

## UNIFORM POLICY 2019

### GUIDELINES

The College Council, empowered under Government regulations, supports a policy of compulsory uniform and a dress code. It is the duty of the College to enforce the correct wearing of the designated College uniform.

### INTRODUCTION

The wearing of a uniform contributes positively to the identity of our College and helps create in our students a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves. In particular it demonstrates and encourages in our students a sense of being part of the Matthew Flinders 'Sisterhood'. The 'sisterhood' is an important concept for us. It signals that we can rely on one another, that we are entitled to the support and the benefits of our college and that each of us needs to contribute to the welfare and support of our 'sisters.'

While a uniform is not essential to this concept, it is a helpful and positive symbol of the camaraderie and sense of service that is encouraged at the College.

We therefore require all our students and their families to support the uniform policy and to ensure that it is worn in a way that does credit to them and to our College.

### GENERAL – FOR ALL STUDENTS YEARS 7-12

The College uniform is to be worn to and from the College as well as at the College and on such other occasions as indicated by the Principal or Assistant Principals. On College activities conducted in the wider community, students will be advised if full College uniform, sports uniform or casual clothing is to be worn.

Correct College uniform is to be worn to all College excursions and events unless otherwise approved by the Principal or Assistant Principals

## YEAR 7-12 UNIFORM

One of the following:

- MFG navy blue and red dress (acceptable length just above the knee)  
OR
  - MFG blue and red skirt (acceptable length just above the knee) with MFG white shirt  
OR
  - MFG navy shorts (acceptable length just above the knee) OR MFG pants with the MFG white shirt
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- Completely plain white, black or blue socks OR completely plain navy or black tights
  - MFG red jumper with 'V' Neck (Optional)
  - MFG navy blazer (Compulsory)
    - The blazer is to be worn to and from the College every day, unless notice is given that it may be removed because the heat is excessive
    - The blazer is to be worn to Assembly, all formal occasions and on excursions where uniform is required
  - MFG hat (optional)
  - Black leather lace up shoes only (no 'T' Bar style or boots)



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Only on days when students have Physical Education classes may they wear their PE uniform to College, throughout the day and when travelling home.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS UNIFORM



The PE uniform consists of the following:

### Compulsory items:

- MFG polo top
- MFG shorts
- Plain white socks
- Proper running/cross training footwear (no canvas shoes)

### Optional items:

- MFG tracksuit pants (no other tracksuit pants or leggings are acceptable)
- MFG rugby jumper
- MFG sports jacket
- Any additional items worn by students, must selected from the optional items list ONLY.

## OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

- MFG Year 12 Jumper
- MFG hat
- College navy blue rain coat
- Scarfs, mittens and hats in MFG colours (red, blue, yellow or white) are acceptable

## ACCESSORIES

The only accessories which may be worn with the official uniform are:

- A simple metal chain (if rings or special mementos are kept on the necklace then the chain must be placed inside the neckline of the dress or jumper so that it cannot be seen)
- Small metal studs/sleepers per ear. For safety reasons there should not be any hanging pieces on any earrings and earrings should not exceed the size of a 5-cent coin. Openers will be required to be covered.
- The College will allow a 2mm diameter, clear, silver or gold nose stud. Other facial or body piercings are not permitted
- One simple metal bracelet without anything hanging from it and one simple metal ring
- MFG approved badges
- MFG school colour (red, blue, yellow and white) hair ribbons, bands, scrunches (Note: hair accessories should be practical and kept to a minimum)

## THINGS NOT PERMITTED ARE:

The College does **not permit** the following:

- Hair colour that is not natural (e.g. pink, purple, striped, etc.). Students who dye their hair will be required to dye it a natural colour before returning to the College
- Handbags
- Tracksuit pants for sport and PE that are not MFG pants
- Tattoos - students with tattoos must have them covered at all times
- Other facial or body piercings – if the piercings are visible they must be removed immediately
- Kilts need to be just above or below the knee. Kilts or skirts that are too short will need to be lengthened or an appropriate new garment purchased before a student may return to the College
- Torn or dirty uniform items will be required to be repaired or replaced
- Wearing of leggings and pants under school dress or skirt/kilt
- Shoes that are scuffed or broken – students will be required to repair shoes and polish them
- Black, ripped or lacey tights
- Ankle lace up boots
- Socks worn over the top of tights – students will be asked to remove socks
- Nail polish – students will be asked to remove nail polish for Food technology
- Extreme make-up – students with extreme make up will be required to remove it
- Nails that are too long or fake nails that prevent a student from participating in a practical activity or would be a health and safety concern

## CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS

When students are permitted to wear casual clothes to the College, they are reminded that the standard of dress is 'neat casual.' Very short shorts or singlet tops are not permitted. Covered footwear must be worn to all classes or students will be sent home.

## CAMPS

When students are attending camp they should wear the specified attire for the activities. At no time are very short shorts or singlet tops permitted on any school camp.

## EVALUATION

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## **RATIFICATION**

This policy was endorsed at the School Council meeting held on 21 August 2017

## **DATE OF REVIEW – June 2018**