

# Uniform & Grooming Policy

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Students wear a uniform:

1. to develop a sense of student unity, loyalty and commitment to the College;
2. to minimise differences resulting from socio-economic background; and
3. to de-emphasise differences in appearance and to focus on the real purpose of schooling – the development of an individuality of intellect, imagination and personality.

As the College cannot legislate for every contingency, the Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care), under the direction of the Principal, reserves the right of final balanced judgement with regard to the students' well-being, grooming and discipline as published and reflected in the Enrolment Agreement which students and parents sign upon admission to the College. Full support by parents and students of the College Uniform and Grooming Policy is essential for ongoing enrolment at Lumen Christi College.

In the event a student is unable to wear the full College uniform to school on any one day, the only permissible substitution is the student's other College uniform. For example, if the College winter uniform is wet, the only acceptable replacement for school that day is the College summer uniform and vice versa. **Under no circumstances is the College sports uniform to be worn as a replacement for College winter or College summer uniform.** If it becomes necessary for a student to wear the substitute uniform on any school day, then he/she **MUST present a note, signed by his/her parent, to the Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care)** before going to any class for the day. It is at the discretion of the Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care) whether the substitute uniform is allowed.

If a student does not comply with the College Uniform and Grooming Policy parents will be contacted by the College and asked to take their son/daughter home or the student will be issued with an In-house Suspension depending on the issue and circumstances. The student will be welcome to return to normal classes once he/she is complying with College Uniform & Grooming Policy.

Students may not deface their uniforms in any way, even on their last day of school. If a student wishes to record souvenir signatures they should bring an old uniform from home and have it signed by their friends. Inappropriate messages on souvenir uniforms will not be tolerated.

## Uniform During Examination Periods

Students are required to be in full College uniform during their examinations. Failure to attend school in the correct uniform may result in the student being excluded from sitting the examination. Any student on College grounds during the examination period must be in full College uniform and comply with all College rules.

At no time should students wear their College tracksuit to and from school (examination periods are no exception)\*.

## Sports Uniform During School Time

Under no circumstances should a student wear their College sports uniform to and from school\*.

When a student is required to wear their sports uniform during Periods 0, 1 or 2, then they may change into their sports uniform during Homeroom after seeing their Homeroom teacher. When a student is required to wear their sports uniform during periods 3 or 5 then they may change into their sports uniform during the Breaks.

At the end of the day students are required to leave school in their full College uniform, NOT in their College Tracksuit or College sports uniform (An exception applies only for Year 12 on their PE day).

\* Year 12's please refer to the *Physical Education Uniform information for details.*

## Formal College Uniform

The College Formal Uniform is worn for all formal and/or representative occasions. This comprises all of the compulsory uniform items worn in winter for boys and girls.

**Blazer and Tie:** The College Blazer and College Tie are both compulsory parts of the winter uniform and must be worn by all students. Year 12 students are permitted to wear their Leavers' Tie (see *Year 12 Leavers' Apparel* below).

**College Backpack and Sports Bag:** The College Backpack and the College Sports Bag are compulsory items of the College uniform and must be free of graffiti. Students who have graffiti on either of their College bags will have the bag/s confiscated. A new College bag/s must be purchased.

## Year 12 Leavers' Apparel

Year 12 students are welcome, each year, to purchase a Leavers' Jacket. The Leavers' Jacket is not an official part of College Uniform nor is it a compulsory item of College Uniform. It is only worn on days nominated by the Principal.

## Uniform

### Summer Uniform [Terms 1 and 4]

Girls	Boys
College Summer Dress (Skirt Length - The bottom of the skirt must rest on the top of the knee cap, or lower)	College Grey Trousers OR College Grey Shorts (appropriate length ie. 5cm above the knee if kneeling)
College White Ankle Socks OR Skin Tone Stockings	College Black Leather Belt with standard, plain buckle (worn with the College Grey Trousers) no skate belts or surf belts
Black leather shoes with black stitching (low-heeled no more than 3cm; not suede shoes; not boots; not dance shoes; not skate shoes/volleys)	College Blue Shirt with College Logo (Only Tailored shirts can be 'worn out' with hem to sit 15 cm below the waist; Non-tailored shirts must be 'tucked in')
College Jumper (Optional)	College Grey Socks
	Black leather shoes with black stitching (not suede shoes; not boots; not skate shoes/volleys )
	College Jumper (Optional)

### Winter Uniform [Terms 2 And 3]:

Girls	Boys
College Blazer (Compulsory in winter)	College Blazer (Compulsory in winter)
College Winter Skirt (Skirt Length - The bottom of the skirt must rest on the top of the knee cap, or lower)	College Grey Trousers
College Blue Shirt	College Blue Shirt with College Logo (Must be 'tucked in' to the trousers)
College Tie (compulsory in winter)	College Tie (compulsory in winter)
Black Opaque 70 Denier Stockings	College Black Leather Belt with standard, plain buckle (worn with the College Grey Trousers) no skate belts or surf belts
Black leather shoes with black stitching (low-heeled no more than 3cm; not suede shoes; not boots; not dance shoes; not skate shoes/volleys)	Black leather shoes with black stitching (not suede shoes; not boots; not skate shoes/volleys )
College Scarf (Optional)	College Scarf (Optional)
College Jumper (Optional)	College Grey Socks
	College Jumper (Optional)

### Physical Education Uniform

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Tracksuit</li> <li>College Sports Shorts</li> <li>College Sports Top</li> <li>College House Top</li> <li>White Sports Socks</li> <li>College Hat*</li> <li>College Sports Bag</li> <li>Mouth Guard*</li> <li>Shin Pads*</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physical Education Footwear</b></p> <p>Appropriate Sports Shoes Must Be Worn That Are Non Marking (No Flat Soled Shoes Such As Skate Shoes Or Volleys Are Permitted)</p> <p>Football/Soccer Boots</p> <p><b>Swimming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Bathers (Girls)</li> <li>College Sports Shorts OR College Bathers (Boys)</li> <li>College Sports Top or Tracksuit Top</li> <li>Thongs for walking on hot concrete</li> <li>Towel</li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor Education</b></p> <p>Students are required to bring two pairs of School Sports Shorts when doing Outdoor Education</p> <p>During practical lessons involving water activities, students are required to wear the College Rashi Shirt, available for purchase from the College Uniform Shop</p>
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\* In the interests of your son's/daughter's safety we recommend that all students wear the College Hat, shin pads, a mouth guard and football/soccer boots where appropriate. Please note: A College Hat is a compulsory item of the College Uniform.

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## Physical Education Uniform

All students (Years 7 to 12) are required to purchase the correct College sport uniform. The correct College sport uniform is to be worn for all PE lessons, ACC Sport, relevant Outdoor Education classes, training sessions and extracurricular sport sessions.

A concession may be made at the discretion of the Principal to allow Year 12 students to substitute the 'Leavers' Top' for the tracksuit top.

Students should not wear their College Jumper with their PE Uniform.

**Students are strongly encouraged to wear the College Hat when they are outdoors** (i.e. during recess and lunch breaks, and at assemblies conducted outdoors, Physical Education classes and special outdoor events). Students should keep their hat in their lockers for use on such occasions.

Students are encouraged to shower after Physical Education lessons, so a towel and change of underwear should be brought to school in a plastic bag inside the College Sports Bag. **College Bags may not be taken to the change rooms. The only bag permitted is the College Sports Bag containing the sport clothes, towel etc. The College Sports Bag is for PE Clothes only and is not a substitute for the College School Bag.**

The items of clothing listed for Physical Education lessons are compulsory and will be checked by the Physical Education Staff in the first week of Term 1. If there is any item which needs to be purchased or labelled with your son's/daughter's name please attend to it quickly for the benefit of the student and staff.

## Sports Centre Requirements

As is common practice with many schools, **spray deodorant cans are not allowed to be brought into the Sports Centre change rooms.** There are several reasons for this policy, not the least of which is the effect of spray can use in confined areas on students with asthma. **Stick deodorants are acceptable.**

No items of food or drink (other than bottled water) are permitted in the Sports Centre change rooms.

The College, including Health & Physical Education staff, take no responsibility for any valuables that are taken into the Sports Centre change rooms.

## Other Uniform Information

### Music Uniform

Concert Band Uniform: College Formal Uniform

Swing/Rock Band: All Black

### Drama Uniform

College Tracksuit, as directed

### Dance Uniform

All students taking a Dance Course are required to wear Dance Pants and College Sports Shirt/Dance Top OR Sports Uniform, as directed

### Safety Uniform

Safety Glasses must be worn in Science and/or Manual Arts classes

Aprons are required for students in Home Economic classes

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## Grooming

### Jewellery

Permitted accessories are:

- 1 Ring – Gold or Silver
- 1 Bracelet – Gold or Silver – no bands or Pandora bracelets to be worn
- 1 Chain – Gold or Silver (either a plain chain or with a religious symbol only)
- Girls only - 2 sets of small, plain Studs or small Sleepers (Silver or Gold to be worn in lower ear lobes in normal size ear piercings)
- 1 Watch

Any other items of jewellery, including extra ear piercings, tongue piercings, nose studs, plastic studs and eyebrow rings/ rods or any other visible piercings, are not permitted, and will be confiscated and given to the Head of House. They will be returned to the student at the end of the term.

### Hair

**Hair styles** should not attract undue attention or be extreme. If hair is short it should be neat, clean and off the face, particularly out of eyes. Hair longer than the bottom of the collar must be tied back and secured with a black elastic or a black scrunchie. No shaved heads (or parts of head) will be permitted (ie. Mohawk style). A cut below a number two is not permitted. 'Rats tails' and 'dread locks' are not permitted.

**Hair** must be in one natural tone. Brightly coloured hair or extreme highlights are not permitted. Individual clumps, patches of colour or streaks in the hair are not permitted. Students will be instructed to correct hair colouring that is deemed not fitting with the *Grooming Policy*.

Hair must not stand more than 5cm out of the head. No hair gel/wax products are to be used.

Side burns must not be any lower than the bottom of the ear.

Students must be clean shaven and are not permitted to wear beards or moustaches.

Decorative clips and other decorative hair accessories are not permitted.

### General Grooming

No makeup is to be worn to school (exception: a light tinted foundation is permitted).

No nail coloured varnish is to be worn to school.

Skirts **MUST NOT** be rolled.

Trousers and shorts **MUST NOT** be worn on the hip.

Underwear should not be visible.

Tee shirts that hang down longer than the sleeve of the shirt or are visible around the neckline are not permissible.

Shoes are to be laced correctly and feet are to be fully enclosed in the shoe.

The top button of the shirt must be done up when wearing the College Tie.



### **Piercings**

The only jewellery that students are allowed to wear is outlined on the previous page. Any other items of jewellery, including nose studs and eyebrow rings or rods are not permitted. However, if a staff member observes any studs, rings, rods or similar, then the student will be asked to remove the offending item. If a student refuses to remove the item, parents will be contacted by the Head of House or Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care) and asked to take their son/daughter home. The student will be welcome to return to school once the offending item has been removed.

In relation to ear piercings, parents and students are reminded that the allowance is for “normal” size holes only. The trend to increase the size of the hole by stretching is not only a health risk, but would require surgery to correct at a later date. Ear piercing holes and the related larger studs or other items that are not of normal piercing size are not permitted.

The College acknowledges that body piercing can be an expensive undertaking, and removal of a stud or rod soon after piercing may cause the hole to close. The argument that they should be allowed to keep the offending item in place until healing has occurred, will not be accepted. If parents allow their son or daughter to have body piercing, then it is recommended that they wait until the Christmas holidays. The six weeks break will adequately allow the piercing to heal and the hole to develop. On the student’s return to school, minus any studs, rings or rods, the six hours spent at school will not cause permanent closure of the piercing.

### **Tattoos & Body Art**

As with piercings, tattoos and body art have associated health risks which must be considered before parental consent is given to any teenager. The College Community does not sanction displays of body art and as such it is not acceptable for any student to display body art or tattoos.

Students who do have tattoos and/or body art will be expected to cover the tattoo or body art either with clothing, appropriate bandaging or cosmetically. If a student refuses to cover the item, parents will be contacted by the Head of House or Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care) and asked to take their son/daughter home. The student will be welcome to return to school once the offending item has been covered, and the student has undertaken a commitment to keep the tattoo or body art covered whilst in College uniform or attending a College event.