

COLLEGE UNIFORM DRESS CODE AND GUIDELINES



St Francis Xavier College

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Aim of the College Uniform Dress Code

This Dress Code defines the requirements associated with student uniform at St Francis Xavier College.

Definition

The term uniform refers to all aspects of clothing, jewellery and general appearance.

Dress Code Statement

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

Rationale

The St Francis Xavier College uniform is an important part of our identity as a Catholic College and public declaration of our values, standards and beliefs. The College uniform, with its navy-blue blazer, is well recognised and equally well regarded within the community. As a College community, we anticipate and expect our students will wear their uniform with pride. In wearing the uniform correctly students indicate a great respect for themselves as persons and the College community.

Parents, guardians, families and all members of our College community play a role in ensuring we maintain a culture of engagement and achievement. Collectively, we play a critical role in preparing our students to learn, live and lead in a rapidly changing world. Parents, guardians, families and staff can support our students by attending to uniform expectations and appropriate grooming thereby supporting broader attempts to build social cohesion across the College.

We believe that 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.

Guidelines

The College Uniform:

- Will be purchased from the College Uniform Shop
- Will be suitable for all activities undertaken by our students
- Will be able to be worn with pride by our students
- Will include a code for hair style and jewellery
- Will not discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against any students
- Formal event expectations:
 - assemblies
 - excursions
 - mass
 - school photos (if wearing a shirt, a tie is compulsory)
 - interviews/presentation night/info nights etc
 - blazers with formal summer and winter uniform.

Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

Compulsory items

- **Blazer:** The external garment that is to be worn to and from school unless instructed by the College due to weather conditions
- **Shirt:** College summer **short-sleeved shirt** (with crest). Summer short-sleeved shirt can be untucked
- **Shorts: College shorts at or below the knee (navy);**
OR
- **Trousers:** College trousers (navy)
- **Dress:** College summer dress at or below the knee
- **Socks:** Socks (navy) above the ankle
- **Shoes:** Black leather shoes (clean and polished – no street shoes, runners or boots)
- **Bag:** College bag
- **Hat:** College cap with crest (navy) or College bucket hat with crest.

Optional items

- **Jumper:** College with crest
- **Belt:** Black belt (plain)
- **Rain Jacket:** College Rain Jacket (with crest) to be worn when it is raining.

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)

Compulsory items

- **Blazer:** The external garment to be worn to and from school
- **Shirt:** College **long -sleeved shirt** (with crest) with the top button done up. Long sleeved shirts are always to be **tucked in** (this is not enforced when students are engaged in sporting activities at recess or lunchtime)
- **Trousers:** College trousers (navy)
- **Skirt:** College skirt (at or below the knee)
- **Tie:** College tie, must be tightened with the knot pulled up to the collar
- **Socks:** Socks (navy), above the ankle
- **Tights:** Opaque/woollen tights (navy), to be worn with skirt
- **Shoes:** Black leather shoes (clean and polished – no street shoes, runners, boots or T-bar)
- **Bag:** College bag.

Optional Winter items

- **Jumper:** College with crest
- **Belt:** Black belt (plain)
- **Rain Jacket:** College Rain Jacket (with crest) may be worn only when it is raining
- **Scarf:** College scarf with crest **may be worn only in term 2 and 3** and not with sport uniform
- **Gloves:** Navy only.

College Sports Uniform

College Sports Uniform Items

- College PE Polo
- College PE Shorts
- College Tracksuit Pants.
- College Tracksuit Jacket (worn as the outer garment to and from school only on Sport/PE days)
- White Sport Socks
- College Sports Cap
- PE Bag (optional)

- Students are strongly encouraged to wear the College Cap or Hat during PE classes
- Sports Shoes (must be non-marking and provide suitable support and grip for a range of sports activities. No skate shoes, sneakers or canvas shoes permitted

NOTE: Students will only wear College sports/PE uniform on Sport/PE day.

College Dance Uniform (Optional)

College Dance Uniform Items

- College Dance Polo (black)
- College Dance Pants (black).

Students studying Dance have the option of wearing only their PE uniform or the College Dance uniform for their Dance class.

Appearance

- Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean, tidy and well maintained
- Shoes should be clean and polished (black leather/leather look; no T-bar style)
- Blazer sleeves and pants legs may not be rolled up so that the inner lining is showing. Garments that are too long may be rolled up inward to a reasonable length
- Garments worn under the College shirt or sports polo must be plain white and may not be visible.

Hairstyles

- Hair, must be clean, neatly styled, natural in colour and shoulder length or longer hair must be tied up and back off the face
- Hair accessories must be functional (rather than ornamental), small and in plain College colours or in the colour of the student's hair
- Students are expected to be clean shaven.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- Jewellery, except for earrings and a religious symbol on a necklace, is not to be worn with the College uniform
- Visible make-up. (including visible eyelash extensions) is not permitted
- Coloured nail polish and nail extensions are not permitted
- Wrist bands, bracelets and rings on fingers are not acceptable
- Students are permitted to wear two piercings in each ear. Earrings are to be small studs or sleepers. No other facial piercings are permitted
- Nose piercings may be worn with one small stud only
- Tattoos must be covered.

Sun Smart Policy

Please refer to the College [Sun Smart Policy](#)

Student Out of Uniform Procedure

St Francis Xavier College expects all students to attend school in full uniform as detailed in the Student Uniform Policy and Guidelines.

On occasion, students may have a valid reason as to why they are out of uniform. On these occasions students should have a note of explanation from their parents, guardians or carers.

It is the responsibility of students to present the note to their Head of House and to get an Out of Uniform Pass prior to 8.45am, authorising the incorrect attire for a specified period (usually one to two days).

Students who are wearing the incorrect uniform without a note will be managed within the [College's Positive Behaviour Support Procedures](#).

Sport Uniform

In the event of non-participation, or incorrect uniform, students must report to the teacher in charge with a note of explanation from their parents, guardians or carers

If a student does not have a note from their parents, guardians or carers the Out of Uniform procedure will be followed.