

Student Uniform and Presentation Policy

1. Rationale

Mt Maria College Petrie requires students to maintain a high standard of dress and grooming. Students are seen to be representing the College at any time they are in College uniform or on any official College engagement. The students are asked to wear hats for sun safety and adhere to all the expectations to demonstrate pride in belonging to the Mt Maria College community.

2. Application

All students.

3. Policy Statement

Uniform

Students must always wear their formal uniform, except during Health and Physical Education and Senior Recreation classes. Mt Maria College promotes sun safety because of the UV damage caused by exposure to the sun. The students must wear the College bucket hat or cap while outdoors playing sport during PE, sport carnivals or on the oval at break times. Any students outdoors and not under cover are also required to wear a college hat or cap.

Students are expected to keep their uniform in good order and wear it appropriately. The College takes a firm stand on the **correct** wearing of the uniform. Students may be sent home and asked not to return until the appropriate changes have been made. If a student is unable to wear the correct uniform due to extenuating circumstances, a note or telephone call to the student's Pastoral Leader is required. There is a formal process for uniform exemptions. All uniform exemptions must be applied for each term and a medical certificate is required. If the adjustment is reasonable, the College **may** grant the exemption. If you would like to request an exemption, please contact Patrick McDermott the Leader of Student Wellbeing pmcdermott@bne.catholic.edu.au.

On enrolment at this College, the standard expected when wearing the uniform is clear. To maintain a high standard of dress, the following specific regulations must be adhered to:

1. **Formal uniform** must be worn whilst the student travels to and from the College, including the formal College hat. This applies to all excursions off campus.

For Girls	For Boys
White formal shirt (Years 11 & 12) Blue formal shirt (Years 7 to 10), including ties (all terms)	White formal shirt (Years 11 & 12) Blue formal shirt (Years 7 to 10)
Formal skirts or formal pants can be worn.	Shirts tucked in
White formal socks or Navy-Blue stockings	Formal Socks Up
Black formal hard leather school shoe	Black formal hard leather school shoe
Formal Hat to be worn to and from the College	Top button of shirt done up when wearing tie (Ties are only required in Terms 2 & 3 or when advised to wear Full Formal Uniform)
College Blazer must be worn when Full Formal Uniform is required. The Year 7-9 students may purchase a navy-blue soft cell jacket, which can be worn with the formal or sport uniform.	Formal Hat to be worn to and from the College. Yr 10- 12 are required to purchase a blazer but may also purchase the soft cell jacket. The formal jumper is also an option.



College Bucket Hat or Cap to be worn if play outside in break times (no hat, no play)	College Blazer must be worn when Full Formal Uniform is required
Senior Jersey is ONLY to be worn on Wednesdays and special event days	College Bucket Hat or Cap to be worn if play outside in break times (no hat, no play)
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Please note that any non-College branded clothes, hats or bags will be confiscated.



Sports uniform

For Girls	For Boys
Navy sport shorts	Navy sport shorts
College sport shirt with House name and stripe	College sport shirt with House name and stripe
White sport socks (from uniform shop)	White sport socks (from uniform shop)
College Cap or Bucket Hat	College Cap or Bucket Hat
College track top and track pants	College track top and track pants
lace up runners or joggers (no skate)	lace up runners or joggers (no skate)
One piece swimming costume for swimming carnival and College activities	

2. Hair and Grooming

Hair

For Girls	For Boys
Haircut and style must be conservative	Haircut and style must be conservative
Colour must be natural (if coloured, exactly or closely matched to the student's natural hair colour)	Colour must be natural (if coloured, exactly or closely matched to the student's natural hair colour)
There are to be no undercuts, tracks or tails	There are to be no undercuts, tracks or tails
If longer than shoulder length, hair must always be kept tied up, hair must be off the face or back using discrete hair bands or clips.	If longer than shoulder length, hair must always be kept tied up, hair must be off the face or back using discrete hair bands or clips.

The definition of acceptable grooming is at the College's discretion and the final word rests with the Deputy Principal.

Grooming –

In the case of a breach of the above regulations the following consequences will be observed:

- Students returning to school after a holiday break with inappropriate hair may be sent home until the hair style/colour meets with College guidelines.
- Parents will be advised that students will not be allowed to return until hair meets College guidelines.
- Male students who are not clean shaven will be given the option to shave using the equipment provided by the College or requested to go home and shave.
- Students wearing make up/nail polish will be given the option to remove with products supplied by the College or requested to go home and remove.
- Fingernails are to be kept appropriately trimmed and natural nail colour may be worn.

❖ **NO** visible tattoos - under the direction of College Leadership student will be sent home and will not be able to return until they agree to wear suitable item (skin coloured tattoo sleeve) covering the tattoo.

Jewellery

In accordance with the uniform standard of moderation, only basic Jewelry is to be worn.

- Plain wristwatch
- One pair of small plain sleepers or studs. One in each lower earlobe.
- All other piercings in the ear to be clear jewellery.
- **NO** facial or tongue piercings
- Fine silver or gold chain with matching, small crucifix (as a Catholic College, no other religious, or personal iconography is acceptable).
- Other jewellery worn for cultural purposes; an exemption must be sought by the Leader of Student Wellbeing.
- If students wear other accessories, they may be confiscated.
- The definition of acceptable jewellery is at the College's discretion and the final word rests with the College Deputy Principal.

In the case of a breach of the above regulations the following consequences will be observed:

- If student is unwilling to remove the piercings at school under the direction of College Leadership, the student may be sent home and will not be able to return until they agree to comply with this policy.

3. School Bag

The College requires the students to use the College bag. WHS requirements state that all bags need to be stored in lockers. Non MMCP branded bags may be confiscated. All Middle Phase students will be provided with a lock, we recommend that Yr 10-12 purchase a lock to store their bags safely and appropriately.

4. Document Information

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