

2024 STUDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Whitsunday Christian College maintains a uniform policy for all students, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to upholding high standards.

A standardized dress code contributes significantly to fostering a positive and focused learning environment that nurtures academic excellence, fosters a sense of community, and prepares students for future endeavours.

Wearing the college uniform is a time-honored tradition that serves several important purposes in our educational community:

1. **Promotes a Sense of Identity and Belonging:** Wearing a school uniform fosters a sense of identity and belonging among students. It creates a visual representation of the school community, reinforcing a shared sense of pride and unity.
2. **Enhances a Positive Learning Environment:** Uniforms contribute to a positive and focused learning atmosphere by minimizing distractions related to clothing choices. A standardized dress code helps create a serious and purposeful environment conducive to academic success.
3. **Encourages a Professional and Respectful Appearance:** School uniforms instill a sense of professionalism and respect for oneself and others. Students dressed uniformly project a neat and tidy appearance, reinforcing the values of respect and responsibility within the school community.
4. **Prepares for Future Responsibilities:** Wearing a school uniform prepares students for future responsibilities in the professional world where dress codes are often in place. It instills habits of adherence to rules and standards, contributing to the development of valuable life skills.

The school uniform and presentation standards are compulsory for all students. These requirements are non-negotiable and constitutes a fundamental condition of enrolment at Whitsunday Christian College.

Consequently, we expect all students to adhere to the prescribed uniform guidelines, with parent support. Non-compliance with the uniform policy will not be tolerated, and actions will be taken for those who do not meet the established standards.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our school remains a place of order and respect maintaining cooperation and responsibility. The school uniform policy is a vital component of maintaining college standards and enrolment obligations, and we anticipate your support in upholding this commitment.

Prep to Year 12 Uniforms

Student Uniforms and College accessories are to be purchased through the College Uniform Shop.

Items including shoes, socks and winter pants can be purchased from local retailers, adhering to the required specifications.

Parents/Carers are responsible to ensure students leave for school prepared to meet the personal presentation and uniform code articulated below. Students are required to enter and exit school grounds in full College Uniform.

Uniform Compliance

We trust families will honour their commitment in adhering to the school uniform requirements and intervention is not required. Parents will be notified if students are not meeting requirements and a formal process will be actioned, involving Home Class Teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal.



Uniform – Primary School

Prep – Year 6

Students wear three different types of uniforms throughout the week, including Formal, Sports and House uniform.

Formal

Girls

Tartan dress

Boys

Navy gabardine shorts
Primary jade polo shirt

Sports

Boys and Girls

Unisex Sports polo
Unisex sports shorts

House

Boys and Girls

Unisex House shirt
Unisex sports shorts

Winter Options

Formal Girls

College fleece jacket
Navy tights with tartan dress
(Navy tights must cover the foot, no leggings, or socks to be worn).



Formal Boys

College fleece jacket
Navy dress pants or track pants



Sports Girls & Boys

Navy track pants with the sports uniform



Accessories

- College Bucket Hat - Compulsory each day
- College Backpack - Compulsory for Prep – Year 6
- College Library Bag - Compulsory for Prep – Year 6

Footwear

Black leather runners that can be polished
¼ crew socks

Boys: Black



Girls: White



** Anklet socks are not permitted*

Uniform – Secondary School

Year 7 – Year 10

Students wear three different types of uniforms throughout the week, including Formal, Sports and House uniform.

Formal

Girls

Striped blouse with tie
Navy skirt

Boys

Striped shirt
Navy tab shorts

Sports

Boys and Girls

Unisex Sports Polo
Unisex Sports Shorts

House

Boys and Girls

Unisex House Shirt
Unisex Sports Shorts

Winter Options

Girls

College V Neck Jumper or Taslon Jacket
Navy tights or navy stockings with skirt
(Navy tights must cover the foot, no leggings, or socks to be worn).



Boys

College V Neck Jumper or Taslon Jacket
Navy dress pants or track pants



Sports

Navy track pants with the sports uniform only



Accessories

- College Bucket Hat - Compulsory each day
- College Backpack - Compulsory for Year 7 – Year 12

Footwear

Black leather runners that can be polished
¾ crew socks

Boys: Black



Girls: White



** Anklet socks are not permitted*

Year 11 – Year 12

Formal

Girls

White College blouse
Girls' tie
Navy skirt

Boys

White College shirt *
Boys' tie (Terms 1 – 4)
Navy tab shorts
**Boys shirts are to be tucked in and belt worn*

Sports

Boys and Girls

Unisex Sports polo
Unisex sports shorts

House

Boys and Girls

Unisex House shirt
Unisex sports shorts

Winter Options

Girls

College V neck jumper or Taslon Jacket
Navy tights or navy stockings with skirt
(Navy tights must cover the foot, no leggings, or socks to be worn).
Year 12 Jersey



Boys

College V Neck Jumper or Taslon Jacket
Navy dress pants or track pants
Year 12 Jersey



Sports

Navy track pants with the sports uniform only



Accessories

- Broadbrim formal hat - Can be used on formal occasions, if preferred
- Bucket Hat - Compulsory for all outdoor activities
- College Backpack - Compulsory for Year 7 – Year 12

Footwear

Black leather runners that can be polished
¾ crew socks

Boys: Black



Girls: White



** Anklet socks are not permitted*

Uniform – All Students

Please Note:

- Sports shorts should be of a modest length
- Dress or skirt is to sit **on or just above the knee**

Winter uniform note:

- Track pants listed are inexpensive plain navy (no stripes or branding) available from Big W or similar stores.
- If girls wish to change from tights or stockings during the day, they will need to bring white socks.
- Leggings are not permitted.
- We encourage students to bring shorts to change into as the day becomes warm.

Shoes & Socks - Primary and Secondary

Shoes

Shoes & socks form part of our uniform standards. These items can be purchased from local retailers.

Two options exist:

Option A

Completely black (no stripes or non-black logos), all leather uppers, traditionally laced or velcro, able to be polished with black polish, trainers. Small portions of mesh or tiny logos are permitted. Refer to examples.

Shoes must not:

- have thick laces or flat soles
- be Sports/Skate designs, like Globe Brand
- have designs with mesh or material or plastic strips etc
- have visible large non-black logos
- be canvas or suede

Option B

Traditional Clark or Bata like style entirely black enclosed leather school shoes for formal uniform (available at local shoe shops) and the approved completely black leather trainers for sports/house uniform days.

Note definite heel and sole on dress shoes

Shoe Maintenance

- All laced shoes need to be correctly tied with black laces
- Black shoe polish to be used on all shoes to maintain condition
- Worn shoes need to be replaced



Socks

All Girls - White 1/4 crew socks (to sit at least 3 cm above the ankle)

All Boys - Black 1/4 crew socks (to sit at least 3 cm above the ankle)

* Anklet socks are not permitted.

Shoes not permitted



Uniform Non-compliance Process

We trust families will honour their commitment in following school policies and rules and that our intervention is not required.

If students do not follow these requirements the following will apply:

- Students will be notified of uniform breach and home class teacher will contact parents to seek support to rectify compliance.
- If no follow through, a formal letter will be sent home to parents. Parents will be given a one week to ensure their child meets the uniform standard.
- Failing this, the student will be sent home and a meeting with the Assistant Principal/Principal and parent will be held. Immediate action is required by the family before child may return to school.

Presentation Standards

Hair Requirements

Students need to have conventional independent school hairstyles that enable the school hat to be worn correctly. All students need to ensure their hair cut/style meets the Uniform Code.

Boys

- Neat and practical haircut/style
- Short hair that is away from ears, collar and eyebrows (short back and sides) – hair is not to be tucked behind or over ears.
- No undercuts, steps, mullets, mohawks, rat-tail or tracks and hair is to be graded/blended in
- Example of appropriate style cut:



- Boys need to be clean shaven always
- Natural hair look in terms of colour:
 - **Primary School (Prep – Year 6)** students need to maintain their natural hair colour
 - **Middle Phase (Year 7 – Year 10)** students need to maintain their natural hair colour
 - **Senior Phase (Year 11 – Year 12)** students need to maintain their natural hair colour

Girls

- Neat and practical haircut/style
- Collar length hair (touches collar) needs to be completely tied back
- No hair on face – if short it needs to be behind ears, if long, then as above
- Fringe must not be able to touch your eyebrows
- Natural hair look in terms of colour.
 - **Primary School (Prep – Year 6)** students need to maintain their natural hair colour
 - **Middle Phase (Year 7 – Year 10)** students need to maintain their natural hair colour

- **Senior Phase (Year 11 – Year 12)** students may have additional natural colour variations
- Girls' hair accessories (ribbons, small bows, clips) are to be navy, white, brown or black or actual school pattern with any uniform



- Girls' hair ties may be natural hair colour, navy or black
- Sports Carnivals - girls may wear hair accessories and hair ties that match their house shirt

Non-compliance Process

We trust families will honour their commitment in following school policies and rules and that our intervention is not required.

If students do not abide by outlined requirements the following will be actioned:

- Students will be notified and parents will be contacted by the home class teacher to seek support to rectify compliance.
- If no follow through, a formal letter will be sent home to parents. Parents will be given one week to ensure their child's hair meets the code.
- Failing this, the student will be sent home and a meeting with the Assistant Principal/Principal and parent will be held. Immediate action is required by the family before child may return to school.

Make-up

We promote skin care. All students are encouraged to apply sun protective moisturiser each day before coming to school. With our focus on healthy living and study we do not believe make-up nor the time it takes should be part of school life.

However, to help students through their school life, we want to work with our students by permitting the following:

- **Primary School Girls (Prep – Year 6):** No make-up permitted. Lip balm may be used.
- **Middle Phase Girls (Year 7 – Year 10):** No make-up permitted but you may use a 'natural looking' (make-up that matches your skin tone) light foundation if you need to.

- **Senior Phase Girls (Year 11 – Year 12):** If you feel it is necessary, you may use basic make-up to achieve a light and natural look. Please understand it is the heavy use of mascara and eyeliner that will make you outside the code.

The following are not permitted:

- Nail polish or nail decoration (including extensions)
- Coloured contact lenses
- Extreme eyelash extensions and eyebrow tattooing
- Noticeable artificial tan

Non-compliance

If students do not abide by outlined requirements the following will be actioned:

- Students will be asked to remove non-compliant make-up.
- Home class teacher contacts parents to seek support to rectify compliance.
- Consistent non-compliance will result in the child being sent home and meeting held with Assistant Principal/Principal.

Jewellery and Body Art

Girls

Allowable jewellery for girls is two pairs of plain earrings e.g. sleepers (no bigger than 1 cm in diameter) or small studs either gold, silver or white diamond. No pearls. Earrings are to be worn in the lower ear lobes. New piercings are not exempt from the policy.

A traditional looking, functional watch or tech fitness watch can be worn. No smart/tech watches allowed without prior approval from the Principal or Assistant Principal.

A medic-alert neck chain or bracelet may be worn where this is required for a medically approved reason. Rings, bracelets, anklets or necklaces are not acceptable.

Boys

Allowable jewellery for boys is a watch only. A traditional looking, functional watch or tech fitness watch can be worn. No smart/tech watches allowed without prior approval from the Principal or Assistant Principal.

A medic-alert neck chain or bracelet may be worn where this is required for a medically approved reason. Rings, bracelets, anklets or necklaces are not acceptable.

All students

Body piercing is not acceptable while attending this College (this includes using plastic plugs or Band-Aids or other bandages to cover piercing).

Please note: new piercings are not exempt from the policy.

We do not consider tattoos an acceptable form of adornment for students. It is a determination for when they are adults. If a student was to present with a tattoo, then they would be required to wear clothing to cover up the tattoo whilst at any College activity.

Non-compliance Process

- 1st offence - lose item for the day and is to be handed in to Administration. Student to collect item at the end of the day.
- 2nd offence - the item is confiscated and handed in to Administration. The breach is logged by the teacher in Edumate and letter issued to Parent/Carer. Parent/Carer needs to bring the letter in to collect the jewellery on behalf of their child from Administration.
- 3rd offence - the item is confiscated for the Term and handed in to Administration. A letter is sent to the Parent/Carer advising to collect jewellery at the end of the Term. Students will review uniform requirements over multiple lunchtime detentions and an Internal Suspension considered where applicable.
- Continual defiance will result in the student being sent home and a parent meeting with the Assistant Principal/Principal to be held.