

Uniform and Appearance Policy (Torrens Park Campus)

Overview

Purpose

This policy outlines the uniform and appearance standards for students on the Torrens Park Campus (Years 7 – 12).

Application

This policy applies to all Scotch College Adelaide students enrolled in Years 7 to 12.

Responsibilities

All students are expected to adhere to the requirements of this Policy.

Related Documents

Uniform and Appearance Mitcham Campus Policy.

Rescissions and replacements

Not applicable.

Review

This policy must be reviewed at least every two years.

Policy

- The Scotch College Adelaide uniform is distinctive. In wearing the uniform, students are ambassadors for the College.
- The College believes that it is important for students to develop personal responsibility for the wearing of correct uniform and meeting appearance standards while at school; there will be circumstances post-school where these skills are required.

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1 Uniform

Students and/or families are encouraged to discuss uniform needs with Uniform Shop staff, who can assist in selecting a uniform that is suitable and appropriate.

Students are to wear one of the following uniforms collections.

Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4

- College summer dress (worn to the crease at the back of the knee), College white socks
- College navy trousers or shorts with the accompanying white long or short-sleeved blouse, College white socks with shorts, College navy Socks with trousers
- College grey shorts or trousers, black leather belt (if worn), College short sleeved shirt is untucked and worn without tie. Long sleeved shirt is worn tucked in and with tie, College grey socks.

Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3

- College kilt (worn at the knee or slightly longer, not shorter), College white long or short-sleeved blouse (tucked into kilt), navy House tie, College navy socks or navy tights.
- College navy trousers with the accompanying College white long or short-sleeved blouse (tucked into trousers, tie (Navy House for Years 7 – 9, or House Tartan for Years 10 – 12), College navy socks.
- College grey shorts or trousers, black leather belt (if worn), with the accompanying College long or short-sleeved white shirt, tucked in, tie (Navy House for Years 7 – 9, House Tartan for Years 10 – 12), College grey socks.

College Blazer

The College Blazer must be the only outer garment worn formally all year and must be worn to and from school during Terms 2 and 3 every day.

College Jumper

The College Jumper may be worn with the College Blazer only when at school; it may be worn without the College Blazer, but not for formal purposes.

Shoes

Regulation school shoes (fully enclosed black leather lace-up) must be worn with the formal uniform. Casual shoes of any type are not permitted with the uniform.

Excursions, Assemblies and Formal Events

For college excursions, assemblies and formal events, students are to wear full formal uniform, including blazers and ties.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

The following PE uniform is to be worn for all PE and dance lessons:

- College 'bumblebee' PE top or House top with College PE shorts or College tracksuit pants
- College white PE socks
- Any suitable shoe for physical activity
- The College rugby jumper and tracksuit jacket are optional uniform items that can be worn during cooler weather – these are not to be worn with the formal uniform. The College Jumper is not to be worn with the PE uniform.

- College swimwear must be worn for PE lessons when doing swimming lessons. An optional navy rash vest is available
- At times, a mouthguard is recommended (available from the uniform shop).

Students are required change into their PE uniform at the beginning of their lesson and change back into their formal uniform at the end of their lesson. Exceptions: Students with PE or Dance in Period 1 may arrive to school in their PE uniform; those with PE or Dance in Period 8 may leave school in it.

Sport Uniform

Students are required to wear the appropriate uniform for co-curricular sport. The uniform requirements for co-curricular activities can be found in Appendix A.

Headwear

- There are times when headwear is mandated as per the Torrens Park Campus Sun Protection Policy
- Middle School students (Years 7 – 9) are expected to wear the College Blue Cap or the College Bucket Hat during recess and lunch breaks when playing outdoors during Terms 1 and 4.
- College Caps or the College Bucket Hat is expected to be worn during PE and agricultural lessons by all students when outside during Terms 1 and 4.
- No other form of headwear (e.g. beanies) are to be worn with the formal uniform (unless approved by the relevant Head of School).
- Helmets must be worn by students when riding bicycles.

College Backpack

The College backpack is required for all students from ELC to Year 12. There is an optional embroidered College sports bag that is available to transport PE and sport uniforms and equipment, however, other bags are permitted for this purpose.

Scarves

Students may wear an optional scarf that is either plain navy or the Campbell of Argyll modern tartan (which is the same tartan as the College kilt). Sporting scarves are not to be worn with the formal uniform.

Tour Jackets

Tour Jackets are to be worn on tours only and not during school with the formal uniform.

Co-Curricular Jumpers

The Head of Student and Wellbeing or the Deputy Principal may approve the wearing of a co-curricular jumper (such as the rowing jumper or musical jumper) for specified intervals during the year.

Labelling

All uniform items belonging to students must be clearly marked with one initial and surname in full of either woven nametapes or proper marking ink.

Items Missing

If a student forgets a piece of formal uniform, then they are to wear their formal uniform with a replacement for that item only (i.e. not wear their PE uniform all day).

Additional Undergarments

Students may choose to wear undergarments for additional warmth such as singlets or thermals. These items should NOT be visible underneath the uniform e.g. coloured t-shirts or long-sleeved tops that stick out beyond the sleeves of the regular uniform, or where they can be seen in any way underneath the regular uniform are not permitted.

2 Appearance

Hair

The College acknowledges that students may use their hair to express their individuality given they are unable to do this with their uniform. However, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- Hair must be neat, tidy, and clean.
- Hair must be worn in an 'appropriate fashion' – the College acknowledges that what is deemed an appropriate fashion may change over periods of time.
- There are to be no vibrant or unnatural colours; any colours are to be blended and not significantly contrasting.
- Long hair (past the collar) must be fully tied back with a neutral or black hair tie and off the face.
- A white, fire-engine red, gold, or navy coloured ribbon is permitted in the hair.

Jewellery

Students may wear:

- One watch or bracelet
- One fine gold or silver chain
- One plain ring

Piercings

- Discreet gold or silver sleepers or studs are permitted in the ear lobes.
- Visible facial and body piercings are not permitted with any school uniform or during any College activities and events.

Body Art

Permanent or temporary (such as henna) body art is not to be visible with any school uniform or during College activities and events.

Nail Polish and Fingernails

No nail polish and no false nails to be worn for hygiene and safety reasons.

Make Up

Students may wear make-up that is appropriate for 'everyday' wear.

Facial Hair

Students must be clean shaven, unless an appropriate reason applies.

3 Contravention

The College uses a 'common-sense' approach in managing the uniform and appearance expectations outlined in this policy. The College believes these expectations are reasonable, and therefore expects students to comply with these with relative ease. The College does not expect to have College Staff spending considerable time and resources following up on the incorrect uniform and appearance of students.

- The College will manage the contravention of expectations outlined in this policy using the Student Management Procedure.
- College staff will confiscate uniform items when their wearing or use is not adhered to the standards outlined in this policy. Confiscated items will be given to the student's Head of House or Head of School, and items may be held for a period before returned.
- The College will give a reasonable timeframe (ranging from immediately to 7-days) to rectify issues regarding uniform and appearance in the first instance. Failure to do-so will result in consequences as per the Student Management Procedure.
- At times students may have reason not to comply with the expectations outlined in this policy. In these instances, an exemption must be requested from the relevant Head of School.

4 Safety in technology, visual arts and science classrooms

Formal uniform is to be always worn, with hair fully tied back. PE uniform is not acceptable attire when attending classes in the following areas:

- Art/Design Technology/Film/Digital Technology/Textiles
- Science
- Agriculture
- Food Technology

This includes all areas where students are expected to participate in practical activities involving hazards and risks associated with chemical spills, using sharp equipment, garden tools, spades, secateurs, Bunsen burners, hot liquids, hot glue guns and more.

Appropriate provided PPE is additionally to be worn as directed by teaching staff when carrying out practical tasks. PPE can include:

- Hearing protective devices, such as earmuffs and ear plugs
- Eye and face protection, such as safety glasses and face shields
- Skin and body protection, such as lab coats, aprons and gloves
- Footwear: closed leather shoes to be always worn.
- Respiratory protective equipment.
- Long hair is to be fully tied back.
- No nail polish and no false nails to be worn.

5 Casual clothes day requirements

On casual clothes days, students are to continue to observe appropriate class safety. Hair fully tied back, no singlets, no crocs, no Birkenstocks, no thongs, and leather closed shoes to be worn in classes that require

safety considerations, as outlined above in the section on Safety in technology, visual arts and science classrooms.

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Appendix A

Sport	Uniform requirement
Athletics	PE Uniform
Badminton	College white multi-sport polo, PE shorts, College white sport socks
Basketball	College basketball singlet and basketball shorts, College white sports socks
Cricket	Boys: Cricket whites (pants and polo) Boys T20: Cricket navy pants and polo Girls : Navy pants and polo
Equestrian	A separate uniform exists for the Scotch equestrian team – contact Uniform Shop.
Football	Boys (Middle School): College football guernsey, navy football shorts and navy socks Boys (Senior School): College football guernsey, sublimated football shorts and navy football socks Girls: College girls’ football guernsey, football shorts and football socks
Hockey	Boys: Gold multi-sport jersey, multi-sport shorts, navy socks Girls: College reversible singlet, skort, navy socks
Netball	College tunic, navy netball shorts, white sport socks
Rowing	Scotch rowing zoot suit, white Scotch long-sleeved rashie, yellow rowing cap. The PE bumblebee polo is also required when at rowing regattas representing the College.
Soccer	College Gold multi-sport jersey, multi-sports shorts, navy socks
Swimming	Boys: College jammers or board shorts, rashie (optional) Girls: College swimsuit (one piece), or swim shorts and rashie
Tennis	Boys: College white multi-sports polo, PE shorts, white sports socks Girls: College white multi-sports polo, PE shorts or navy skort, white sports socks
Volleyball	College white multi-sports polo, PE shorts, College white sports socks.