



Mundaring
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

**Mundaring Christian College
Secondary Uniform Policy**



Forward from the Principal

The Mundaring Christian College uniform is intended to support our sense of community and healthy pride in our College and to emphasise our character, organisation and commitment to maintaining a level of dignity within the school's dress standards. The way a student wears their uniform reflects their own self-image and is also a measure of how they regard other people. Wearing uniform correctly is important because it.....

- 1) Gives students a sense of belonging and shared community.
- 2) Allows students to avoid the pressures of "image" and demands of being "fashionable".
- 3) Helps students to understand life regularly requires standards of dress and action to be upheld.

The ability to cooperate with the wearing of uniform is an essential life skill; requiring organisation, consideration of others and community spirit. I believe that wearing uniform correctly is more than an expression of outward conformity but of the heart.

"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)

You or your students may think uniform is not important. The paradox of uniform is that by creating a shared standard we are reinforcing to our students not to focus on the outward but the inner person. After more than a quarter of a century of working with students, I can assure you, uniform is an important aspect of their development. That is why we will enforce it.

Over the years a number of accommodations have been made in the development of our uniform policy. The following is extensive; but designed for clarity and to answer frequently arising issues.

At MCC we have a uniform policy, I expect it to be upheld.

Rod McNeill
Principal



Representing our College through The Uniform

Wearing the College uniform (formal and sports uniform) to and from the College is compulsory. Parents and/or guardians should ensure that their child's uniform is being worn correctly when they leave home. It is the students' responsibility to be fully prepared for each school day, which includes the wearing of the correct school uniform at all times during the day.

Parents and/or guardians are asked to support of the Mundaring Christian College Uniform Policy as a condition of enrolment and work alongside the College. Repeated uniform breaches may involve being required to purchase items from the uniform shop, issued with a detention, face suspension, or their parent/guardian being requested collect their child from the College.

All uniforms must be clearly labelled with the student's full name, and it is the student's responsibility to care for each piece of attire while at school. Items of uniform are to be clean, correctly sized and in good repair. The College reserves the right to request a student to replace uniform items deemed to be in an unacceptable condition.

Summer Uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Hats will be required with the summer uniform and are required to always be worn by students outside except when they are seated under full shade.

Winter uniform will be worn for Term 2 and Term 3. The College jacket is required to be worn to all official College functions and formal occasions. Beanies and scarves are permitted in winter.

Any enquiries regarding this uniform guide should be directed to Student Services may be referred to the Head of Student Wellbeing. The College is the final arbiter of all uniform decisions.



Mundaring Christian College Uniform Expectations for All Students

Hairstyles

The general guideline for student hair is that all students' hair should be neat, tidy and meet safety standards at all times.

- Hair is to be neatly styled, off the face, clean and tidy.
- Only natural hair colours are permitted. Extreme or excessively distinguishable multi-coloured hair is not acceptable.
- All students with hair longer than the collar must wear it tied back.
- It is not acceptable for students to have patterns shaved into their hair.
- Fringes must be kept out of the face and pinned back with a bobby pin if necessary.
- Hair ties or bands must be plain navy blue, black, white.
- Cornrows, "Bali braids", dreadlocks or similar styles of tight hair braiding are not acceptable.
- Exemptions may be given for ethnic or cultural reasons upon application to the Head of Student Wellbeing. Exemptions must be pre-approved and are given at the discretion of the College.

Note: The College Principal retains discretion to decide upon acceptable hair standards.

Facial Hair

- Year 7 to 11 students must be clean shaven. Sideburns must not extend below the earlobes.
- Year 12 students are permitted to have neat and trimmed facial hair.

Make Up & Nail Polish

- Secondary students are permitted to wear light unnoticeable, natural-coloured foundation.
- No coloured lips, eye shadow, glitter or eyeliner is permitted.
- Mascara must look natural and lightly applied.
- Fake eyelashes and nail extensions are not permitted.
- No coloured nail polish is to be worn.
- All nails must look natural and be a length and shape that allows students to engage in the College curriculum.
- For College events such as the Year 11 River Cruise and the Year 12 College Ball, nail extensions, eyelash extensions and coloured nails may be allowed for an allocated period of time determined by the Head of Student Wellbeing.

Appropriate Uniform Accessories and Adornments

Wristwatch



Earrings



Necklace



Belt



Scarf



Beanie



- A wristwatch may be worn.
- Students may wear two pairs of earrings; plain silver or gold studs, clear or blue sparkling gemstone, white pearl stud style or plain small full circle sleeper earring in the earlobe or helix (upper ear).
- Earrings must be a maximum diameter of; sleeper 12mm, stud 5mm.
- Sleeper earrings must be thin, and earrings have no objects hanging from the earring.
- Students may wear a small chain necklace. Chains are to be no wider than 5mm, and are to be worn under the shirt at all times.
- No other jewellery is acceptable, including rings, bracelets, and anklets due to safety and safe belonging of the item.
- Rubber fundraising bands are not permitted unless otherwise agreed by the Head of Student Wellbeing.
- No body piercings (other than in ears) are acceptable. This includes eyebrows and lip piercings.
- Students may wear one transparent (invisible) nose stud piercing through the side of nose only.
- Visible tattoos and/or body art are not permitted.
- Students who have existing tattoos must ensure that they always cover the tattoos, including at Inter House and Inter School carnivals, camps and during other College activities and events where the student is required to wear the College uniform or sports uniform.
- There are to be no visible undershirts.
- All jewellery and accessories must meet classroom occupational health and safety regulations.

Student Shoe Policy

It is beneficial for students' overall health to wear appropriate and suitable shoes for school. Students must wear black leather, lace up school shoes with their formal uniform, and appropriate sports shoes with their sports uniform.

Formal uniform shoes must be:

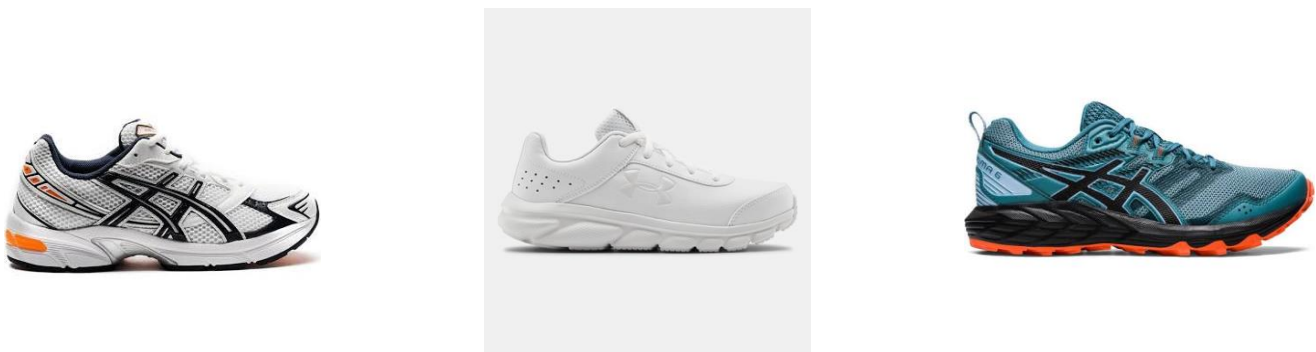
- Plain black leather lace up style shoes that can be polished and to be worn all year. Formal uniform shoes must be regularly polished. Shoelaces must be always tied.
- Formal school shoes must cover the full instep and be below the ankle; not a boot, sneaker or sport shoe. Shoes must cover the top of the foot. Heels must not be more than 35mm high.
- Non-leather uppers or punched holes completely through the shoe are unacceptable for safety reasons.
- Sandals are not acceptable.
- Students are to wear white or grey ankle length socks with their formal uniform.
- Navy tights can be worn with the winter uniform.

Acceptable school shoes for all students when wearing the formal uniform:



Acceptable sports shoes for all students when wearing the sports uniform:

Sports shoes must have good, cushioned soles and supported heels. Coloured sports shoes are acceptable.



Students need to wear shoes that are appropriate and provide support for school activities. The following shoes are not permitted for the formal or sports uniform at the College:

Shoes not acceptable for students:

- Thin-soled slip-on shoes
- Ballet flats
- Boots style shoes
- Van style shoes
- Flat sole shoes
- Black leather slip on shoes
- Volleys style shoes
- Skate shoes
- Converse shoes
- Dress pointed shoes





Wearing the College Uniform

The way a student wears their uniform reflects their own self-image and is also a measure of how they regard other people. A student is representing our College in the community when they put on their school uniform. Our expectations are a student will wear the uniform correctly on and off the College grounds. A student can be held responsible for their actions on and off the College grounds when wearing the College uniform.

Below is a guide on particular items of the school uniform:

Shirt

- Students are to fasten the top button on their shirt when wearing a tie.
- Students wearing shirts designed to be tucked in must keep them tucked in, including travelling to and from the College.
- Students are only permitted to untuck their shirts at recess and lunch when participating in physical activity.

Skirts, Dresses and Skorts

- Skirts and dresses must sit just above the knee or below. Lengths of mid-thigh are not acceptable; parents will receive communication requiring alterations be made or a new skirt purchased within an agreed timeframe.
- Skirts and skorts should be a proper fit around the waist.
- Students are not permitted to roll up their skirts or skorts.
- Skorts are to be worn only with the sports uniform, not the formal uniform.

Shorts and Trousers

- The fit of the trousers and shorts requires a plain black belt.

Tie

- Ties are to fit correctly and neatly with the winter formal uniform.

Socks and Tights

- White or grey socks are to be worn with the summer formal uniform.
- Navy tights can be worn with the winter formal uniform.
- White or black socks can be worn with the sports uniform.
- Socks with logos are not permitted, regardless of colour, or size of the logo.

Shoes

- The appropriate shoe must be worn with the appropriate uniform and not mixed.

Jumpers and Jackets

- College jumpers may be worn with the College jacket and sports uniform in winter.
- College jumpers and jackets are to be worn by students with no additional visible layers.
- Additional layering for winter must be not seen.
- Hoodie jumpers are not permitted to be worn by students. Any student that does not have a jacket or jumper in winter may be provided with a spare one from Student Services.
- Mustang jumpers may be worn with the sports uniform only and not the formal uniform.

Jewellery

- The College preference is for no jewellery to be worn for reasons of safety and safekeeping.
- Students are expected to uphold wearing the correct jewellery.
- Students who are wearing extra jewellery will have it confiscated and returned at the end of the day, as well as receiving a detention.
- If students continue to wear the same jewellery after warnings, or if they refuse to remove items when requested, they may be suspended.
- Students that fail to uphold the correct jewellery may be required to be collected by their parent.
- Additional piercings are not permitted and students are advised to wait to the longer school break to receive additional piercings that cannot be removed until they are healed.

Below is a sizing guide for jewellery:



Please note the appropriate sizing for earrings is no bigger than 5mm for a stud and no bigger than 16mm for a hoop. The images are for a guide on appropriate sizing with sizes bigger than permitted to show difference.

Scarfs and Beanies

- Students are permitted to wear a plain navy beanie and/or scarf during Term 2 and 3 for winter.
- No logos are permitted on the scarf or beanie.

Sports Uniform

- Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform to College on their Physical Education Days.
- Students deliberately wearing sport uniform at the wrong time will be spoken to by their Dean of Year.
- Students are permitted to wear appropriate footwear with their sports uniform when participating in the specific water activity. Normal sports shoes must be worn before and after the Physical Education class.



Enforcement of Uniform Policy

Uniform Pass

- If a student is wearing an incorrect uniform item, they must go to Student Services to receive a uniform pass.
- A uniform pass acknowledges the breach and allows for the appropriate follow up by the Dean of Year and/or Head of Student Wellbeing.
- A uniform pass is acknowledgement of the breach and will state whether the reason is acceptable, unacceptable or being referred to the Head of Wellbeing for follow up. The uniform pass is a symbol of the breach being noted and documented, with appropriate follow up and consequences if required.
- Students who are not in the correct College uniform must report to the Student Services office before attending PC class.
- If a student is out of uniform for a legitimate reason (see below) the student must have written communication from their parent/guardian and/or a medical certificate to be given a uniform pass without a consequence.

Consequences

- If a student does not have written communication from their parent/guardian or they do not have a legitimate reason for having the incorrect uniform, the following penalty system applies: For the first time within a five week period that a minor breach to the uniform policy occurs, a student will be given a warning. On the second and any subsequent occasion that a student is sent to the office for a minor breach to the uniform policy, they will be issued with a detention.
- Written communication from a parent will only excuse a student if it is for a legitimate reason. If the College disputes the reason for the uniform infringement, the College will ring the parents/guardian of the student involved.
- When uniform offences are repeated and not being effectively dealt with by the student, parents will be contacted to help solve the problem and support the College.
- If the uniform breach is a major one, the student may not be permitted to attend classes that day.

The following are considered legitimate reasons for an incorrect uniform:

- An injury or medical reason that makes it difficult for the student to wear the uniform.
- A part of the uniform has been ordered but it has not arrived.
- A clothing item has been lost or damaged and the Uniform Shop is not open to replace it.
- Exceptional home circumstances that interrupt the wearing of uniform.

The following are considered unacceptable reasons for an incorrect uniform:

- Disorganization or forgetting an item.
- Deliberate resistance to wearing the uniform.

Ignorance of the uniform policy. For legitimate reasons, please contact Student Services to arrange suitable alternative attire and to discuss the timeline resuming the correct uniform.

Behaviour Whilst in College Uniform

Students should always wear their College uniform with pride. If a student misbehaves whilst in their uniform or wears their uniform in an inappropriate manner, this identifies them as members of the community of Mundaring Christian College. The Mundaring Christian College discipline and uniform policies apply to students when they are in Mundaring Christian College Uniform. This includes on the bus, at any shopping centre and anywhere in public.

Camp and Casual For A Cause Dress Day Guidelines

Each term, a Casual for a Cause day is held to fundraise and create awareness for a chosen organisation. Students may also attend a camp where they are allowed to wear appropriate clothing. Below are the guidelines for student attire. The standard is not “weekend wear” but “neat casual”:

- Clothing is to be modest and appropriate for the activity.
- No skin-tight or see through clothing, including bike shorts, leggings and jeggings without covering.
- No singlet or halter neck tops or halter neck dresses.
- No offensive slogans or images on any clothing.
- No bare midriffs.
- All skirts and dresses and shorts are to be reasonably modest.
- Closed-in footwear must be worn.
- For Science, Home Economics and Technologies, students’ hair is to be tied back and jewellery removed.
- For Physical Education classes, sports uniform and sports shoes must be worn for the class.

Swimming Bathers

For all swimming activities during Physical Education or a College event, like a camp or end of year activity, students are required to be SunSmart.

- A rashie or sun smart shirt is to be worn by all students when participating in water activities, except during competitive swimming events.
- Bathers must be appropriate, including the rashie or sun smart shirt.
- Bikinis are not permitted.
- College bathers can be purchased at the Uniform Shop.

Sun Safety

- Students are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun safety and wear the College designated hat (cap or wide brimmed hat) when outdoors.
- Sun cream is available at Student Services.

Year 12 Leavers Jackets

Year 12 students are permitted to wear their Leavers Jackets to school every day. The exception is when there is a formal event or an excursion or if the jacket is dirty or in unprofessional condition. In these circumstances, the College Jacket must be worn.

Excursions

Formal College uniform, or if appropriate College sport uniform is required for all excursions unless otherwise notified. The teacher in charge of the excursion will advise which is the correct uniform for the event. Students who do not have the full correct uniform may not be allowed to attend the excursion.

The Uniform Shop

College uniforms can be purchased directly from Perm-A-Pleat Retail Outlet Store (31 Victoria Street, Midland). Please contact Perm-A-Pleat on 6114 4888 or midland.retail@permableat.com.au for more information and to check current opening hours.

Uniform items can be purchased online and will be delivered to the College Office at both the Primary and the Secondary Campus for collection. There is a Second-Hand Uniform Shop, run by parent volunteers at the Primary Campus.

Exemptions

In cases where a student for a medical reason needs an exemption or modification to a component of the uniform and appearance guide, a medical certificate is required and will need to be submitted to the Head of Student Wellbeing.

All uniform enquiries can be directed to Student Services.