



LOYOLA COLLEGE

COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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PREAMBLE

Loyola College is a co-educational Catholic College inspired by the teaching of St Ignatius of Loyola and committed to taking all responsible measures to ensure the wellbeing and safety of its students. It boasts a proud tradition which requires all members of the College Community to present themselves in a way which reflects the values and standards of the College.

Guided by its Mission and Vision Statement, Loyola College encourages its students to take pride in themselves and their College identity through the wearing of the approved College uniform. The College uniform reflects the heritage of our College, reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of them as an integral part of the College Community, and assists in developing pride in representing their College.

DEFINITIONS

College Activity is defined as an activity conducted or authorised by the College and includes daily school attendance, excursions, incursions, camps, retreats, reflection days, events undertaken as part of an educational program provided by a registered education and training organisation, involvement in the College's sport, music and co-curricular program, student leadership activities, preparation for College functions or other such College sanctioned events.

College Uniform is defined as a limited range of clothing including footwear, headwear and bags with specifications for garment design and colour which identifies a student as a Loyola College student. The College will require its students to wear designated components of the College uniform as outlined in the Student Dress Code during school hours, while travelling to and from the College, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At all times, students are ambassadors of the College and are expected to wear the uniform in a way that presents a positive face of Loyola College.

In being sensitive to the financial constraints upon families wishing to send their daughters and sons to Loyola College, the College will work with its uniform supplier to ensure that the cost of uniforms will be kept as low as possible. On a confidential basis, the Principal has the discretion to support families experiencing severe financial hardship in the provision of uniform items.

Uniform and student presentation at Loyola College will:

- be in accordance with the rich heritage of the College
- reflect those symbols and traditions that are consistent with the College's Ignatian tradition and Charism

- be of a standard that brings pride and credit upon the College
- be congruent with the high regard with which the College is held in the broader community
- enhance the health and safety of students when involved in College activities
- promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- avoid extreme trends and fashions, particularly with regard to hair, personal appearance and deportment.

POLICY GUIDELINES

On enrolling their child at the College, parents and guardians are required to support the College Uniform Policy by ensuring that their child owns and neatly and correctly wears the prescribed items of the Loyola College uniform as outlined in the Loyola College Student Dress Code.

Students are required to wear the College uniform in its complete and approved form as designated on all occasions when students are travelling to and from the College, when attending College activities and when the College is being officially represented. A high standard is expected in regards to the condition of the uniform and the manner in which it is worn. Uniform items should be kept clean, pressed and in good condition.

Unless otherwise specified, the summer uniform will be worn in Terms 1 and 4 from the commencement of the terms and the winter uniform will be worn in Terms 2 and 3 from the commencement of Term 2.

All students are required to own a College blazer to be worn throughout the year both as the outer garment in Terms 2, 3 and 4 and at designated formal events throughout the year. These events include College Assemblies, Masses, formal school photographs, excursions and other such events where students are representing the College.

All members of the Loyola College staff are required to be conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own presentation and dress and by ensuring that students are correctly attired when participating in College activities.

A note written by the student's parent or guardian is required on the day that a student is out of uniform. Permission for exemptions to the uniform regulations for any period beyond one week is to be obtained from the Deputy Principal ~ Students. Where students are in violation of the uniform policy, appropriate consequences will be incurred.

Unless the College has been notified in writing, the official supplier of the College uniform will always ensure that adequate stocks of uniform items are available for purchase by students and their families in advance of the time that these items are to be worn.

At appropriate times throughout the school year, the College will inform parents, guardians and students of its requirements for the correct wearing of the College uniform and presentation. The Student Dress Code is updated annually and presented in the Loyola College Student Planner, which is made available to all students at the commencement of the school year, on the College website and in the College's enrolment package presented to new parents.

Periodic review of the College uniform will be undertaken to ensure that all uniform items adequately reflect the values and needs of the College and its Community. Changes to the College uniform will only be undertaken through recommendations of PACUR ~ the Principal's Advisory Committee on Uniform Regulations ~ to the Principal and ratified as required by the College Board. As a representative body, PACUR will consist of staff members, parents, guardians and students. Significant changes to the College uniform will include a period of consultation involving the official supplier of the College uniform and students, parents, guardians and staff members.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Loyola College Student Planner