

Sacred Heart Catholic College, Crosby Uniform & Appearance Policy



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(OFSTED September 2018): “Pupils’ positive attitudes to learning impressed inspectors. Pupils are keen to attain high academic standards, and they take pride in their work”.

(OFSTED September 2018): “Pupils are courteous, articulate and confident”.

(ARCHDIOCESE February 2018): “Pupils show high standards of behaviour. There is a pervading confidence in themselves and each other which is founded on mutual respect”

At Sacred Heart Catholic College, we believe that the wearing of the correct uniform instils pride and supports positive behaviour and discipline. The wearing of a uniform promotes a sense of belonging to the school and helps promote our ethos of being the best that you can be. It helps us forge our identity in the same way a sports team galvanises its ethos.

By insisting that all students dress in the same way, we can ensure that bullying incidents relating to a person’s ability to afford the latest fashions does not happen. In the world of work, recruitment officers give the same message: How you dress and present yourself really matters!

Good schools prepare their students for the world of work by insisting on high standards in dress and appearance. Looking clean, decent and well-groomed influences the way in which you are treated and can give you a head start in life.

Sacred Heart rules around uniform and appearance are not new and are strongly influenced by the feedback we get from parents and the views of our students. Inevitably, some students would like softer uniform rules. However, most students respect the fact that the

uniform does just what it is supposed to - make us look like a team! The high standards set by parents at home are a strong guide to us and we want to reinforce this at school.

An overwhelming majority of parents want their children to go to school dressed in an appropriate way and they support our emphasis on respect for the dignity of young people. We very much value the backing we get from parents over uniform matters. Uniform at Sacred Heart is compulsory and must be always worn correctly by all students. Every child admitted to the school has been given a place on the clear understanding that parents/carers accept and comply with our policies. Some students try to test the edges of what they can get away with, but schools where compliance with uniform regulations is strong are able to discourage this.



Non-compliance of our uniform policy-for example inappropriate hairstyles or footwear-will almost certainly lead to a detention. This is part of a list of escalating sanctions for repeated non-compliance. Parents will be contacted and informed that this course of action has been taken. If the situation can be rectified the student will return to class.

Hairstyles: Our expectation is that all students will attend school with their hair in its natural colour.

Tattoos: Pupils in all years are not permitted to have visible tattoos, either temporary or permanent.

Make-up, fake tan & nail varnish: MUST NOT be worn. Acrylic/gel nails are not allowed.

Jewellery: only an inexpensive wrist-watch.

Shoes: These must be black shoes with flat/low heels. Students are not allowed to wear training shoes with a sports logo, even if they are all black. This includes all brands, which some pupils tell parents are acceptable. Students are clearly informed of these rules by their form tutor, and they know which brands they should not be wearing.

See below for a guide on what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

Acceptable shoes for boys



Acceptable shoes for girls



Examples of shoes not allowed

Boots**Sling back****Converse****Skater****Trainer**

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy blue blazer with college badge (badges available from the college) - Plain, navy-blue long-sleeved V-neck pullover - Pale blue shirt/Revere collar blouse. Ties are not compulsory with revere collar. - Medium grey skirt–knee length or just below the knee or tailored regular-fit grey trousers - Plain dark navy or black coat. - Black shoes with flat/low heels. NO trainers or labelled footwear are allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navy blue blazer with college badge (badges available from the college) - Plain, navy blue V-neck pullover with long sleeves - Pale blue shirt with school tie to be always worn correctly. - Medium grey normal width trousers. - Black or grey socks - Plain dark navy or black coat. - Black shoes with flat/low heels. NO training shoes or labelled footwear are allowed.

PE Kit:

Minimum expectations: T-Shirt with school badge, shorts, and socks. These can be purchased from two suppliers:

- O’Neills provide the Auckland Marine T shirt with badge; Aztec Marine Shorts; Marine Socks. O’Neills have a wide selection of tracksuit options which give warmth and comfort to students. It is our intention to ramp up expectations on tracksuits to allow safer options for changing in the future. Website [HERE](#)

- Some families may wish to take advantage of ordering a kit via a local supplier which gives cost options to families. Our website shows this kit, and you can order and pay via an option through our parent-pay. Online [HERE](#).

NOTE to inform parents that they can see samples and sizes by booking an appointment with Mrs Lewis, on 01519312971, at lower site reception.



We see & hear every claim....

Such claims as, “All my mates have one... Everybody’s wearing them... Teachers don’t mind” are almost certainly wrong. If in doubt, check with the school.

Adjustments to uniform are made from time to time. We communicate these to parents well in advance. We are conscious of the financial pressures on families and our uniform requirements are intended to be sensitive to these. There are rare occasions, where for cultural or ethnic reasons, parents have requested that we soften our Uniform and Appearance Policy. Each case will be dealt with on its merits.



How you should wear our uniform



Skirt must be worn to the knee with knee length socks/black opaque tights.



Top button on shirt fastened.

The knot on the tie must cover the top button