



Uniform Policy FAQ

When may I wear sports uniform?

At Coolock, sports uniform is only worn on days of practical Physical Education classes and through prior arrangement for Outdoor Education, Agriculture and Drama classes.

At St Mary's sports uniform may be worn for Physical Education, practical Drama, VET classes and some VCAL classes. On these days, you wear the sports uniform to and from school. There is a full list of classes and exemptions in the Uniform Policy on Simon/PAM (in Knowledge Banks). If you are participating in sports trials and training the sports uniform can be worn throughout the day.

Do I have to wear the blazer?

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. You should wear the blazer throughout the school day for additional warmth or hang it up in your locker. The blazer is optional during Terms 1 and 4 and may be required for special occasions.

Do I have to wear a hat?

The bucket hat must be worn at all times when you are outside during Terms 1 and 4.

If you don't have your hat with you at Coolock you will be directed to go to McAuley Square and remain in the shade.

At St Mary's you will be directed to go to the library.

I noticed that some students never wear the academic uniform. Why is that?

Some students may have a medical or social-emotional reason for not wearing full school uniform. They have been provided with an exemption based on written advice from a health care professional.

Can I choose to wear pants or a dress/skirt?

Yes, you can choose what suits you best, but the uniform must be either fully academic or fully sport, depending on the circumstances and be worn complete and in good order. This also means long pants, not shorts to be worn for the winter uniform.

Why do Year 12 student get to wear a rugby top?

Year 12 have the option to wear the Year 12 rugby top which has been designed and purchased in consultation with the Principal.

What do I do if I have a problem with wearing my uniform to school one day?

An approved uniform breach is when your parent/carer sends a note explaining why you're temporarily unable to wear correct uniform. It is expected that the issue will be fixed as soon as possible. Multiple or unreasonable breaches, even if accompanied by a note, may result in disciplinary action.

What happens with approved uniform passes?

The note from your parents/carers is recorded and your parents/carers are notified that it was received. Excess incidences of approved uniform breaches will be followed up by your Student Advocate.

What does an unapproved uniform breach mean?

An unapproved uniform breach is when you do not have a valid note from your parent or carer outlining a reasonable explanation for the uniform breach.

What happens if I have an unapproved uniform breach?

A uniform infringement will be recorded, and you will be required to spend time in the Reflection Room. A message will be sent to your parents/carers. Multiple offences will be treated as sustained misbehaviour and consequences are escalated, including a meeting with your parents/carers. Further consequences may include exclusion from activities or even suspension.

Can I wear whatever I like on casual clothes days?

You are still expected to wear neat and tidy clothes that are of an acceptable standard. This includes not overly revealing clothes, no inappropriate logos or messages and sensible footwear that allows you to safely take part in school activities. You must continue to comply with the SunSmart policy in Terms 1 and Term 4.