



Uniform Policy

Rationale

The dress code of St Mary's College requires a high standard of personal grooming together with an expectation that the correct uniform is worn appropriately at school and beyond the school gates. This is necessary for St Mary's to conform to the Workplace Health and Safety guidelines, which include Sunsafe, set out for all workplaces in the state.

Policy Statement

The school uniform should always reflect the values and the image of St Mary's College.

Values and Principles

In exercising our duty of care through Workplace Health and Safety, including Sunsafe Legislation, the staff and parents of St Mary's College students will be diligent in helping students to be consistent with the current uniform policy and its consequences. The dress code instills in the students a pride, dignity and respect for themselves and their school.

Guidelines

This policy seeks to, through the wearing of a set uniform:

- Create for the students a sense of belonging to the school community
- Provide circumstance to allow equality for all
- Allow students to bear witness to the values of St Mary's College

Consequences

All students are required to wear the correct uniform as per the school uniform requirements and present themselves well. It is expected that if the uniform is non-compliant a note of explanation is to be presented to the mentor teacher in the morning, signed by the parent. This note is required each day the uniform is non-compliant. The final interpretation of details of this uniform policy will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Uniform Requirements

Uniform items are available through Hannas in Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. The College operates a second-hand clothing shop, located in classroom N8 off Margaret Street. *For opening hours please contact reception.*

Academic Uniform

- Trousers long & shorts (Exclusive College navy with College name) (Available from *Hannas only*)
- Shirt – regulation blue, long or short sleeve. – White for Years 11 and 12 students only.
- Woollen knitted Jumper – St Mary's design only. (Available from *Hannas only*) Only to be worn with College uniform
- Tie – may only be removed after morning mentor in Terms 1 & 4. To be put back on before afternoon mentor.
- Socks – Dark navy or the navy College long socks must be worn with long trousers. Navy (with turn-over tops) and College colours, for those with shorts; and garters. Socks must be kept up to the bottom of the kneecap.
- Belt – black or navy blue only
- Shoes – polished black *clean* lace-up leather (jogger style, *canvas, boots, pointed, skate shoes, slip-ons* are not permitted)
- Hat – College broad brimmed hat. Embroidered (6 – 8mm high in White block font) with name appropriately placed on the outside, unfaded, with no whiteout or colouring, untorn with the crest worn to the front and with no other disfigurement.
 - Senior School (Year 11 & 12) Blazer and Senior Hat – compulsory. (Available from *Hannas only*) Hat to be unfaded, with no whiteout or colouring, untorn with the crest worn to the front and with no other disfigurement-only to be worn with College uniform.
- St Mary's College navy scarf - (optional) in winter, can be worn with the College jumper
- St Mary's College Bag-2 sizes available. Name must be embroidered on the outside just above the school crest. (Available from *Hannas only*) Embroidery is to be 6 – 8mm high in White block font.



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Sports Uniform

Primary boys wear full sports uniform to College on Fridays. Secondary boys wear full sports uniform on Wednesdays.

- Sports' shorts *with school crest* (Available at *Hannas* only).
- College sport shirt
- Socks – There are three options for St Mary's College sports socks:
 - quarter white socks
 - quarter white socks with navy blue bands only
 - St Mary's anklet socks
 - Football socks are not to be worn as part of the uniform.
- College tracksuit bottom-Pants with St Mary's on the side—only to be worn with the sporting uniforms.
- College zip up spray jacket—only to be worn with the sporting uniforms, not compulsory (can wear jumper with tracksuit bottom)
- Sport shoes are to be lace up, predominately (greater than 50%) white, blue, grey or black joggers, not slip-ons.
- *House Shirt (Optional)*
- Sports Hats – The sports uniform includes a broad brim hat. Students can also purchase and wear a bucket hat or cap (to be worn during games only.) No other hats/ caps are allowed. (Available for purchase from the College office).
- Sports Bag- College sports bag available for purchase from the College office and no other bags are permitted.
- Sports Specific Shirt /Jersey - To be purchased from *Hannas* where required.
- Contact Sport Specific Shorts – navy with College crest (to be worn during games only) – available for purchase from the College office.

Wearing of the uniform and appearance

- Clean and neat wearing of the school uniform is part of a student's responsibility in attending ST Mary's College.
- It is seen as a sign of students' sense of self-respect, and their willingness to be part of the St Mary's community.
- All students are expected to wear full, correct uniform. Students, who are unable to wear any part of the uniform, should have a note signed by parent/carers. Failure to wear the full & complete uniform will lead to immediate removal from class until rectified. Students must wear the full uniform in public, not parts of the uniform mixed with other clothing e.g. going home after sports training.
- Hats are compulsory and must be worn at all times when not in a building. This includes travelling to and from school.
- Students doing Applied Technology and Design subjects must wear school leather shoes or steel cap boots when required by the Workplace Health and Safety legislation at these lessons at all times.
- Jewellery – wrist watch only. Any other jewellery may be confiscated for a period of time and kept with the Assistant Principal (Student Welfare)
- *Jewellery of a religious significance may be allowed with a written permission letter from parents to the Principal. Chains are not to be seen above clothing.*
- When cold, students can wear layers under their College jumper that cannot be seen. All students can wear a College Blazer however no hoodies or tracksuit tops are permitted.
- The College zip-up spray jacket can be worn with the school uniform when it is actually raining only (as a rain coat)
- Students are expected to be clean shaven at all times.
- Haircuts: are to be only one's own natural colouring (highlights and foils are not acceptable), cut no shorter than a no 2 blade, tracks and shaven strips are not acceptable, not over the collar and not over eyebrow length, neat, clean and combed – not messy and untidy, undercuts, tails and tracks are not acceptable, extreme haircuts which draw attention to the student are not allowed, e.g. 'afro', Mohawk style, Beckham, 'mullet', dread locks...
- Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times with side burns no longer than the ear lobe.



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PE Uniform Changing

Apart from the designated sports days, the PE uniform is not to be worn to and from school. Students are to change into their PE uniforms, the break before their lesson (i.e. morning tea or lunch, etc.) and out of them the break after, or if time permits at the end of the lesson. Students may only remain in PE uniform if they are playing sport for the school which starts straight after school.

Free Dress Day

Throughout the school year, the College offers 'free dress' days in support of a charitable cause. Students have the opportunity to come to school out of uniform by donating a gold coin to the collection taken for charity on the day. The following guidelines apply to these non-uniform days:

- No ear-rings or plugs, jewellery, chains or silicon bands are to be worn.
- No inappropriate images, symbols or wording to be on clothing.
- No thongs, slides or singlet's.
- Black leather school shoes must be worn into ATD classes (students can bring a change of shoes)
- Hats must be worn outside.
- The use of sunscreen is recommended at all times. The school uniform should be appropriate and consistent with the *Sunsmart Policy*