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Student Uniform Policy

Objective

This policy describes the requirements and follow up procedures associated with the Mt Hira College student uniform.

The College uniform is compulsory for all students and must always be worn correctly.

Rationale

The Mt Hira College uniform is an important part of our identity and is a public declaration of our values, standards and beliefs. The College uniform, with its maroon blazer, should be well recognised and highly regarded within the community. As a College, we expect our students will wear their uniform with pride and responsibility. In wearing the uniform correctly, students indicate a great respect for themselves and also the College community. Parents, carers, families and staff within our College play a critical role in preparing our students to live, learn and lead in a rapidly changing world.

We believe the College uniform:

- promotes cohesion, a collective sense of identity and pride
- allows all students to feel equal and prevents competition based on clothing
- ensures students' appearance reflects the expectations of our school community
- strengthens the spirit of the community within the school and enhances student safety
- ensures all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encourages students to develop pride in their appearance, and
- prepares students for the expectations of workplaces.

The College Uniform

- will be suitable for all activities undertaken by our students
- includes restrictions on jewellery and items that prevent a competition-based culture
- will be able to be worn with pride by our students.

Uniform Supply and Purchase

There are two (2) easy options for purchasing College uniforms:

1. Go online and purchase by visiting the webpage - <https://z4uniforms.com.au/mt-hira/>
2. Visit our onsite College Uniform Shop:

Onsite Uniform Shop Location: Access to the Uniform Shop is through the **Middle School pedestrian gate** only. Once you walk through the gate, walk to the left and you will see the Uniform Shop entry just on the outside of the Library (behind the Vice Principal's Office).

Onsite Uniform Shop Opening Hours: Every Friday, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm (closed during Friday Prayers: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Sun Smart Policy and the College Uniform

The College takes great care to ensure our students are protected against foreseeable harm from the sun and variations to the weather. This includes taking proper steps to reduce the known health risks associated with occupational exposure to solar UVR for students who participate in activities outdoors. For all major outdoor College activities such as Athletics Carnivals and at all College camps, the College makes SPF 50+ broad spectrum sunscreen available to our students. Students are also encouraged to purchase and apply their own sunscreen. **The appropriate broad brimmed navy hat is compulsory for all Junior School students whilst outside during Terms 1 and 4.** In addition, sunscreen is always available at the First Aid Office.

General Appearance – Middle and Senior School Students

- Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean, tidy and well maintained.
- Shoes should be clean and polished. All students are required to wear black leather school shoes with the Middle/Senior School uniform, without exception.
- Uniform items should be worn as designed and intended.
- Singlets and undergarments worn under the College shirt or PE Uniform must be plain white with no patterns/designs showing through. These items should not be visible above the collar.
- A watch or culturally/spiritually appropriate accessory can be worn. All jewellery outside the scope of what has been outlined is not to be worn with the Middle/Senior School uniform.
- Students are not permitted to wear visible make-up.
- Female Students are permitted to wear two piercings in each ear. Earrings are to be small studs or sleepers. No other facial piercings are permitted. Male students are not permitted to wear piercings in their ears.
- Wrist bands, bracelets and rings on fingers are not acceptable.
- Coloured nail polish and nail extensions are not permitted.
- Middle/Senior School students are expected to be clean shaven.

- Hair, in general terms, must be clean, neatly styled, tidy and natural in colour.
- Hair must be tied back when required for safety or hygiene purposes (e.g. relevant science experiments, food preparation, etc.).
- Hair should be of an even length and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair accessories must be discreet (functional not ornamental), small and in plain College colours (navy, maroon, yellow or white) or in the colour of the student's hair.
- Hair should be of an even length and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

General Appearance – Junior School Students

- Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean, tidy and well maintained.
- Shoes should be clean. All students are required to wear plain black or white shoes/runners with the Junior School uniform, without exception.
- Singlets and undergarments worn under the College shirt or PE Uniform must be plain white with no patterns/designs showing through. These items should not be visible above the collar.
- A watch or culturally/spiritually appropriate accessory can be worn.
- Students are not permitted to wear visible make-up.
- Female Students are permitted to wear two piercings in each ear. Earrings are to be small studs or sleepers. No other facial piercings are permitted. Male students are not permitted to wear piercings in their ears.
- Wrist bands, bracelets and rings on fingers are not acceptable.
- Coloured nail polish and nail extensions are not permitted.
- Junior school students from years F-5 are required to have their hair neatly tied back if it falls below their shoulders.
- Hair accessories must be discreet (functional not ornamental), small and in plain College colours (navy, maroon, yellow or white) or in the colour of the student's hair.
- Hair should be of an even length and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Physical Education (Sports) uniform expectations

Students are permitted to wear their College Physical Education uniform for the duration of the day when they have a scheduled Physical Education class. This arrangement is only applicable if the student is wearing all of the necessary PE uniform items. Students will need to change back into the College uniform if they have required items missing. Students also need to ensure they have appropriate clothing for prayer.

Out of uniform follow-up, procedures and consequences

If a student is **legitimately** unable to wear the correct College uniform to school, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide a signed note or to communicate directly with the relevant **Head of Sub-School**, stating the full details for why the student is unable to wear their correct uniform and for how long. Once this communication has been **received and approved**, then the Head of Sub-School will provide a **uniform pass** to the student that sets a clear end date for when the student should be wearing their full College uniform. **The student should carry this pass with them at all times for the relevant time period.**

If a student attends school without the correct uniform and does not have a valid reason for this, parents/carers will be contacted to bring the correct uniform item(s) to school or to collect their child to return home and change.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

BOYS' UNIFORM	GIRLS' UNIFORM
Boys' navy & striped shorts or school track pants	Girls' navy culottes or school track pants
Maroon polo shirt with school logo	Maroon polo shirt with school logo
Navy, white or black socks	Navy, white or black socks
Navy legionnaire hat	Navy legionnaire hat
Plain black or white runners	Plain black or white runners
Navy Jacket with College logo	Navy Jacket with College logo
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MIDDLE and SENIOR SCHOOL

BOYS' UNIFORM	GIRLS' UNIFORM
College blazer	College blazer
Navy blue trousers	Maroon lined skirt
Light blue shirt with school logo	Light blue shirt with school logo
Navy jumper with school logo	Navy jumper with school logo
Navy Hat (Optional)	Navy Hat (Optional)
Navy College Tie – with maroon/gold stripes	Navy blue hijab (only compulsory for prayer) *sold at front office
Black or navy school socks	Black or navy school socks
Black formal shoes	Black formal shoes
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SECONDARY SPORTS UNIFORM*

Navy tracksuit pants with school logo	Navy tracksuit pants with school logo
Navy polo shirt (with stripe down the side)	Navy polo shirt (with stripe down the side)
Sneakers & white socks	Sneakers & white socks
Soft-shell sports jacket with logo	Soft-shell sports jacket with logo

***The secondary sports uniform can only be worn on the day students have their Physical Education class.**

Review Period

This student uniform policy is subject to change at any time. Please check the policy on our website (www.mthira.vic.edu.au) regularly for any changes.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's 2 year review cycle.