



Dress Code and Expectations

Catherine McAuley College has clear required Uniform and Dress Code expectations. These accompany the College Uniform List.

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

- Students are to wear their uniform correctly at all times, both inside and outside the College.
- Students are expected to be neat and tidy and wear their uniform with pride.
- All uniform items must be clean and in good repair.
- The Dress Code applies to students on their way TO and FROM the College, as well as while at the College and attending excursions.
- Whenever uniform is worn in the public domain, it must be complete
- Accessories must be an approved College design or plain navy, e.g. scarves, hair ties etc.
- T-shirts must not be visible under the College uniform.
- The length of girls' dresses and skirts is to be no shorter than the top of the knee i.e. on the knee.
- Students need to ensure that ties, when worn in Terms 2 and 3, are always be done up, this includes the top button of the shirt
- Tattoos must not be visible.

Hair

- Hair should be kept neat and tidy.
- Any student whose hair is at shoulder length or longer, regardless of gender, needs to tie their hair up. This applies for the entire school day including all practical classes and classroom subjects.
- Students need to abide by this requirement whenever they are wearing school uniform, at school or in public at any time.
- Dyed hair should be within the natural hair colour range.
- Facial Hair: boys should be clean shaven at all times

Jewellery

- A maximum of two plain silver or gold earrings in each ear. Sleeper, no bigger than a five-cent piece, or two small plain silver or gold studs.
- Spacers are not permitted at school.
- The wearing of any material in a facial and/or tongue piercing is not allowable at school.
- A wrist watch may be worn. A plain neck-chain may only be worn if it includes a small cross, crucifix or Christian medallion.
- No other form of visible jewellery is allowed.

Makeup and Nail Polish

- Makeup is not worn at Coolock.
- Students at St Mary's may wear minimal makeup.
- Nail Polish is not to be worn.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)

- Full winter academic uniform is to be worn during Terms 2 and 3.
- Long sleeve shirts only to be worn, tucked in.
- Long pants are to be worn, no shorts. This applies to both boys and girls wearing pants.
- A tie is compulsory during Terms 2 and 3.
- The College blazer is a compulsory winter uniform item and is worn as a top layer (with or without the jumper underneath). The blazer must be worn to and from school during Terms 2 and 3. This is the minimum expectation. Students are also encouraged to wear their blazer throughout the school day for additional warmth.
- There are hooks in lockers for hanging the blazer when not being worn during the day.

Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

- Full summer academic uniform is to be worn during Terms 1 and 4.
- The bucket hat must be worn at all times when students are outside during Terms 1 and 4.
- The blazer is optional during Terms 1 and 4 but may be required for special occasions.

Season Transition (Terms 2 and 4)

- A 2-week change over arrangement may be announced depending on the prevailing weather conditions.

Sport

- Sports uniform is worn on days of practical Physical Education classes, practical Drama classes, some VET classes and some VCAL classes. On these days, the Sports uniform may be worn to and from school.
- Track pants or shorts can be worn throughout the year with sports uniform.
- Only one item is required of either the sports softshell jacket or rugby top.
- There is an optional baseball cap that can be worn during sport only.

Shoes

- Academic Uniform: black leather lace up shoes or buckle T-bar leather shoes.
- Sports/PE: Supportive sport footwear.