

# **Uniform Policy**

Amongst other things, Seaview Christian College aims to develop in its students a sense of integrity and identity, and identity is about character. Who we are and what we stand for is fundamental to the development of young people, and is valued highly at the College. Uniforms remind us that we share common experiences and at Seaview Christian College we aim to provide our students with valuable and liberating 'life' experiences. Young people are often put off by the thought of appearing to look the same as their peer group by wearing a uniform. Ironically, that same group invariably idolizes a national sporting team that has a very strict uniform code.

Uniforms are an important part of the process of developing character because they eliminate the superficial aspects of growing up, the 'image' issues, and allow us to focus on the core. They remind us of who we are and what we stand for. The Seaview Christian College uniform is smart, flexible, and suitable for the climate and can be worn with pride. It unites the team and encouragement is given to all students to wear it with pride.

The wearing of the correct college uniform is important. Students and parents must be aware that this includes the wearing of the uniform before and after school. Students wearing the college uniform are ambassadors for the college in the public eye. Every student is asked to wear the uniform neatly, correctly and with pride at all times.

### **Student Uniform Guidelines**

Below is a *summary* of uniform requirements:

**College uniform** is to be worn in full (or not at all) in public places or on public transport. Uniform should be worn neatly, correctly and with pride at all times. No undershirts are to be visible through or underneath college shirts.

**Specific dress and sports uniforms** are not to be mixed except that the sports tracksuit jacket may be worn for extra warmth with the dress uniform.

College **hats** are to be worn at all times around the school, except indoors, when they are to be carried rather than worn. **Hats must be at school every day.** 

Students are to wear the required **boys'** and girls' socks, which are worn covering the ankle.

Allowable jewellery for girls is one pair of small, plain gold/silver sleepers or small, plain studs worn in the ear lobe, and a silver, gold or black wristwatch. Dangly earrings, necklaces, bracelets, anklets and rings are not acceptable, except for a medic-alert neck chain or bracelet where this

is required.

Allowable **jewellery for boys** is a silver, gold or black wristwatch only, except for a medic-alert neck chain or bracelet may be worn also where this is required).

Jewellery relating to/maintaining **extra ear/body-piercing** is not acceptable while attending the college.

Body tattoos are not permitted.

Boys are to be **clean-shaven** at all times. Sideburns are to be no lower than the bottom of the ears. **Face Make-up.** Only basic foundation to cover blemishes is permitted. No other type of make-up is allowed

Nail enamel and other nail products are not allowed.

**Boys' hair** is to be tidy, and of a short style no shorter than a no.2 cut length. Hair needs to be off the ears, eyes, eyebrows and nape of the neck. Undercuts, mohawks, pigtails, mullets, razor patterns and unnatural hair colours are not acceptable. Only minimal hair product is permitted.



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**Girls' hair.** Hair that touches the shoulders or longer is to be tied up or braided. Short hair is to be worn away from the face. Hair and hair accessories must be either navy blue, black or white. Unnatural hair colour is not acceptable.

**Shoes** are to be plain black sports sneakers. Laces or velcro are acceptable. Skate shoes (flat soles) are not acceptable. Students must wear these shoes with both their formal and sports uniforms. For sports lessons students are permitted to bring other sneakers to change into if required. Other sneakers may also be worn on annual athletics/sports days.

**All uniform items** must be purchased through the College uniform shop with the exception of shoes and hair ties.

From time to time a student's uniform/presentation no longer meets the uniform code. Usually this is because hair grows and/or students have their hair styled/cut to be outside the code or they become relaxed in how they dress. In no way are we making a judgement regarding an individual's taste, rather we work to help students understand their obligations as members of Seaview Christian College to be dressed and presented in a manner that meets the uniform code.

In most cases the uniform infringement can be remedied immediately by the student. If this is not possible, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted to ascertain if the corrections can be fixed by the parent/guardian bringing the required items to the college or failing that to take the student home until the uniform code is met.

Repeated uniform infringements are a display of disobedience or disrespect and as such will incur behaviour penalties and consequences.

When extreme situations or difficulties arise with respect to abiding by the uniform code, communication with the college is essential before the student comes to the college so that plans can be put in place so that the student is not disadvantaged.

The Principal's judgement on all uniform issues will be final.

All uniform items must be purchased through the College Uniform Shop with the exception of shoes and hair ties. Please ensure that you purchase uniforms at the allocated times when Uniform Shop will be opened. Enquire about at the front office regarding Uniform Shop hours, as times are subject to change.

### **Student Uniform Summary**

A summary of required uniform items follows (see the College Office or website for current prices):

### **Boys Uniform**

Short-sleeved light blue shirt embroidered with College initials

Navy blue crew socks

Summer: Navy blue shorts with elastic waist

Winter: Grey elastic waist trousers with teflon coating and reinforced knees Winter: Unisex navy blue V neck pullover embroidered with College logo

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Pleated dress embroidered with College initials; secondary shirt embroidered with College initials and navy blue skirt.

Summer: white fold over socks



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Winter: navy blue tights

Winter: Unisex navy-blue V neck pullover embroidered with College logo

#### **Unisex Sports Uniform**

Navy and royal blue sports polo shirt embroidered with College initials.

White sports crew socks

Summer: navy blue elastic waist sports shorts embroidered with College initials.

Winter: navy and royal blue microfibre zip-through tracksuit jacket embroidered with College initials.

Winter: Navy blue lined microfibre trackpants with ankle zips and elastic waist.

#### Shoes

Shoes must be plain black sports sneakers. Laces or Velcro are acceptable. Skate shoes (flat soles) are not acceptable. Students must wear these shoes with both their formal and sports uniforms.

For sports lessons students are permitted to bring other specialty sports/running shoes to change into if required. Other specialty sports/running shoes may be worn on annual athletics/sports days.

#### **Additional Items**

Compulsory for all students: Navy blue bucket hat embroidered with College logo. Navy blue library folder with College logo print.

Non-compulsory:

Navy blue backpack with College logo print.