

Mernda Hills Christian College

Uniform and Appearance Policy



Uniform for Primary Students

Compulsory items for all students

- Black polishable leather lace-up shoes (Velcro or buckle black leather shoes are permitted for Foundation students only)
- Uniform hat (when outside in Term 1 & 4)
- Uniform softshell jacket (worn with sport and academic uniforms).
- Uniform woollen jumper
- Uniform tie (in Winter)

Optional items for all students

- Uniform scarf, beanie or gloves (in winter only).

	Regular Uniform for Girls	Regular Uniform for Boys
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform dress that covers the knees OR uniform white blouse/shirt with uniform navy pants *Plain navy or black bike shorts are recommended to be worn under dresses • Plain white socks that cover the ankle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform blue shirt • Uniform grey trousers/shorts • Plain grey socks that cover the ankle
Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform pinafore OR navy uniform pants. • Uniform white blouse/shirt • Plain navy tights or navy socks that cover the ankle 	
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform tracksuit pants • Uniform polo shirt • Uniform rugby top (optional) • Uniform pants, shorts or skirt • Uniform socks OR plain white socks that cover the ankle • Supportive runners with cushioned soles • When swimming: a one-piece bathing suit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform tracksuit pants • Uniform polo shirt • Uniform rugby top (optional) • Uniform pants or shorts • Uniform socks OR plain white socks that cover the ankle • Supportive runners with cushioned soles • When swimming: board shorts

General Notes

- Uniform items are those with the Mernda Hills shield or 'MH' on them, or that use the approved pattern/style.
- Plain items are those that have no designs or logos, or have only the 'MH' insignia.
- All shirts/blouses must be tucked into skirts or trousers/shorts, not folded or rolled.
- Only plain white singlets or t-shirts are to be worn beneath school shirts or blouses; they must remain hidden. No hoodies or coloured shirts.

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Uniform for Secondary Students

Compulsory items for all students

- Black polishable, leather lace-up shoes
- Uniform blazer (must be worn to and from school, during chapel and assembly and at any formal school function. Students may choose to wear it at other times with their academic uniform).
- Uniform hat (when outside in Term 1 & 4)
- Uniform tie (worn with all shirts)
- Uniform woollen jumper

Optional items for all students

- Uniform scarf or beanie (in winter only)

	Regular Uniform for Girls	Regular Uniform for Boys
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform dress that covers the knees OR uniform white blouse/shirt with uniform navy pants • Plain white socks that cover the ankle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform white shirt • Uniform grey trousers • Plain grey socks that cover the ankle
Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform white blouse/shirt • Uniform skirt that covers the knees OR navy uniform pants • Plain navy socks that cover the ankle • Plain navy tights or socks that cover the ankle 	
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform tracksuit pants • Uniform polo shirt • Uniform softshell jacket • Uniform rugby top (optional) • Uniform shorts OR skort • Uniform socks OR plain white socks that cover the ankle • Supportive runners with cushioned soles • When swimming: a one-piece bathing suit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform tracksuit pants • Uniform polo shirt • Uniform softshell jacket • Uniform rugby top (optional) • Uniform shorts • Uniform socks OR plain white socks that cover the ankle • Supportive runners with cushioned soles • When swimming: board shorts

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General Appearance Requirements

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- Personal hygiene is to be maintained, including daily washing, oral care and deodorant (for older students or as needed).
- The condition of uniforms should be clean and well-maintained (no rips, tears, fraying).

Hair

- All students with hair that is longer than shoulder length are required to have it all tied back. Students are not permitted to have only some of their hair tied back; it must all be in the tie.
- Hair must be a natural colour and must not protrude onto the face.
- All students from Foundation to Year 9 must be clean-shaven. Senior students in Years 10-12 are permitted to have neatly groomed facial hair, at the discretion of the Principal or Senior Leaders. [Examples of permitted, neatly groomed and not permitted ungroomed facial hair.](#)
- All hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and must be plain navy, black or white.

Jewellery and adornment

- Students are permitted to have one silver or gold stud in each earlobe.
- All other piercings must be removed or have a clear stud.
- If a new piercing is healing, it must be covered with skin-coloured tape until a clear stud can be used. A parent note is needed for this period of time.
- No other body piercings are permitted.
- Any skin care products or makeup should be applied to appear natural. No extremes of colour or shade (for example, dark red cheeks, black lips or green eyelids).
- Nails must be clean and short. Coloured nail polish and fake nails are not permitted.
- One item of traditionally recognised religious jewellery is permitted in consultation with the Principal or delegate (eg. one small cross necklace, one kara bracelet).
- No other visible jewellery is permitted. Any other visible jewellery will be confiscated for parent collection at the school reception.
- Any and all forms of tattoos, permanent or otherwise, are not permitted to be displayed.

Casual days

- No low-cut (showing shoulders/chest) or high-cut (showing midriff) tops.
- No singlet or 'spaghetti' tops.
- No brief shorts or dresses (higher than one hand's width above the knee).
- No tight-fitting pants, leggings or 'jeggings'.
- No obscene, offensive, rude or inappropriate words or pictures on clothing.
- Hats are still compulsory when outdoors during summer terms.
- All shoes must be covered and suitable for a school setting.
- The College regulations regarding jewellery and adornment, hair, nails, make-up, etc., still apply.
- See *Casual Clothes Day Policy* for more information.

Year 12 Students

- Commemorative Year 12 Jackets are permitted to be worn on days that Year 12 students are in sports uniform - this may be for their timetabled sports lessons or on days that their senior subjects require them to be in sports uniform (eg, senior Physical Education classes).
- Year 12 Jackets are not permitted to be worn with the academic uniform.

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Uniform Exemptions

Mernda Hills recognises that there may be cases when students do not wish to meet the student appearance expectations. Reasons may include religious, ethnic or cultural background, health condition or economic hardship. In these cases, an exemption must be sought by emailing principal@merndahills.vic.edu.au.

The Principal is responsible for managing and conducting the exemption process in relation to the Student Uniform and Appearance Policy. If an exemption is sought, a request should be made to the Principal in writing, setting out the grounds for the exemption, any relevant evidence and the modification to the Student Uniform and Appearance policy that is requested. The Principal will consider the request and seek to come to an agreement that is acceptable to all parties. Such an agreement may include:

- An agreed modification of the dress requirements rather than a complete exemption.
- Setting conditions under which the exemption will be allowed.

Exemptions are not guaranteed and are granted on an individual basis; they do not exempt others from the rules and expectations.