

TO: Year 7-12 Parents  
FROM: Julian Fritz  
SUBJECT: Student Uniform & Public Transport Concerns  
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin Term 2 and move into the winter months, I write to you to reaffirm the College's expectations regarding student uniform standards and respectful conduct when using public transport. These expectations are not new; they form part of the shared commitments agreed to at the time of enrolment and reflect the values of our Edmund Rice tradition - respect, responsibility, and pride in community.

At Trinity College, we take great pride in affirming and acknowledging our young men. Through award structure, service recognition, and various assemblies, we take every opportunity to recognise and celebrate our students. It is very much a strength of our College and promotes excellence and a sense of community. Somewhat disappointingly, this communication emerges as a result of recent concerns regarding some student standards.

### **WINTER UNIFORM STANDARDS**

At Trinity College, we strive to form young men of integrity, respect and responsibility. Presentation matters. The way our students wear their uniform each day reflects pride in themselves, their families, and their school.

The expectation for wearing the winter uniform is as follows:

- **Top button done up and tie tightened**
- **Shirt tucked in**
- **Grey College socks**
- **Black leather school shoes in good condition (no 'lifestyle' shoes or sneakers)**
- **Shoelaces tied**

Currently, there are a number of students whose shirts are without a top button or the shirt is too small and the top button is unable to be done up or is too tight and uncomfortable to wear. Many of the boys have grown substantially since last year and require a new shirt or the button needs to be moved to allow it to be worn comfortably.

Parents, I ask that you check your that your son's uniform is in good condition and fits and that you address any issues; sewing a button on a shirt is also a very good skill for young men to learn!

### **Blazers**

Blazers are an essential and compulsory part of the winter uniform and are to be worn **to and from** school each day, to Pastoral Care Group and all formal College events i.e. assembly, masses etc.

As of Week 4, College Leadership and Heads of Year will be at all school exits and checking that blazers are worn home. Parents can assist the College by ensuring that their son leaves the house or car wearing their blazer and expecting that the blazer is worn home or to the car, if being picked up. Consequences will follow for those students who disregard this expectation.

### **PE Uniform**

The Physical Education Uniform is only to be worn for PE lessons, PE electives, and sport training. It is not to be worn as an alternative to the academic uniform. Unfortunately, a number of students are choosing to wear the PE Uniform without a valid reason, generally because of ease and comfort. This is not acceptable unless parents have contacted the appropriate Head of Year with a valid reason.

"Forgetting" to pack academic uniform to change into after morning sport training is not a valid excuse, although it is becoming a highly overused one. For students who continue to disregard uniform expectations, parents will be contacted and requested to bring in missing uniform items. This is a last resort, as we recognise it causes inconvenience to families, but it becomes necessary when students make repeated poor choices.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Weekly, the College receives feedback from members of the public regarding the conduct of Trinity College students on public transport. In most cases this feedback is positive and acknowledges the care our students show for others through their selfless actions, empathy, and compassion. Disappointingly, we also receive some complaints from the public regarding entitled and inconsiderate behaviour such as; sitting in priority seating, not standing for adults, placing bags on seats, and anti-social behaviour and language.

Parents, I would ask you to speak to your son and reiterate the expectation of **all** TC students travelling on any form of public transport:

- Wait for the bus in a respectful and orderly manner
- Allow adults to enter first
- Enter and exit in a quiet and orderly manner
- **ALWAYS** stand for adults, this is a condition of your student fare
- **NEVER** place your bag on the seat to take up two seats
- Make sure your bag is not obstructing the aisle
- Behave as a "Men for Others"- putting the needs of all other passengers before your own. You can do this by being aware of your behaviour, the volume of your voice, and your language.

### **Free Travel for Students & SmartRider Cards**

While fares are currently waived for students, TransPerth requires all students to follow specific "conditions of use" to maintain this benefit. These are:

- Mandatory SmartRider Use - Students must have a physical SmartRider card and successfully tap on before boarding (this certainly assists with data collection on student patronage which ultimately affects the allocation of buses).
- Minimum Balance Required - Even though the travel is free, the card must maintain a minimum balance of \$5.00 to remain active.
- Negative Balances - A card with a negative balance will not allow a student to "tap on," even during this free travel period.

Should your son require a new SmartRider, it can be ordered via the College Online Store (<https://store.trinity.wa.edu.au/product-category/smart-rider/>).

### **CAT Services**

CAT services are not available to students until after 3.30pm. There are several important reasons for this:

1. Student Safety - 'School Service' buses are available to Trinity College Students ONLY and are the safest means of transport to the city and other locations. CAT services are available to the public pose a significantly higher risk for our students.
2. Consideration to the General Public who regularly use the CAT services.
3. Behaviour Concerns on CAT services.

If your son has a legitimate need to use a CAT service in the afternoon before 3.30pm, he must see me directly to obtain a **CAT pass**. This process ensures accountability and appropriate use of the service.

While the College works diligently each day to uphold these standards, we cannot do so effectively without the active partnership of families. Parents and carers play a vital role in reinforcing expectations before students leave home each morning and in supporting the importance of presenting themselves appropriately and behaving respectfully both at school and in public spaces. When our students wear the College uniform and travel to and from school, they are ambassadors of our community. Ensuring they meet these expectations is a shared responsibility, and your support in this partnership is both necessary and greatly appreciated.

Families choose Trinity College because they value high standards, strong foundations, and the formation of young men of character. These expectations around uniform, conduct, and public behaviour are not incidental; they are central to the holistic education and character formation you entrusted to us. They reflect our commitment to forming young men who take pride in themselves, show respect for others, and act responsibly even when it is inconvenient. When parents consistently uphold these standards and avoid excusing poor choices, they reinforce the very reasons their son was enrolled at Trinity College - to be challenged, guided, and shaped into a man who understands that standards matter. Partnership and consistency between home and school ensure that our shared expectations are lived, not negotiated, and that our students grow into confident, accountable young men prepared for life beyond the College.

As outline previously, the College seeks every opportunity to affirm and celebrate our young men. Equally, we must challenge them appropriately when required. As always, your ongoing support regarding such matters is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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