

# COLLEGE UNIFORM AND STUDENT PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY



Aquinas College expects all students to wear the uniform correctly to and from the College, and asks families to support this policy. Students are to leave home each day in the correct uniform. If a student is not able to wear the correct uniform on any given day, they must carry a note of explanation signed by a parent/carer. Clothing that is visible under the College uniform or extends at the neck and arms is not permitted; this includes t-shirts that are coloured or have printed designs.

Summer uniform is worn in Terms 1 & 4 and it is optional for students to wear the College blazer as the outer garment coming to or going home from the College.

Winter uniform is worn during Terms 2 & 3. The College blazer must be worn as the outer garment in Terms 2 & 3 when travelling to and from the College. The College jumper must never be worn as the outer garment coming to or going home from the College.

P.E./Sports uniform is compulsory for students in Years 7-10 and optional for students in Years 11-12. Students may wear the sports uniform on Sports or P.E. timetabled days or for nominated activities.

All students are required to wear the College hat (Billabong/Rip Curl) at recess and lunchtime and in any outdoor activity class during Terms 1 & 4 in line with the College's SunSmart policy.

<b>GIRLS' SUMMER UNIFORM (Terms 1&amp;4)</b>	<b>BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM (Terms 1 &amp; 4)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dress – College regulation fabric and style worn at knee length.</li> <li>● White socks with ankle length bottle green hoop</li> <li>● Black leather lace-up school shoes (N.B. school shoes have a heel, leisure shoes do not)</li> <li>● College hat</li> <li>OR</li> <li>● Dark grey tailored College shorts</li> <li>● Dark grey College trousers</li> <li>● White short sleeved shirt with logo (may be worn out)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● White short sleeved shirt with logo (may be worn out)</li> <li>● Dark grey tailored College shorts</li> <li>● Grey marle College socks worn above the ankle</li> <li>● Black leather lace-up school shoes (N.B. school shoes have a heel, leisure shoes do not)</li> <li>● Plain black leather belt</li> <li>● College hat</li> <li>OR</li> <li>● Dark grey College trousers</li> <li>● Dark grey socks worn above the ankle</li> </ul>

<p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College Jumper</li> <li>● College Blazer</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Students may opt to wear the full winter uniform (White long sleeved shirt with angular collar and College tie, worn with the College tartan skirt or dark grey College trousers and the College blazer).</p>	<p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College Jumper</li> <li>● College Blazer</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Students may opt to wear the full winter uniform (White long sleeved shirt with angular collar and College tie, worn with the dark grey College trousers, dark grey socks and the College blazer).</p>
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<p><b>GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM (Terms 2&amp;3)</b></p>	<p><b>BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM (Terms 2&amp;3)</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● White long sleeved shirt with angular collar, worn tucked into the skirt</li> <li>● College tartan fabric skirt, worn at knee length</li> <li>● College tie</li> <li>● Black opaque tights</li> <li>● Black leather lace-up school shoes (N.B. school shoes have a heel, leisure shoes do not)</li> <li>● College blazer</li> <li>● College jumper</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dark grey tailored College shorts or dark grey College trousers (worn with shirt tucked in)</li> </ul> <p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain black scarf (may be worn before school, at recess and lunchtime, but not during class time)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● White long sleeved shirt with angular collar, worn tucked into the trousers</li> <li>● Dark grey College trousers</li> <li>● College tie</li> <li>● Dark grey socks worn above the ankle</li> <li>● Black leather lace-up school shoes (N.B. school shoes have a heel, leisure shoes do not)</li> <li>● Plain black leather belt</li> <li>● College blazer</li> <li>● College jumper</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dark grey tailored College shorts worn with grey marle College socks worn above the ankle, and shirt tucked in</li> </ul> <p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain black scarf (may be worn before school, at recess and lunchtime, but not during class time)</li> </ul>

### P.E./SPORTS UNIFORM (ALL STUDENTS)

The College tracksuit, sports polo shirt and shorts are a compulsory part of the College uniform for Years 7-10 students, and optional for Years 11-12 students. A new P.E./Sports uniform introduced in 2019 can be phased in and will be compulsory for Years 7-10 students by the start of 2020. The P.E./Sports uniform is unisex style. A combination of the following uniform items can be worn to the College on the nominated sports or P.E. days:

- College tracksuit
- Team coloured polo shirt with logo
- College sport shorts with logo
- Aquinas Rugby style top

All students must wear suitable white sports socks, sports shoes, preferably cross trainers (not fashion sport shoes); and the College hat during Term 1 and from 1st September to the end of Term 4. When students have training or try out sessions for various sporting activities, they are to bring sports clothes to change into. If held during lunchtime, students are to change back into their College uniform at the end of the activity. If held after school, students can wear their P.E./Sports uniform home if they wish.

## COLLEGE HAT

All students must have an Aquinas College approved broad brimmed hat (Billabong/Rip Curl) and are encouraged to write their name on their hat. Students are to wear their hat during recess and lunchtime throughout Summer Terms 1 & 4 even if under cover. During outdoor classes in Term 1 and from 1 September until the end of Term 4 each year, and at sporting events when representing the College, it is compulsory for students to wear a hat.

Please note:

- Hats are not to be worn in classrooms
- Hats, caps or beanies other than the College hat are not to be worn with the uniform.

## Personal Appearance of Students

The life development of each student is an important part of the overall focus of the College. The clear guidelines relating to College Uniform are meant to ensure that our modes of College dress are uniform and consistent. This principle extends to personal appearance. Student personal appearance should be age and context appropriate. It is for these reasons that the following clear expectations are set for students.

## HAIR

The College expects students' hair to be clean, tidy and brushed. Flamboyant hairstyles, colours and accessories designed to draw attention to the student are not permitted while in College uniform. Beards and moustaches are not permitted with the College uniform. All boys are expected to be clean shaven and will be sent to the Health Centre to rectify the situation if not properly groomed.

The following are considered inappropriate hairstyles while in College uniform:

- Non-natural coloured hair e.g. blue, red, pink etc
- Excessively contrasting hair colours
- Excessively braided, plaited and jewelled hair including dreadlocks
- Excessive hairstyles. While some styles might be in trend, they are not permitted e.g., mohawk, "rat" tails etc.,
- Long hair worn loose – students with hair longer than shoulder length are required to tie it back in an appropriate manner before coming to school and it must remain tied back for the duration of the school day. Students with long and/or thick hair must still be able to properly wear the College hat, otherwise a haircut will be required
- Any haircut shorter than No. 3 on the clippers (this includes an undercut)

## JEWELLERY

Any jewellery worn with the College uniform should be safe and not ostentatious. Students may wear one plain chain and one simple ring. Wristbands and bracelets are not permitted. Students may wear no more than two studs/sleepers in each ear. Other forms of ear jewellery and longer hanging earrings are not permitted. All other visible forms of body piercing jewellery are not permitted with the College uniform and must be removed – includes, eyebrows, nose, lips, tongue piercings. Students are not permitted to cover piercings with band aids, tape, etc

## MAKEUP

Makeup is not to be worn with the College uniform.

Students with makeup will be requested to remove the makeup before attending class.

Only clear nail polish and natural nails are permitted to be worn with the College uniform. Nails must be short and of functional length. Students will be requested to remove nail polish before attending class.

## CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Themed casual dress days occur throughout the College year and are days noteworthy of celebration. Some restrictions apply to clothing worn to the College:

- Clothes with inappropriate or offensive language/designs are not permitted.
- Tops or shirts must cover the shoulders, back and midriff for all students.
- Low cut tops or ones with straps are not permitted.
- Torn, slashed or defaced clothing is not permitted.
- Enclosed footwear must be worn at all times for OH&S reasons. Thongs and slippers are not permitted on campus.
- Mini skirts and mini or micro shorts are deemed inappropriate for the College setting.
- Any tattoos must be fully covered.
- The College's restrictions around jewellery and makeup also apply to casual dress days
- Any senior student doing private study at the College must comply with casual dress day requirements.