sport polo shirt
- Navy microfibre track pants

- Navy, quarter zip fleece with College emblem
- College soft-shell zip-through jacket
- Plain white socks (no logos may be visible)

Sports Shoes

Sports shoes are to be worn with the Physical Education uniform. Shoes must be a runner or cross-trainer style designed to provide support during physical activity.

All uniform items available from Judd's Yarrawonga

REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed at least every three years.

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