



St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

Uniform Policy 2026

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This policy is ***subject to revision*** as the College engages with the process of transitioning to the new College uniform. Specific uniform requirements relate to the College uniform introduced in 2018. Personal grooming and footwear requirements relate to all students regardless of which uniform they currently own.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

St Mary's Catholic College focuses on the development of the whole person. The College believes that the maintenance of high uniform standards is critical to developing a sense of belonging and pride in one's place within the community. Building on the College Mantra; Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner, the following expectations in regard the College uniform hold for all students:

- To wear the full College uniform
- To wear it correctly
- To wear the full uniform correctly in the public domain
- To provide a note of explanation when the correct uniform is not being worn

When a student is unable to wear full school uniform, parents/carers are requested to provide a note of explanation. This note is to indicate the reason and length of time the student will be out of uniform. The College reserves the right to refuse notes with insufficient explanation or justification. Students out of uniform without explanation will have a uniform infringement notice recorded within their Compass record and a parent/carer will be notified.

Rationale

The College uniform:

- **Builds** a school-wide sense of identity and responsibility to our community.
- **Teaches** young people how to present themselves in a formal environment.
- **Promotes** a positive image of the College in the wider community.

Seasonal Information

Students are permitted to wear the winter season uniform at any time throughout terms 2 and 3. The winter season uniform is mandated from the 1st of June to the 31st of August. The summer season is all times outside of winter period.

GIRLS UNIFORM

Junior Girls [Years 7 – 9]

- College chambray blouse
- Short sleeve plain white undershirt [optional]
- College tab tie
- College skirt, to be worn to or below the knee
- College tailored girls' shorts, to be worn to the knee
- College tailored girls' trousers
- College navy socks
- Navy tights, opaque, no less than 20 deniers [optional]
- Black, lace up, polishable, hard leather shoes with a heel
- College navy jumper
- College soft shell jacket

Senior Girls [Years 10 – 12]

- College white blouse
- Short sleeve plain white undershirt [optional]
- College tab tie
- College skirt, to be worn to or below the knee ^[1]
- College tailored girls' shorts, to be worn to the knee
- College tailored girls' trousers
- College navy socks
- Navy tights, opaque, no less than 20 denier
- Black, lace up, polishable, hard leather shoes with a heel
- College jumper ^[2]
- College blazer ^[3]

1. College skirt and blazer will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the academic year
2. College jumper to be worn underneath the blazer in the winter season
3. College blazer is compulsory in the winter season

BOYS UNIFORM

Junior Boys [Years 7 – 9]

- College chambray shirt
- Short sleeve plain white undershirt [optional]
- College tie ^[1]
- College tailored shorts
- College navy socks
- Black, lace up, polishable, hard leather shoes with a heel
- College jumper
- College soft shell jacket

1. College ties are compulsory in the winter season

Senior Boys [Years 10 – 12]

- College white shirt ^[1]
- Short sleeve plain white undershirt [optional]
- College tie ^[2]
- College tailored shorts
- College tailored trousers with a plain black belt pin buckle belt ^[3]
- College navy socks
- College jumper ^[4]
- Black, lace up, polishable, hard leather shoes with a heel
- College blazer ^[5]

1. Shirt to be worn out in summer season and tucked in during the winter season
2. College ties are compulsory in the winter season
3. Tailored trousers are compulsory in the winter season
4. College jumper is to be worn underneath the blazer in the winter season
5. College blazer is compulsory in the winter season and will be mandated on formal occasions throughout the academic year

SPORTS UNIFORM – BOYS AND GIRLS ALL YEARS *

- College polo shirt
- College sport shorts
- College navy socks
- College navy jumper
- College soft shell Jacket
- Sport shoes – please see appendix.

* College sports uniform only to be worn on days designated as practical PDHPE / SLR classes

ACCESSORIES

- Short sleeve plain white undershirt only visible at the collar may be worn
- College caps, bucket hats, scarfs, and beanies* are available for purchase

* College beanies are the only beanie option permitted

PERSONAL GROOMING

- Young men in the junior school [7-9] are to be clean shaven. Young men in the senior school [10-12] are permitted facial hair provided it is kept neatly trimmed.
- Hair is to be neat and tidy, only natural hair colours are permitted with no extreme hair styling or cuts
- Students may wear a watch
- Two sleepers or studs may be worn in the lobe of each ear with no other visible piercing permitted.
- No visible tattoos.
- One visible necklace of gold or silver, one ring and one bracelet is permitted. No costume jewelry is permitted.
- No coloured nail varnish or false fingernails are to be worn.
- No false eyelashes are to be worn.
- Make up must be restricted to light tinted moisturizer (preferably with sunscreen), mascara, and clear lip tint/gloss.

APPENDIX

Please give due consideration to the shoes that you purchase for your children to wear to school. It is very important that the shoes meet both the uniform standard and safety requirements for the practical components of some courses.

Standard Uniform Shoe

A black hard leather polishable lace up shoe with no straps or buckles. The leather must cover the whole upper foot but must not extend over the ankle. Shoes must have a heel however the heel is not to exceed 3cm. Shoes must not have a platform.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



Sports Uniform Shoe

Sports shoes should have laces or Velcro straps and be supportive of the feet during exercise. The whole of the upper foot must be covered.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable

