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COLLEGE

# Uniform Policy

## Scope

This policy applies to all students of the school. It aims to define the correct dress code for the student population.

## Rationale

Wearing the uniform is a school rule and it must be worn at all times without modification. We mean, not only wearing the correct uniform, but also looking smart in it. Parents show their children and the school that they support the school in its efforts to maintain high standards of behaviour by ensuring that their daughter/son wears the correct uniform. Students are expected to wear the uniform with pride and respect and be conscious that every time they wear it, they represent our school community. Full uniform must be worn with pride from the time you leave home until you return and during out of school activities.

The uniform exists because:

1. It educates students on socially acceptable dress codes
2. It is more economical for parents
3. It prevents expensive or hurtful competition
4. It eliminates a possible cause of bullying
5. Compliance with school requirements on uniform reduces conflict and ensures that efforts are concentrated on teaching and learning.

Each student has the responsibility to be dressed in full uniform only, while in school. Out of respect for themselves and others in the community, students are encouraged to be neat and tidy.

## The Junior Uniform

- Teal V-Neck Jumper (navy stripe on v neck and cuffs) with Crest
- White shirt and school tie
- Grey “casablanca” trousers for girls and grey “virginian” trousers for boys or plaid **knee length** skirt [It may be necessary to purchase a skirt an inch or two longer than this to allow for growth during the year.]
- Navy socks or plain navy tights
- Black soft-soled shoes or black runners. Boots are not allowed.



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### The Senior Uniform

- Teal V-Neck Jumper (navy stripe on v neck and cuffs) with Crest
- White shirt and tie
- Navy “casablanca” trousers for girls and “virginian” trousers for boys or plaid **knee length** skirt [It may be necessary to purchase a skirt an inch or two longer than this to allow for growth during the year.]
- Navy socks or plain navy tights
- Black soft-soled shoes or black runners. Boots are not allowed.
- Grey Blazer with crest

**Please note that for 2024/2025, only 6<sup>th</sup> Year students will be authorised to wear the Scoil Bhríde or Presentation College uniform.**

### Skirt Length

Two uniform lengths are now available. As a student grows, it is expected that parents will continue to ensure that their daughters adhere to skirt length.

### Sports/PE Uniform

- Polyester full length black or navy (non-patterned) running pants/gym pants/tracksuit bottoms
- White polo shirt/t-shirt
- Suitable runners and socks
- School crested outer top from O'Neill's website

Please note that for the 2024/2025 academic year, only 6<sup>th</sup> Years are exempt from purchasing the O'Neill's High Cross College crested top for P.E.

Headscarves must be plain navy or grey.

Students are required to present to all classes before and after P.E. class in full uniform. The P.E. uniform is not a substitute for the school uniform.

On occasion, the PE uniform may be worn for extra-curricular activities, but this will be specified by the organising teacher in advance.

During cold spells of weather, students are encouraged to wear additional layers of clothing under their uniform and are not permitted to wear items of clothing (including crested sports tops) over their uniform in the school building.



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On occasion, groups of students may purchase hoodies (6<sup>th</sup> Yrs, TY, Teams etc). They may not be worn with the school uniform or as a replacement for an item of the school uniform.

### Jewellery

Jewellery must be discreet as determined by school management and in keeping with school ethos and dress code. Jewellery should be small, unobtrusive and not pose a hazard. With regard for health & safety, large or long earrings are not allowed during school time.

Piercings: subtle ear and nose studs are permitted but these must be removed for P.E. and Sport. Septum piercings and other visible piercings are not allowed

Students will be asked to remove jewellery in excess of that allowed. Excess or inappropriate jewellery may be confiscated.

### Make-Up

- The wearing of make-up to school is not encouraged but if worn, it must be discreet and inconspicuous.
- Students must not wear fake tan.
- For reasons of Health & Safety, long nails, whether acrylic or natural, are not permitted to participate in practical work and students will be assigned academic work to complete.
- False eyelashes are not allowed.

### Badges

Only student leader badges awarded by the school may be worn.

### Parent and Student Procedure

Parents/Guardians have the responsibility to provide the full school uniform as stated below for their daughter/son and to insist they wear it.

- The student's name should be marked on all items of uniform
- Parents need to ensure that students have comfortable and safe uniform footwear.



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- Parents should ensure that the school skirt is the appropriate length. Students will be sent home if the skirt length is too short.
- A student wears their uniform in school for more than 35 hours every week along with several more hours coming and going to and from school. Every student should have two uniform outfits. New items may need to be purchased each year as students grow. Excuses and notes from parents that result from having only one uniform which is in the wash etc. are not acceptable and students will be supplied with a replacement at school for the day.
- Students may be asked not to attend classes if not in full uniform.
- Any student who is too ill to wear their full uniform in school must produce a medical cert to this effect.
- Students will be sent home immediately if co-operation in this area is not forthcoming.

### School Management has the responsibility to

- devise a suitable school uniform and to review it annually
- to monitor the dress code in the school on a day-to-day basis
- to inform parents when their daughter/son is repeatedly in breach of this school rule

### School Procedure

1. Students out of uniform are made known to the Deputy Principal in charge of the Year group.
2. Non-uniform jackets, scarves etc. are not allowed to be worn in class or on corridors (with the exception of students on South Campus during cold months).
3. Students will be asked to remove non-school uniform items.
4. If a student is missing a uniform item and if the school has a garment that fits, the student may be loaned the necessary garment for the day to return to class.
5. If a student refuses to wear a school garment, the student will be sent home.
6. All parents' notes are filed by the Deputy Principal in charge of the Year Group and a record is kept of infringements on Compass.

We are immensely proud of our students and how they represent us in the community. The standard of our school uniform is an integral part of this. Repeated infringements of our uniform code will be followed up according to our Code of Behaviour and will result in sanctions up to and including suspension.