

Brigidine College St Ives

UNIFORM POLICY

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Brigidine College St Ives is an inclusive environment that believes in upholding a high standard of uniform and appearance. The College uniform is to be worn correctly and with pride by all students.

Purpose

To denote the correct wearing of uniform in a variety of situations at Brigidine College St Ives. This enables Brigidine students to be proud representatives of the College in the wider community and in the College.

Rationale

Wellbeing:

The College uniform reinforces a student's sense of pride and recognition in seeing themselves as an integral part of the College community. It equally provides a measure of safety and security when students are travelling to and from the College as well as within their broader community.

The College uniform is compulsory for all students as an opportunity to:

- Promote equality amongst all students
- Develop a sense of identity and belonging
- Enhance the positive image of the College in the community
- Provide guidelines for the prescribed uniform for all students
- Contribute to good discipline and public order
- Teach responsibility to students for representing themselves and others in the wider community.

Related Documents

- Uniform Outline – Summer, Winter and Sports Uniform.
- College Diary

Responsible Person

Director Student Wellbeing

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Policy

1. Each student is expected to wear the College uniform/sports uniform by maintaining a high standard of neatness and cleanliness and by acknowledging appropriate behaviour whilst wearing it.
2. Each student is to wear the official uniform (NOT PDHPE, sport or co-curricular uniform) to and from school.
3. Dress and kilt length should fall at the middle of the knee. It is important to note that kilts are to be worn on the waist and **not altered** from the point of purchase.
4. Shoes are to be black and kept clean and polished. They are to be lace up school shoes only (except when sports shoes are being used for PDHPE subjects).
5. Hair is to be combed and neatly groomed.
 - a. Long hair is to be completely tied back off the face and shoulders.
 - b. Dreadlocks and all-over braiding are not permitted.
 - c. Ribbons, combs and hairbands are to be white, burgundy or blue.
 - d. Artificial colouring of hair should not be obvious and of a single natural colour. Undercuts or haircuts at irregular lengths are not acceptable. Shaved hair must be approved prior to and at the discretion of the College.
6. Makeup, foundation, mascara, fake eyelashes, fake tan or bronzing products or similar are NOT to be worn with the College uniform.
7. Nails should be no longer than the students' finger and be natural with no polish.
 - a. NO fake or acrylic nails are deemed appropriate whilst at school.
8. Jewellery - A watch and **ONE** pair of studs or sleeper earrings (gold, silver or clear; one in each lobe) is the only jewellery to be worn.
 - a. This includes NO multiple piercings and non-metal variations.
 - b. A fine chain and traditional crucifix may be worn.
 - c. Other body piercings or body art are NOT permitted if visible with the normal wearing of uniform.
 - d. No facial piercings of any sort are permitted at any time- this includes tongue piercings, nose, eyebrow and lip piercings and additional earrings in the ear.
9. Tattoos of any description are NOT acceptable and deemed inappropriate for any student enrolled at the College. In the event that a tattoo is exposed, the College's expectations is that it will be covered at all times by a skin coloured sleeve, bandage or College jumper/blazer.
10. The wearing of a T-shirt or other similar garment under the College shirts is not acceptable if it is visible at the neckline.
11. Students may only change into PDHPE uniform in the gymnasium change rooms during their PDHPE lesson time, and not prior.
12. All items of clothing are to be in good repair. Missing buttons must be replaced. (These can be purchased at the College Uniform Shop).

Brigidine College Uniform Code

Year 7 -10 Summer Uniform

Term 1 & 4

- Regulation College dress
- Regulation College jumper
- Regulation white socks with burgundy stripe
- Black lace-up shoes – leather, flat soles and flat heels
- Regulation College blazer - The blazer is always to be the outer garment when such is required
- College hat

Note: No item of sports uniform is to be worn with the College uniform

Year 7 -10 Winter Uniform (and formal occasions)

Term 2 & 3

- Regulation College blazer – must always be worn to and from school
- Regulation College kilt
- Regulation College blue shirt
- Regulation College jumper (optional)
- Regulation College grey stockings
- Black lace-up shoes – leather, flat soles and flat heels

Note : No item of sports uniform is to be worn with the College uniform

Year 11 & 12 Summer & Winter Uniform (Term 1 – 4)

- Regulation College blazer - The blazer is always to be the outer garment
- Regulation College kilt
- Regulation College white shirt (long sleeved in Winter)
- Regulation College jumper (optional)
- Regulation College stockings
- Regulation College white socks with burgundy stripe (Summer)
- Black lace-up shoes – leather, flat soles and flat heels
- College hat (Summer only)

College Blazer

You need not wear your blazer during the summer uniform period. However, if you wear your jumper, you must always wear your blazer over it except during class time.

You must always wear your blazer with your winter uniform to and from school – you may wear your jumper underneath it.

You must always wear your blazer when representing the College e.g. at debates, excursions (unless sport uniform is specified), on formal occasions e.g. speaking at Assembly, attending public events, receiving visitors to the College or if you are required to report to the Principal's Office.

College PDHPE & Sports Uniform

Regulation:

- Polo shirt
- Burgundy shorts
- Track top or fleece
- Track pants
- White socks with burgundy trim
- Cap or visor
- Sports bag

The College track top and College track suit pants are compulsory items and must be worn on College excursions/events.

Students will be permitted to wear navy leggings for sport training.

Cocurricular Uniforms

Full details of specific uniform items for all cocurricular activities will be provided on registration.

Cocurricular uniforms are only to be worn during the specific activity they are required for. Students are to change out of cocurricular uniform before the school day starts if they are participating in a before school activity and are to change into their cocurricular uniform once the school day has finished should their activity begin after school.

School bag

Students may use only College approved bags:

- The burgundy backpack with College crest is available only from the College is to be used by all students
- A College sports bag is available but must not be used as an alternative to the school bag
- Graffiti and stickers on school bags are not acceptable.

Senior students- attendance outside of timetabled lessons

- For casual attendance during school time: you should always be in school uniform if you make a casual visit to school.
- For attendance at scheduled holiday workshops: senior students may wear casual clothing as described below under the Mufti Dress policy.
- Year 12 Rugby Jersey is permitted to be worn **only on College grounds** on prescribed days, as well as at sporting events in support of the College, and during the Year 12 Retreat.

Mufti Dress Standards

When permission is given for 'mufti' dress for excursions or special occasions at school, students must follow these guidelines:

- neat casual clothing which is appropriate for the activity
- no low necklines at the front or back of garments
- no exposed midriffs
- no low 'hipster' garments
- no excessively short skirts or shorts
- no pyjamas or ugg boots/slipper shoes
- shoes must have closed-in toes e.g. sports shoes
- the College PDHPE or school uniform is always acceptable on mufti occasions.

Communication regarding uniform variations

An email from home is necessary to explain any temporary variation from the standard requirements. The email correspondence is to be communicated to the relevant Year Coordinator prior to the beginning of the school day. This includes required variations due to medical conditions or injuries.

When students are in uniform outside the school (e.g. shopping malls), they are to wear your full uniform: no combinations of uniform and casual wear are acceptable. (*Uniform infringements – see below*)

Uniform Infringements Procedures

- Any infringement of the Uniform Policy will require a student to serve a Lunchtime detention. Each individual infringement carries a separate detention.
- **Three Lunchtime detentions** in one term will lead to an **after school detention**.
- Late arrival or failure to attend one lunchtime detention will result in a second rescheduled detention (which will be reflected on the student's detention record). A second late arrival or failure to attend the rescheduled detention will result in an after school detention.
- Jewellery will be confiscated on the spot and will be handed over to the supervising staff member. This will be placed into an envelope with the students' name/year group and stored at reception and returned **at the end of each term**.
- Repeated and single significant uniform infringements including defiant behaviour, may lead to students being stood down from lessons until the item is removed and the student meets College expectations. Extreme or excessive breach of the uniform policy will result in parental intervention to assist in managing the issue.

Uniform Enforcement Measures

Enforcement of uniform expectations will be active throughout the school year, and students will be expected to maintain correct uniform on every school day.

Throughout each term, the College will engage in a number of unexpected 'uniform reviews'.