

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We at St James Catholic College are very proud of our school and one of the ways we can express that pride is in the image of our College which we display to the general public, to visitors and to our school community.

The College uniform is one of the ways in which our image is conveyed. We value the correct wearing of the uniform as a mean of developing in our students a sense of pride and dignity and a feeling of belonging. Uniform also minimizes any notions of inequality and avoids the issues of status connected to 'brand name' clothing.

It is expected that students will wear the College Uniform in full, and in the correct manner: this includes:

- wearing sports uniform only on the days required for PE or at the request of the school [eg for an excursion] and wearing the full formal uniform on all other days.
- wearing the College hat during Recess, during Lunch, during any outside school activity 8.50am and 3.00pm on the dates specified for our Sunsmart school policy [most of Terms 1 and 4].
- wearing ties knotted correctly with the top collar button fastened (Winter Uniform);
- having their hair groomed neatly - Extreme styles or dyeing of hair are not permitted, e.g. undercuts, dreadlocks, rat-tails, less than no 3 cut and unnatural colours
- having hair tied back if longer than shoulder length and ensuring hair does not cover the eyes or face; using plain ribbon and clips to tie hair back;
- no make-up or nail polish;
- no visible piercing except for a single piercing in each ear-lobe;
- no extra adornments, jewelry etc, to be visible whilst wearing the uniform;
- no extra t-shirts or other undershirts are to be VISIBLE whilst wearing the College uniform;
- the College spray jacket as an optional item to be worn over the jumper or rugby top for extra warmth or rain protection;
- college socks which are grey for boys and navy blue for girls;
- school shoes for both boys and girls which are black leather shoes of a formal school style which offers both support and protection;
- school sports shoes, which are of a proper sporting shoe style with appropriate support for physical activity — this excludes "skate shoes" [those with flat soles, large tongues, and wide lacings, which not sufficiently flexible for PE] and also excludes Dunlop volley shoes and similar styles which do not provide sufficient support for ankles during physical activity;
- school bags as sold in the uniform shop;
- for GIRLS an optional single simple ring, such as a signet ring and one set of sleepers or studs in the lower ear-lobe are optional inclusions;
- for GIRLS skirts/tunics are to be of a reasonable length [for skirts and tunics this should be no shorter than 5cms above the knee];
- for BOYS – one stud in the ear lobe;
- additional required uniform items for specific areas- aprons/safety goggles/art
- smocks, which will be required for students using specialist areas;
- scarves and gloves must be the school uniform items.

If unable to wear the full or correct uniform students must have a note of explanation from parents. It is expected that any uniform issues are rectified as soon as possible.

- Casual day code: Students are required to dress appropriately on these days. No inappropriate slogans on clothes.
- Normal College rules apply regarding piecing's. When normal classes are held the College school bag is required.
- Closed Shoes (no thongs)
- No low tops, midriffs, short skirts/shorts, extreme hipster pants, shoe string strap tops.
- No singlet tops, extreme hipster pants.