



# McAuley College

## Student Dress Code Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide a clear rationale and expectations for the McAuley College Student Dress Code.

### Rationale

McAuley College has high expectations and prides itself on having a good reputation in the wider community. Feedback would indicate that our students in uniform and their general presentation play a central role in the reputation of McAuley College to the wider community.

The Student Dress Code clearly explains acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students (uniform items) and other aspects of personal presentation.

The Student Dress Code performs several important functions within the overall operation of the school, including: fostering a sense of school community and shared mission; increasing a sense of belonging and engagement; promoting health and safety and encouraging respect in self, others and community.

### Expectations

- The Student Dress Codes applies when students are travelling to and from school, attending school and representing the College at a variety of functions or events.
- The Student Dress Code will clearly explain standards of acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students, including headwear, footwear, and other aspects of personal presentation.
- As part of the Enrolment Agreement, parents and students agree to uphold the Student Dress Code.
- The College Formal Uniform provides choice for students. The College has maintained a traditional approach to both uniform and presentation expectations.
- Any modifications or exemptions must be negotiated as part of the Enrolment Process, and/or form part of a conversation with key personnel at the College for approval by the College Principal.
- As part of our School-wide Positive Behaviour Support Plan, students are encouraged to “Keep it REAL” by showing excellence and acting responsibly in the wearing of the College Uniform and their personal presentation. Appropriate supports will be implemented by the Pastoral Care Teacher and Pastoral Leaders to address any non-compliance. Parents will be informed of these supports. If the issues of non-compliance continue and this is escalated to the College Leadership Team, this may result in the student being asked to remain at home until the matter is addressed.

The policy has been developed with reference to the general principles of subsidiarity, accountability, practicality, affordability, responsiveness and equity, diversity and choice.

### References

- BCE Uniform Policy 2019
- Student Dress Code, Education Queensland 2020

## Definition

Dress code	A standard specifying what is acceptable in relation to items of clothing, footwear and jewellery worn by the students and the personal presentation of the students that applies when students are attending or representing the school.
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### History of Policy:

Developed by the Steering Committee in 2016.

Reviewed by the Uniform Development Committee in 2019, with reference to the BCE Uniform Policy 2019.

Final Policy and supporting Student Dress Code reviewed and endorsed by School Consultative Committee 2020.

Updated in October 2021 with feedback from Middle Leaders.

Updated in October 2022.

Updated in October 2023, considering feedback from students in the TTFM '23.

## McAuley College Student Dress Code

McAuley College sets high expectations for all students with regards to the wearing of the College uniform and their personal presentation. The School Dress Code fosters a sense of school community and shared mission, increases a sense of belonging and engagement, promotes health and safety and encourages respect of self, others and community.

Students are expected to abide by the Student Dress Code when attending school, traveling to and from school and on special occasions. Neatness, tidiness and cleanliness of the uniform are essential, and no variations are acceptable. Any attire worn under the uniform must not be visible.

Students wear their Sports Uniform every Thursday to and from school to coincide with our Sports Program. Otherwise, students are required to change into their Sports Uniform for HPE lessons.

	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Formal Uniform Years 7 - 10	<p>SKIRT: College mid length skirt with front box pleats – Navy <i>(Length should be to knee level)</i></p> <p>SHORTS: College mid length shorts – Navy <i>(will be available at some stage in 2024)</i></p> <p>PANTS: College long length pants – Navy <i>(A plain navy sock should be worn with the pants)</i></p> <p>BLOUSE: College navy and white pinstripe blouse with collar and orange trim - School logo embroidered on left side</p> <p>TIE (Junior): College navy tie (short) with orange trim</p> <p>HAT: College navy formal hat with ‘McAuley College’ band</p> <p>SHOES: Black leather lace up shoes with regulation heel <i>(Refer to examples given by School Locker. Vans, Doc Martens and Converse style shoes are not acceptable)</i></p> <p>NO sneakers or sports shoes</p> <p>SOCKS (Junior): College white sockette</p> <p>Navy stockings / tights can be worn during winter months and are worn without socks</p>	<p>SHORTS: College mid length shorts – Navy <i>(No belt required)</i></p> <p>PANTS: College long length pants – Navy <i>(A plain navy sock should be worn with the pants)</i></p> <p>SHIRT: College navy and white pinstripe shirt with collar and orange trim - School logo embroidered on pocket</p> <p>TIE (Junior): No tie</p> <p>HAT: College navy formal hat with ‘McAuley College’ band</p> <p>SHOES: Black leather lace up shoes with regulation heel <i>(Refer to examples given by School Locker - Vans, Doc Martens and Converse style shoes are not acceptable)</i></p> <p>NO sneakers or sports shoes</p> <p>SOCKS (Junior): College white sockette</p>

Formal Uniform <b>Years 11 &amp; 12</b>	TIE (Senior): College navy tie (long) with orange trim and College logo  SOCKS (Senior): Navy sock with orange trim Navy stockings / tights can be worn during winter months (and are worn without socks)	TIE (Senior): College navy tie (long) with orange trim and College logo (top button on shirt must be done up)  SOCKS (Senior): Navy sock with orange trim  BELT: College black belt  <b>In Years 11 &amp; 12, shirts must be tucked in.</b>
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	<b>Girls Uniform</b>	<b>Boys Uniform</b>
Blazer <b>Years 11 &amp; 12</b> (Compulsory for Years 11 & 12)	College blazer with College logo embroidered on left side available as winter option and/or for formal occasions. Only to be worn with formal uniform. <b>It is not compulsory for students in the Junior years.</b>	
Scarf (optional)	College navy scarf with double orange stripe and College logo can be worn in the winter months with both the Formal and/or Sports uniform.	
Tracksuit	A College tracksuit will be available for winter. <b>It is only to be worn as an alternative to the College Sports uniform.</b>  <b>JACKET:</b> College navy tracksuit jacket with orange panels and trim, with white piping. College logo embroidered on left side. The tracksuit jacket can only be worn with the Sports uniform.  <b>PANTS:</b> College navy tracksuit pants with orange panels and white trim. The tracksuit pants can only be worn with the Sports uniform.	
Jumper (Worn with both Formal and Sports Uniform)	College poly-cotton knit navy pullover with College logo embroidered.	
Senior Jersey (Year 12 only)	Year 12 students are invited to design a Senior jersey for their final year. It can only be worn as an alternative to the jumper or jacket with the Sports uniform. The College Sports shirt must be always worn underneath the jersey. The jersey is optional and will only have "Senior" or the full surname of the student on the back.	
Bag	College school bag – Navy backpack with College logo.	
College Satchel	Navy draw string satchel with College logo for students to use as an additional carry bag for Sports gear or to be taken on school excursions as an alternate to the larger school bag.	
Swimwear (No school swimmers)	Standard one-piece costume where modesty is essential. To support Sun Safe practices, a Sun Shirt is required for lessons held during the day and outdoors. Swimming cap is required.	Standard speedos or board shorts. To support Sun Safe practices, a Sun Shirt is required for lessons held during the day, outdoors. Swimming cap is required.

	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
<b>Other Uniform regulations related to grooming...</b>		
Hair	<p>Hair should be well-groomed and of a single natural colour.</p> <p>Extreme hairstyles and colours are not acceptable. This may include extremely short hair, distinct changes in length from short to long areas, tracks or lines in the hair, etc.</p> <p>Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times, so it remains above the collar.</p> <p>Ribbons, scrunchies and hair accessories must be in school colours of navy and orange.</p>	<p>Hair should be well-groomed, blended and of a single natural colour.</p> <p>Extreme hairstyles and colours are not acceptable. This may include extremely short hair, distinct changes in length from short to long areas, tracks or lines in the hair, etc. Generally, no shorter than a three (3) blade is a good guide.</p> <p>Long hair is NOT permitted and should sit above the collar. Fringes should be kept short and out of eyes.</p> <p>All boys should be clean shaven at all times. Beards, goatees, moustaches or long sideburns are not permitted.</p>
Jewellery	<p>One pair of plain and small gold/silver studs or sleepers are permitted in the earlobes (these should be only in the lower lobe of the ear). <b>No clear earrings</b> should be worn in other parts of the ear.</p> <p>A Christian religious cross on a chain (small and discreet) is permitted. No other pendants are permitted.</p> <p>A conservative wristwatch is permitted.</p> <p>Rings, bracelets, facial and body piercings, stretchers and any other jewellery are not permitted.</p>	<p>No earrings (this includes clear earrings).</p> <p>A Christian religious cross on a chain (small and discreet) is permitted. No other pendants are permitted.</p> <p>A conservative wristwatch is permitted.</p> <p>Rings, bracelets, facial and body piercings, stretchers and any other jewellery are not permitted.</p>
Make-up	<p>No nail polish or make-up is to be worn. This includes tinted moisturiser, tinted sunscreen and BB cream, and mascara, as some examples.</p> <p>No acrylic or gel nails.</p> <p>No eyelash extensions.</p> <p>No fake tans.</p>	
Other	<p>Tattoos / henna and unnatural coloured contact lenses are not permitted.</p> <p>No chewing gum permitted on College grounds.</p> <p>As part of our priority to be well presented, students are directed not to write on themselves across the course of the school day. This includes students who may have a plaster due to a broken bone. The plaster should be one main colour and remain without graffiti.</p>	