



Uniform Policy

Marist Sisters' College, Woolwich is an inclusive environment that believes in upholding a high standard of uniform and appearance.



1. Guiding Principles

1.1. Wellbeing rationale

The College uniform reinforces a student's sense of pride and recognition in seeing themselves as an integral part of the College community. It equally provides a measure of safety and security when students are travelling to and from the College as well as within the broader community.

The College uniform is compulsory for all students as an opportunity to:

- Promote equality amongst all students;
- Develop a sense of identity and belonging;
- Enhance the positive image of the College in the community;
- Provide guidelines for the prescribed uniform for all students;
- Contribute to teaching responsibility in representing themselves and others in the wider community.

2. Policy

- 2.1. Each student is expected to wear the College uniform/sports uniform by maintaining a high standard of neatness and cleanliness and by acknowledging appropriate behaviour whilst wearing it.
- 2.2. Each student is to wear the uniform as defined under the 'College Uniform Code', when travelling to and from the College, during the school day and as directed on other occasions.
- 2.3. The College blazer:
 - is always compulsory when the winter uniform is worn off campus;
 - is worn on cooler days off campus as the outer garment in summer;
 - is worn as directed for official College functions and activities.
- 2.4. When a student is standing upright, the hem of the *summer dress, skirt or kilt* is to finish below the knee.

- 2.5. Shoes are to be black, lace-ups and polished. The only laces are to be those that are used to bring the two top fronts of the shoes together. Shoes are not to have eyelets and laces around the sides and heel, or any decorations.
- 2.6. The jumper is not to be worn as the outer garment off campus.
- 2.7. Shirts, singlets and any other undergarments are not to be visible when worn under the school uniform.
- 2.8. Each student's hair is to be clean and well-groomed and of a style and colour that is considered acceptable by the College. Specifically, bright candy coloured hair or ash blonde with pastel highlights is not considered appropriate. Examples of words that would describe 'unacceptable' would be 'scruffy' or 'extreme'. Hair long enough to be tied back is to be tied. The only acceptable hair fastenings are navy blue or white ribbons and brown or black bobby pins, if needed to keep hair neatly back from a student's face.
- 2.9. A student may wear in each lower earlobe **one small** plain gold or silver stud/sleeper, with a small, clear, uncoloured stone. The stud/sleeper in one lower earlobe is to be matching in both ears. No other jewellery is to be worn, apart from a wrist watch. 'No other jewellery' includes multiple piercings, inclusive of the ear and other parts of the face/head and non-metal (e.g clear plastic) variations. Sleepers may not be suitable for some subjects/activities/sport for safety reasons. It is the student's responsibility to remove their jewellery prior to their lesson to avoid injuries.
- 2.10. Students are permitted to wear a small religious icon or cross on a thin chain worn inside the uniform and sitting below the uniform's collar or top button.
- 2.11. Makeup - foundation or any other tinted skin covering product, mascara, false eyelashes and/or extensions, fake tan or bronzing products or similar - must not be worn with the College uniform.
- 2.12. Students' nails are to be short to medium length. Only clear nail polish is considered acceptable. No artificial nails or artificial nail finishes are allowed whilst in school uniform.

- 2.13. Tattoos of any description are not acceptable and deemed inappropriate for any students enrolled at the College. In the event that a tattoo is exposed, the College's expectation is that it will be covered at all times by a skin coloured sleeve or bandage.
- 2.14. The College backpack is the required navy school bag that can be purchased with the College uniform. The backpack is to be replaced if it is not maintained in good condition, and free from stickers and graffiti.
- 2.15. Sports bag, if required, must be the College sports bag.
- 2.16. If, in the short term, a student is unable to wear the required uniform an appropriate parentally signed note explaining is to be completed and shown to a student's House Coordinator or Tutor upon arrival at the College. Parents or carers should liaise with their daughter's House Coordinator on this matter.

3. Procedures

3.1. Monitoring of the College Uniform

- 3.1.1. Uniform will be monitored by Tutors each morning and College Staff throughout the school day.

3.2. Consequences for Disregarding the Uniform Code

- 3.2.1. An instant after-school detention will be issued at the start of any given Term when a student is not adhering to any part of the uniform requirements. Any further non-compliance following the issue of the after-school detention will result in the student being sent home. Students will only return to the College when requirements of the uniform policy are met.
- 3.2.2. Throughout the year, a student will be issued a Uniform Infringement through COMPASS if she is in breach of the College's Uniform Policy. If the student receives a second Uniform Infringement a Friday Lunch Detention will automatically be issued. The detention will be completed on the Friday of the nominated week and appear on her schedule in COMPASS. Once a student receives a second Friday Lunch Detention the Tutor will contact home. A further Uniform Infringement will result in a Monday Afternoon Detention being issued and a parent meeting arranged.

3.2.3. Late arrival or failure to attend a Friday Lunch Detention will result in a further Monday Afternoon Detention.

3.2.4. Parents/carers will be informed of after school detention via the usual process.

4. Classification

4.1. Version

This policy supersedes all previous policies relating to matters contained therein.

4.2. Audience : published to the College community.

4.3. Review due December 2025

4.4. Approved by Leadership Team October 2023

4.5. Commencement Date April 2022

4.6. Last reviewed October 2023

YEARS 7, 8, 11 & 12 2025

ACADEMIC UNIFORM - all items are **compulsory** (unless noted as otherwise)

- MSCW Stripe Skirt - length of the skirt is that the hem finishes below the knee when the student is standing upright.
- MSCW Short Sleeve Sky Blue Overblouse (Junior Summer)
- MSCW blue long-sleeved Sky Blue Overblouse (Junior Winter)
- MSCW Short Sleeve White Overblouse (Senior Summer)
- MSCW blue long-sleeved White Overblouse (Senior Winter)
- MSCW College badge
- MSCW blazer (compulsory Term 2 and 3)
- MSCW Slacks (optional), not to be worn for Formal College Events
- MSCW Dark navy/sky socks
- MSCW hat
- MSCW backpack
- MSCW College badge
- MSCW jumper
- Shoes: these are to be black, lace up and able to be polished
- Dark Navy tights (70/80 denier)
- MSCW scarf (optional)

SPORT UNIFORM - all items are **compulsory** (unless noted as otherwise)

- MSCW polo shirt
- MSCW sports shorts
- MSCW Softshell Jacket
- MSCW sport track pant
- MSCW branded sport tights/leggings (optional)
- MSCW sport ¼ Zip top (optional)
- MSCW sport socks
- Lace-up sport shoes – primarily white
- MSCW sports cap
- MSCW sport bag (optional)
- MSCW gearsack (optional)

YEARS 9 & 10 2025

Years 8–10 Summer *all items are compulsory (unless noted as otherwise)* **Terms 1 and 4**

- MSCW dress - length of dress is that the hem finishes below the knee when the student is standing upright.
- MSCW College badge
- MSCW blazer
- MSCW short navy socks
- Shoes: these are to be black, lace up and able to be polished
- MSCW hat
- MSCW navy tote bag

Years 8–10 Winter *all items are compulsory (unless noted as otherwise)* **Terms 2 and 3**

- MSCW kilt - length of kilt is that the hem finishes below the knee when the student is standing upright.
- MSCW blue long-sleeved uniform shirt
- MSCW College badge
- MSCW vest
- MSCW jumper
- MSCW blazer (compulsory Term 2 and 3)
- MSCW hat
- Shoes: these are to be black, lace up and able to be polished
- Navy tights (70/80 denier)
- MSCW short navy socks
- MSCW navy tote bag
- MSCW tartan scarf (optional)

PDHPE Uniform - *all items are compulsory (unless noted as otherwise)*

- MSCW polo shirt with College crest
- MSCW sports shorts with College crest
- MSCW tracksuit
- Plain white MSCW ankle sport socks
- Lace-up sport shoes – primarily white
- MSCW sports cap
- MSCW navy tote bag
- MSCW navy zippered sports bag (optional)

Other optional Items (no Variations)

- Plain navy blue gloves
- Plain navy blue raincoat / plain navy blue overcoat

- MSCW umbrella