

Student Uniform

Purpose

At Mount Carmel College, students wear a compulsory student uniform with a sense of pride in belonging to the school community. The student uniform promotes equity and equality, self-discipline and care. While at school and in the community, students represent the legacy, tradition, and values of the College by proudly wearing the student uniform with the motto *Caritas et Dignitas* (Love and Dignity), reflecting the high standard of behaviour required of a Mount Carmel College student.

Health and safety factors are important when incorporating items of clothing as part of the student uniform. Specific instructions for wearing the uniform may apply when undertaking certain tasks or in particular locations.

This policy document sets out the circumstances and manner in which the student uniform is to be worn.

Policy

1. Full student uniform must always be worn at all times during the school day, and to and from the College, and during official College activities, unless advised otherwise by the Principal or person(s) appointed by the Principal.
2. The full student uniform (Winter, Summer or Physical Education Uniform) is set out in the attached Schedule. Responsibility for the Schedule is delegated to the Principal or person(s) appointed by the Principal.
3. Whenever the student uniform is worn, students should consider themselves to be ambassadors for the College, whether at an official event or not. The College may take action to uphold the reputation of the College.
4. The Mount Carmel College community strives to ensure all families have access to all compulsory uniform items.
5. Students and families have the right to clear communication on this Policy, Procedures and the Uniform Schedule.
6. The consequences of breaches of this Policy are laid out in the Procedures. Responsibility to maintain the Procedures is delegated to the Principal or person(s) appointed by the Principal.

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Procedure

Wearing the correct student uniform:

1. All Mount Carmel College uniform items can be purchased from Alinta Hambours, 383 Grange Road, Findon SA 5023, Ph: 8447 2077 or order online by registering at <https://shop.alintaapparel.com.au/>
2. The uniform is to be worn in full, not mixing seasons together or wearing part of the uniform.
3. The uniform is to be worn neatly, kept clean and tidy, and be respected as an extension of the College's reputation and 'brand' within the community.
4. The full student uniform does not include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which may be required to be worn from time to time and/or during scheduled curriculum activities. All PPE instructions are in addition to this Policy. Special instructions re the wearing of the student uniform or grooming may apply for certain tasks or in particular locations for health and safety compliance.
5. All items of clothing and personal belongings are the responsibility of the student. The College takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items, and does not insure jewellery, personal devices or other personal items.

Wearing the incorrect student uniform:

1. A written explanation via email or in the Student Diary is required from a Parent/Guardian if a student is not in correct uniform for any reason on a given day or period of days. The note should indicate the anticipated date when full uniform will be worn.
2. If a student is wearing the incorrect student uniform and a suitable explanation (as in 1 above) is not provided, the College may invoke disciplinary procedures, which may include, for secondary students, the student being sent home to change into correct uniform, internal suspension, external suspension, or other action at the discretion of the Principal or person(s) appointed by the Principal.

Student Uniform Schedule

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ACTIVE WEAR (R-6) & PE UNIFORM (YEARS 7-12)**Item**

Polo Top	Ink blue/gold polo top with monogram
Shorts	Ink blue (with gold piping) shorts with monogram
Tracksuit Pants	Ink blue (with gold piping) tracksuit pants with monogram
Tracksuit Jacket or	Ink blue (with gold piping) jacket with monogram, full zip
Fleecy top (1/2 zip)	Ink blue (with gold piping) jacket with monogram, half zip
Rugby Jumper (<i>optional 7-12</i>)	Ink blue (with chocolate & gold piping) jumper with monogram
Socks	Plain black, short socks
Footwear	Lace-up sneakers, cross trainers or basketball boots only. Volleys, ninja slippers and skate shoes (eg Vans) are not to be worn
Hat (R-6)	Blue monogrammed legionnaire's hat or blue monogrammed bucket hat
Hat (7-12)	Ink blue cap with MCC lettering or blue monogrammed bucket hat
Backpack	College backpack with logo
Communication/Library bag (R-6)	College bag with logo

Seniors: Year 6 students have the option of a special seniors' polo top and fleecy top

UNIFORM ITEMS (Years 7-12)

Item	
Dress (Terms 1 & 4)	Mount Carmel College striped dress
Skirt (Terms 2 & 3)	Pleated skirt + Mount Carmel College shirt (short or long sleeved)
Shirt, shorts, pants (Terms 1 & 4)	Mount Carmel College shirt (short or long sleeved) + Mount Carmel College shorts or pants
Shirt, shorts, pants (Terms 2 & 3)	Mount Carmel College shirt (short or long sleeved) + Mount Carmel College shorts or pants + Mount Carmel College tie
Jumper	Dark brown v-neck jumper with monogram
Footwear	Black leather, lace-up school shoes or t-bar shoes (not the slip on style, boots, sandals, platform soles or heels)
Socks*	Plain black short or long socks (no logos, no anklet socks)
Tights*	Black tights (50 denier)
Jacket	Ink blue tracksuit zippered jacket (chocolate & gold piping) with monogram
Backpack	Mount Carmel College backpack is compulsory

* Socks and tights are not to be worn together. Tights only to be worn with the winter skirt, not with the summer dress

A Mount Carmel College scarf is also available as an optional item.

Seniors: Year 12 students have the option of a special seniors' top.

Note: where a student identifies with a different gender to their birth gender and specific accommodations are requested, a meeting of the student and a parent/guardian with the Principal will be required to discuss student uniform requirements and other accommodations.

Transition Period – Primary Students

No parent of a primary campus student will need to buy a new uniform if staying on the primary campus, unless their child has outgrown their Active Wear uniform.

Transition Period – Secondary Students

All students of Mount Carmel College (Years 7 to 12) are required to wear the above secondary uniform except Year 12 (2022) students, who may wear either the uniform items above or continue to wear the former items (summer male polo top, female brown shoes with string-coloured long socks or brown tights) until you need to purchase new items.

No parent of a secondary campus student will need to buy a new PE uniform unless their child has outgrown their PE uniform. Similarly, with the change of colour of the Mount Carmel College backpack from brown to blue, no parent needs to buy a new backpack until it needs replacement.

Notes on the wearing of the uniform

1. Please mark all articles of clothing with the student's name.
2. Secondary students are able to wear the PE uniform to and from school only on days when they have a scheduled practical PE lesson or dance lesson.
3. The length of skirts and dresses must be approximately knee length. The length of shorts must not be adjusted so as to be too short in the opinion of the College.

Hair and Grooming

- a) Hair shall be neat and tidy. Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back and must not hang down across the eyes or in front of the shoulders.
- b) Extreme hairstyles and/or colouring (eg rats tails, mohawks, patches of colour) are inappropriate for school and are not permitted. The cutting of patterns in hair is not permitted.
- c) Hair should not be cut extremely short, including bald, unless for a medical reason.

- d) Hair accessories (eg ribbons, clips, combs) must be in school colours – dark brown, cream, dark blue or gold.
- e) A very light, discreet foundation is the only acceptable makeup.
- f) Nail polish, if worn, must be a natural colour and discreet.
- g) Nails (natural and acrylic) must be kept short, as long nails can be a safety hazard. Acrylic nails are a safety hazard in certain areas (eg Food Technology, practical Design, Technology & Engineering) and so are not permitted if a student is undertaking these classes or activities.
- h) Visible body art (eg tattoos) is not permitted.
- i) All students are required to be clean shaven. If this is in conflict with your practised religion, a meeting with the Deputy Principal is required to discuss an exemption to this requirement.
- j) Good hygiene is expected as it can impact on the comfort of other people eg use of a personal deodorant. Regular showering and washing of the student uniform will assist personal hygiene.

Accessories

- a) Students may wear the official scarf with the Mount Carmel College logo. In particular lessons or activities students may be required to remove the scarf for health or safety reasons.
- b) The wearing of jewellery is discouraged. Jewellery can be dangerous if worn during physical activities and items could be lost. Jewellery, if worn, needs to be discreet and inoffensive.
- c) The following items are permitted: a watch, one plain ring, one simple neck chain with religious medal or cross, tucked into the uniform. No other jewellery is permitted (eg anklets, bracelets, wrist bands).
- d) Earrings and piercings: one small plain earring in one or both lower earlobes only. No other visible piercings (eg facial piercings) are permitted. Band-aids covering piercings are not permitted.

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