Prendiville Catholic College

Student Uniform Guideline

1. Purpose

Prendiville Catholic College's uniform serves as a powerful emblem of unity and belonging, nurturing a deep sense of community among its students. It cultivates a shared identity that transcends individual differences and fosters a supportive environment where students feel connected and included.

Wearing the uniform plays a key role in supporting the values of the College and encourages students to take pride in their appearance and represent themselves and their school responsibly. It fosters a sense of accountability and encourages students to contribute positively to the school environment, both inside and outside the classroom.

Students may interpret the uniform guidelines in different ways. To ensure alignment with the College's expectations, the Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care and Wellbeing, under the principal's direction, holds the authority to make final decisions on whether a student's presentation is appropriate.

SOURCES OF AUTHORITY	
CECWA POLICY	Community Policy
EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE	Student Safety and Wellbeing

2. Scope

In 2023 the College released a new College uniform. The new uniform has been designed to be professional and practical and reflects the post-secondary expectations in the workplace. The new College uniform is a year-round collection of items that students can choose from, based on their personal preferences, weather conditions, and planned activities for the day. The uniform collection is modern, inclusive, contemporary, and distinctly Prendiville.

3. Definitions

- Parents – Includes parents, guardians and caregivers

4. Uniform Guidelines

College Uniform

- Students are required to arrive at the College in full College uniform each day.
- In Terms 2 and 3 students must wear their blazer to school and Homeroom each day. (Except Wednesdays) It can then be placed in lockers at Recess if students choose.

- At the end of the school day, students are not required to wear their blazer but must have it visibly with them and take home ready for the next morning.

College Uniform Options

Compulsory Items

- Black Prendiville blazer – Available in Regular fit or slim fit (must be worn to school in Term 2 & 3).
- Prendiville black socks (With red Prendiville crest)
- College backpack





Students may select their preference from the following:

- Black Prendiville tailored trousers or shorts – Available in regular fit or slim fit
- Prendiville heritage check dress
- Prendiville heritage check skirt (Students must not roll the waistband of the skirt)
- Red or white Prendiville short sleeve top. (Please see Uniform Shop if long sleeve is required).
- Red Prendiville V-neck jumper









Shoes – Black formal leather lace up school shoe (Black leather Velcro permitted).



Unacceptable Shoes – Boot style, Vans, black sport shoes (including Nike Air Force), Mary Janes, slip-ons, heels, buckles, or steel plates.







College Sports Uniform

- Red College polo shirt
- Black College shorts
- Black College track pants
- Black College track jacket
- White College sports socks with red trim
- House polo shirt for nominated occasions
- College hat or cap
- College sports bag (2 options available)

Please note: College sports uniform requirements extend to all activities where students are permitted to be in sports uniform and will be engaging in sport-based activities i.e., Athletics Carnivals

Approved Sport Shoes for Sport-based Activities

Sport specific shoes designed for sport NOT fashion. Shoes must be suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Approved sports shoes or joggers are those which provide the required support and structure to safely engage in sports activities. Supportive shoes have a firm heel and inflexible sole.

Examples of Approved Sport Shoes



Flat soled shoes/skater shoes are not acceptable for sport-based activities.

Vans, Volleys, slip-ons, high tops, and other similar designs ***do not comply*** with being an approved sport shoe and do not meet Sports Uniform requirements.

Examples of flat soled/skater shoes



Examples of high tops



Any student or parent who is uncertain regarding the suitability of sports shoes are welcome to consult the Head of HPE or relevant Head of Year prior to purchase. The Head of HPE or the relevant Head of Year will deem what is and what is not acceptable, on behalf of the principal.

House Uniform

Every Wednesday and on specified House activities, students are required to wear their House uniform for the day. House uniform consists of:

- House polo shirt

- Black College sport shorts or Black College trackpants
- Black College track jacket
- Sport shoes: Flat-soled sport shoes are allowed as part of the House uniform.
- High tops are NOT allowed.
- White College sports socks with red trim
- Laces must always be tied up in the appropriate manner

For House activities that include a sporting component, it is *strongly recommended* that students wear approved sport shoes. Student involvement in sporting activities will be at the discretion of the House Leader, where the safety of the student is priority.

College Uniform

* Dresses and skirts are to be worn to the top of the knee.
** Blazers are the only acceptable layer for cooler days and should be worn to school and Homeroom, and on formal occasions (e.g. formal presentations). Year 12 students have the option of replacing the blazer with the year group's leavers jacket.
*** No T-shirts, or undershirts should be visible beneath the uniform.
**** Must be a black leather lace up school dress shoe. Velcro permitted. Not a jogger or boot style, no platforms, high heels, buckles, steel plates, ballet flat styles or Vans.

College Uniform Standards

- Students are expected to wear the College uniform well, with a sense of pride in their appearance.
- Students are expected to look clean, neat, and tidy.
- College uniform expectations apply to all students when travelling to and from school, during school hours and for designated school activities.

Hair

The fluid nature of fashion dictates that there will often be some disparity between societal trends and College expectations. It is unrealistic for the College to respond to trends on a seasonal basis, so it is without reservation that we set requirements that ensure health and safety, as well as setting a high standard for personal presentation.

- Hair must be clean, brushed, neat, tidy and must not fall in front of the eyes.
- Hair must be of one natural colour.
- Brightly coloured or multi-coloured hair not permitted (The addition of hair colour must be so subtle, that visible regrowth is not evident).
- Hair length should not be shorter than a number two or longer than the bottom of the shirt collar.
- Variations in hair length should not be extreme.
- Long hair or hair at collar length should be tied back with a hair tie, ribbon, scrunchie (red, white, black or heritage check) or headband (black). No half-ups.
- Hairstyles are to be conservative. Extreme fashion styles are not permitted. Examples are, but not limited to, beaded-braids, dreadlocks, mullets, skin fades and under-cuts.
- No excessive use of hair gel or hair products.
- Facial hair – students shall be clean shaven. If students are not clean shaven, they are expected to shave at school.
- Sideburns must not be lower than halfway down the ear.

Students whose hair or style is deemed extreme will receive consequences and are expected to rectify unacceptable colour and / or style as soon as possible. The College Leadership Team are the final arbitrators on any decision regarding appropriateness of hairstyles.

For clarity regarding intended hairstyles, please contact your Head of Year.



General Presentation

- Make-up, other than a light tinted foundation, should not be worn at school
- Coloured nail polish must not be worn to school.
- False nails and false eyelashes are not permitted.
- Students with tattoos will be expected to keep them covered at school and any College event.

Permitted Accessories

- One fine neck chain with a Christian symbol
- Students are permitted to wear one watch; however, smart watches are strictly prohibited during assessments.
- A single small plain stud (maximum 4mm) in silver, gold, or clear diamante, or a small, plain sleeper in each outer lobe. Earrings must not feature images or hanging elements. Additional piercings, including extra plastic studs or covering piercings with tape, are strictly prohibited.
- A plain black belt with plain buckle.
- A plain black scarf provided both school jumper and blazer are worn.
- Prendiville College Surf Hat or Cap (outdoors only), other types not permitted.

Any requests for specific cultural or religious exceptions to this guideline are to be made in writing to the Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care and Wellbeing.

Management Procedure

Students are not permitted to wear their sports uniform in place of the College uniform unless prior permission has been sought for an extenuating circumstance.

Students with a **valid reason** for not wearing the correct uniform shall bring a handwritten note to school that has:

- Name of student
- Date
- Valid reason
- Period of relevance for the valid reason
- Parent signature

The student must have the note signed by the Home Room Teacher and carry the note with them for the duration of time they do not have the appropriate uniform. **Emails or direct messages from parents regarding uniform will not be accepted.**

If a student is not wearing the uniform correctly, a uniform infringement notice will be issued. Receipt of three uniform infringement notices will result in an automatic lunchtime detention. After three

lunchtime detentions, each uniform infringement will result in an after-school detention. However, an immediate lunchtime detention (D1) is issued for the following: Sport/House uniform in place of formal academic uniform, no blazer, wrong shoes, or wrong socks without a valid note.
It is the responsibility of the student to collect any confiscated jewellery from the Prendiville Centre on the last day of term. If confiscated jewellery is valuable, parents may collect in person, prior to the end of term.

All uniform items should be clearly labelled. Whilst all reasonable care will be taken by staff, Prendiville Catholic College will not be responsible for misplaced, lost, and stolen items.

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