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## School of Challenge Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents and Carers

Our students are important ambassadors of the College and are expected to wear the uniform correctly at school and in the wider community. Wearing a uniform can promote a sense of belonging, where everyone is identifiable as being on the same team, just like players in a sporting team. Learning to adhere to uniform expectations is excellent preparation for being appropriately groomed and presented in the workplace. Many students will embark on careers where there are specific expectations to wear a uniform and follow grooming rules. For the most part, our students are very well presented, and we continue to challenge students who are not complying with the Santa Sophia uniform policy.

Today, the School of Challenge students were reminded of the uniform expectations at the College. Specific areas of concern include:

- Mixing sports and formal uniforms. **Students should not wear their sports jackets with the formal uniform.** New students are permitted to wear their sports jacket if they are waiting for their jumper/blazer order. They are required to have a note from a parent/carer confirming this. Students without a note will be issued with an appropriate consequence.
- Students are expected to **remain in full school uniform until they arrive home.** Specifically, **students who go to shopping centres** after school are not permitted to wear a non-uniform hoodie/jumper with their school uniform and should not add jewellery as they leave school at the end of the day.
- **Girls' skirt length should be to the knee.** Some students are rolling their skirts up at the waist to shorten the skirt. Please check your child's skirt length and arrange for alterations in the upcoming school holidays if your child has experienced a growth spurt.
- Boys should be clean-shaven at all times. Razors and shaving cream are available at school, however, **the preference is for parents to supply this at home.**
- Converse style shoes are not appropriate for physical activity and students are required to wear **sports joggers with the College sports socks** on sports days.

- **Mullets are not permitted at the College.** Please keep this in mind for your child's next trip to the barber. We are communicating with the parents of those individuals who have inappropriate haircuts.

**Please note that students will commence wearing the Winter uniform at the beginning of Term 2.** There will be a grace period of two weeks, where students can choose to wear their summer or winter uniform (not a combination of both) depending on the weather and/or whilst they await delivery of a uniform order. If your child's uniform does not comply, they will not be able to attend normal school activities until the issue is rectified.

**School photos will be taken on Friday 6 May (Week 2, Term 2).** All students will be required to wear their full winter formal uniform on this day.

The uniform requirements can be found on our website and in students' diaries (see below). We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in upholding the College's high uniform standards.

Kind regards

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Head of School

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## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS



### SUMMER UNIFORM



In Terms 1 and 4, students are expected to wear the following items of uniform:

- Santa Sophia button-up collared shirt
- Black leather lace up shoes  
(Sport shoes or joggers are not permitted even if they are made from black leather)
- Santa Sophia backpack

In addition, BOYS are to wear:

- Santa Sophia button-up collared shirt
- Navy Santa Sophia shorts or long pants and black belt
- Navy Santa Sophia school socks

In addition, GIRLS are to wear:

- Navy Santa Sophia skirt, fitted loosely with hem to knees or navy straight leg slacks
- Optional black bike shorts underneath (not visible) skirts
- White Santa Sophia school socks



### WINTER UNIFORM



In Terms 2 and 3, students are expected to wear the following items of uniform:

- Santa Sophia button-up collared shirt
- Santa Sophia blazer (which is compulsory when travelling to and from school)
- Black leather lace up shoes  
(Sport shoes or joggers are not permitted even if they are made from black leather)
- Santa Sophia backpack
- Navy Santa Sophia jumper, cardigan or vest (optional)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional)

In addition, BOYS are to wear:

- Navy Santa Sophia long pants and black belt
- Santa Sophia tie
- Navy Santa Sophia school socks

In addition, GIRLS are to wear:

- Navy Santa Sophia skirt, fitted loosely with hem to knees or navy straight leg pants
- Navy tights

## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS



### SPORTS UNIFORM



On sports days, students are expected to wear the following items of uniform:

- Santa Sophia sports polo shirt
- Navy Santa Sophia sports shorts
- White Santa Sophia sports socks
- Navy Santa Sophia sports cap
- Navy Santa Sophia tracksuit in cooler weather
- Lace-up athletic sports shoes (canvas shoes are not permitted e.g. Converse or Vans)
- Santa Sophia backpack



### GROOMING



- Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times.
- Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour; any extremes of fashion are not permitted. Examples of styles that are not permitted include lines, undercuts, rat tails, mullets, shaved heads or any excessive shaping with gel. Girls' hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back, off the face and out of eyes.
- Ribbons, clips and hair ties must be black, navy or white (single coloured, no patterns).
- Boys should be clean shaven.
- Nails should be kept clean and trimmed. Nail polish and artificial nails are not permitted.
- Make up is not permitted.
- Undergarments for extra warmth such as singlets should not be visible.



### JEWELLERY



Students are only permitted to wear the following items of jewellery:

- A wrist watch
- A chain with a cross or religious medallion worn under shirt
- Girls may wear one pair of sleepers or small, plain, round studs in the ear lobe only. (Facial piercings are not permitted)



### PROHIBITED ITEMS



Students are not permitted to bring the following items to school:

- Chewing gum
- Liquid paper and permanent markers
- Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes
- Weapons
- Aerosol Cans