



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

CODE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR STUDENTS

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CODE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The essential principles of the MacKillop Catholic College Student Code of Personal Appearance are **EXCELLENCE, EQUITY and SAFETY**. Wearing a uniform promotes equity and equality and reflects our respect for our community.

MacKillop Catholic College students are required to meet College expectations in relation to uniform and personal appearance.

When in school uniform, students are representing MacKillop Catholic College. At these times, the manner in which students wear their uniform should comply with College high expectations and uphold College values.

The College has provided a range of uniform options to meet the varying needs of students and their families.

FORMAL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

- The College formal uniform is to be worn at all times unless the following subjects are timetabled: Health and Physical Education practical classes, Outdoor Education, Athlete Development, Dance or Drama.
- The new College Jacket (or old College Blazer) must be worn on all formal occasions.
 - Formal white shirts, other than short sleeved (jack) shirts, must not be visible below the new College jacket, College soft shell jacket, or College jumper.
 - Only College approved uniform items should be worn.
 - College dresses/skirt lengths must be conservative (i.e. knee length)
- No undergarments should be visible (i.e. long-sleeved white tops).

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FORMAL UNIFORM (COMPULSORY)

Girls Option 1

- College jacket
- College pinstriped navy dress
- College white socks or plain short white socks (no logos or emblems) or navy stockings (can be purchased via the uniform shop only)
- Black shoes (no ballet, buckle, or skate shoes)
- College back-pack

Girls Option 2

- College jacket
- College white crested shirt
- College pinstriped navy skirt or College navy shorts or College navy trousers
- College white socks or plain short white socks (no logos or emblems)
- Black shoes (no ballet, buckle, or skate shoes)
- College back-pack



FORMAL UNIFORM (COMPULSORY)

Boys Option 1

- College formal jacket (junior or senior) or the College blazer
- College short sleeved white crested shirt
- College long sleeved crested white shirt
- College tie (Optional Term 2 & Term 3)
- College grey shorts
- MacKillop College grey socks or plain short white socks (no logos or emblems)
- Black shoes (no ballet, buckle, basketball or skate shoes)
- College back-pack

Boys Option 2

- College formal jacket (junior or senior) or the College blazer
- College short sleeved white crested shirt
- College long sleeved crested white shirt
- College tie (Optional Term 2 & Term 3)
- College grey trousers
- MacKillop College grey socks or plain short white socks (no logos or emblems).
- Black shoes (no ballet, buckle, basketball or skate shoes)
- College back-pack.



SUPPLEMENTARY (OPTIONAL) FORMAL ITEMS

- College jumper
- College soft shell jacket
- College fleece vest
- College bucket hat
- College sports cap
- College beanie
- College navy scarf
- Ribbons and scrunchies (red/blue/white colours only - red/blue available from Uniform Shop)

SPORTS UNIFORM REGULATIONS

The College Sports Uniform may be worn to and from school on days when the following subjects are timetabled: Health and Physical Education practical classes, Outdoor Education, Dance, or as directed by the relevant subject teacher. The Sports Uniform should also be worn to, from and during all SATIS/SATIS events and when representing the College on other occasions as directed by the College.

Aspects of the Sports Uniform, such as sports shoes and rugby tops are not to be worn with the Formal Uniform.

SPORTS UNIFORM

- College track pants, shorts, or plain navy leggings
- College navy House sports polo
- College rugby long sleeved top (optional but recommended)
- College white socks or plain short white socks or plain black sports socks
- Sport shoes appropriate for physical exercise (i.e. no skate shoes)



PERSONAL APPEARANCE REGULATIONS*

Hair

- Hair must be neatly groomed and tied back in practical learning spaces and for practical activities or if directed by a teacher for specific activities if length touches the top of the collar. IE Science, Foods, PE, MDT, O/E etc
- Hair should not be shorter than a No. 2 razor cut. Short sides (no shorter than No. 2 Razor cut) and a longer back are permitted, but must also be tied back in practical learning spaces and for practical activities if length touches the top of the collar. This is at the discretion of College Leadership.
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g. rats' tails, mohawks, dreadlocks, patches of bright colour) are not permitted.
- Hair colour must be natural or close to natural (no extreme hair dyes permitted).
- NOTE: Hair untied is not to be used to cover items such as excess piercings or air pods etc.

Facial Hair

- Years 7 - 9 students must always be clean-shaven.
- Years 10 - 12 Senior students are to be neatly groomed, but facial hair is permitted.

Make Up

- A very light, discreet foundation is the only acceptable make-up.
- Nail polish, if worn, must be a natural colour and discreet. Nails (natural and acrylic) must be kept short.
- No additional facial accessories such as imitation eyelashes,

Jewellery

- Students may wear a maximum of three simple earrings (predominantly gold or silver studs or sleepers) in any part of each ear. Spacers are not permitted. Drop (dangly or hoops) earrings are not permitted. Clear stud earrings are required for excess piercings in ears. Students may be asked to remove piercings in subject areas where they may be a safety hazard - ie when conducting practical Science lessons etc.
- Rings are not permitted.
- Necklaces are not permitted unless of religious significance i.e. crucifixes or unless special permission is obtained (in the case of significant family importance).
- Years 10 - 12 Senior students are permitted to wear a single small nose stud in one nostril. Facial piercings of any other type (including tongue/eyebrow/lip and bullrings etc and use of clear studs and/or other attempts to disguise) are not permitted.
- For students in Years 7-9, facial piercings of any type (including tongue piercings, nose piercings and use of clear studs and/or other attempts to disguise) are not permitted.
- Jewellery**, other than earrings and watches, is not permitted. This includes bracelets and anklets.
- Smart watches must be on aeroplane mode during class times in accordance with the College Digital Devices Protocol.
- Tattoos are not permitted.

** Medical ID bracelets and crucifix necklaces are permitted

Other:

- Students are not permitted to wear headphones, in-ear headphones or air-pods or students must not wear ear-pods during class unless directed to do so by a teacher/other member of staff.
- Students are not permitted to wear hats, beanies or sports caps whilst in class.
- wear College hats, beanies and sports caps in the yard during recess and lunch periods. Non-College hats are not permitted.

*There may be exceptions to the Student Code of Personal Appearance that relate to student health, cultural beliefs or availability of uniform items. For example, a student may need to wear a beanie during class for health reasons, or a family may not have had time to schedule a haircut or purchase a required uniform item. **In these extenuating circumstances, families are required to communicate with both the Pastoral Care Teacher and House Leader via email or written note.**

FREE DRESS DAY GUIDELINES

Free Dress Days are a privilege and an opportunity for students to express themselves respectfully while maintaining safety and appropriateness for a school setting. We celebrate the opportunity for students to promote their sense of self and independence, but also note that Free Dress Days may be removed from the program if support of Clothing Guidelines is not evident. As such, the guidelines below must be followed:

General Appearance

- Clothing must be clean, neat, and modest
- Students must be dressed appropriately for a school environment, not for social events such as parties.
- Clothing must not display offensive language, symbols, or graphics, including references to drugs, alcohol, violence, or inappropriate humour.

Footwear

- Thongs, high heels, and Ugg boots are not permitted.
- Students participating in practical subjects (e.g. Science, PE, Foods, MDT, Outdoor Education) must wear sturdy, enclosed footwear suitable for those activities. Closed-in shoes must be worn at all times for safety reasons in these learning areas.

Tops and Shirts

- Tops must cover the chest and midriff at all times.
- Shirts must not have rips, tears, or inappropriate slogans.

Bottoms

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be of modest length (mid-thigh or longer).
- Ripped jeans are permitted only if the rips are below mid-thigh and do not expose undergarments.
- Pajama pants (unless the chosen theme), boxer shorts, or swimwear are not appropriate.

Hair and Grooming

- Hair must remain neatly groomed.
- Students must tie back hair in practical learning spaces if it touches the collar.
- Extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors are still not permitted.

Makeup and Nails

- Makeup must remain light and discreet.
- Nail polish is permitted but must be removed when back in School uniform.
- Fake nails are not allowed as these cannot be easily removed when required to wear normal school uniform.
- Fake eyelashes are not allowed as these cannot be easily removed when required to wear normal school uniform.

Jewellery and Accessories

- Up to three simple earrings per ear (hoops or dangly earrings are permitted but not in practical areas).
- Bracelets and rings are permitted. (but not in practical areas)
- No facial piercings for Years 7–9; one small nose stud or sleeper allowed for Years 10–12.
- No headphones, air-pods, or hats/beanies are to be worn in class unless directed by a teacher.

Special Considerations

- Students must bring appropriate clothing for practical subjects (e.g. PE uniform or protective gear).
- Exceptions for cultural, religious, or medical reasons must be communicated in advance to the Pastoral Care Teacher and Head of House via email or written note.

Outcomes

- Students may be asked to change into School Uniform available at the Office or to telephone home to have formal uniform brought into school if they are unable to support the guidelines noted above. Importantly, in practical circumstances where safety is a pivotal requirement, adhering to the Guidelines remains a clear College Expectation.

NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS FOR CODE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE

First occasion in a term

Reminder given to the student. Parent/guardians/carers notified via SEQTA.

Second occasion in a term

Rule reminder given to the student. Parents/guardians/carers notified via SEQTA. PCG teacher to phone home.

Third occasion in a term

Rule reminder given to the student. Lunchtime Reflection Session. Parents/guardians/carers notified via SEQTA. PCG teacher to phone home - more concerning.

Fourth occasion in a term

After school Reflection Session. Parents/guardians/carers notified via the relevant House Leader and confirmed via SEQTA. House Leader to phone home and a potential Parent Meeting scheduled