



UNIFORM POLICY

(Updated February 2024)

St Philip's Christian College is committed to maintaining a high standard of school uniform. The uniform is a symbol of the College's commitment to excellence. It is standard across all the St Philip's Christian College schools. Our school uniform represents that we are united as a community across the different locations. It is also an outward sign of self-discipline for our students, which can be respected in the wider community.

All students are required to wear the appropriate complete school uniform. The exception is when there is a special occasion (e.g. certain excursions), and the exemption will be communicated in writing to the students and their families. The uniform should fit neatly and be kept to a satisfactory standard. The College's interpretation of what is a satisfactory standard is final. Students not complying with the policy will be required to accept the appropriate consequence.

Uniforms are to be worn seasonally. No parts of the St Philip's Christian College uniforms are interchangeable (e.g., no mix and match of formal uniforms and sports-wear) with the exception of long pants (boys) or black slacks (girls in Middle School and Senior School) being worn in the summer months if desired.

Uniform items should be replaced when excessively faded, torn (unless tidily repaired), worn or undersized. Students wearing uniform off-campus (travelling to and from school, shopping after school, on excursions, etc.) are expected to remain in complete uniform for the duration of the travels, and they must strictly adhere to all grooming requirements.

As part of their commitment to our community, we expect students to:

- wear items of uniform as listed and described in the St Philip's Christian College Uniform Policy;
- not wear substitute items purchased elsewhere if they are normally available for purchase through the Uniform Shop;
- wear their uniform in a manner deemed by St Philip's Christian College to be reasonable and conforming to any guidelines as determined by the College.

Summer (Terms 1 and 4)

- St Philip's Christian College boys' over-shirts and girls' over-blouses have the St Philip's Christian College emblem on the pocket and are to fit neatly over the top of shorts and skirts.
- St Philip's Christian College dresses and skirts are to be knee length and skirts are to be worn on the lower waist/hip area to ensure the pleats sit neatly. No rolling of the waistband is permitted.
- In addition to the required dress, girls K - 4 have the option of tartan shorts that match the pattern of the dress.
- In addition to their required skirt, girls 5 - 12 have the option of black shorts.
- Girls' shorts are to be worn with the white blouse currently worn by Middle and Senior School girls.
- St Philip's Christian College custom socks are to be worn by boys, who have the option of short or long socks (khaki for Kinder to Year Four, grey for Years Five to Twelve). Boys must ensure that socks are always pulled up.
- White, ankle-height socks are to be worn by girls. Socks that are worn below the top of the shoe are not permitted.

- St Philip's Christian College jumpers or vests can be worn on colder days and must have the St Philip's Christian College emblem.
- Shoes must be school-shoe style; all black, lace-up, solid construction and leather that can be polished; however, students in K - 2 may wear shoes that have a velcro fastening. Slip-on shoes, shoes with coloured stitching, shoes with buckles or boot-style footwear are not permitted. Shoes must be kept clean and in good repair.
- St Philip's Christian College custom-designed school hat or cap is required to be worn to and from school and during all outside activities.

Winter (Terms Two and Three)

- Winter shirts are plain white, and can be in either short or long sleeve style. Shirts in Terms Two and Three are to be tucked in at all times.
- St Philip's Christian College girls' pinafores and skirts are to be of knee length and skirts are to be worn on the lower waist/hip area to ensure the pleats sit neatly. No rolling of the waistband is permitted.
- Boys' long grey trousers are to be worn with neat hems and in good repair. A plain black belt with a simple buckle can be worn if necessary. Grey or black socks must be worn – no white.
- St Philip's Christian College ties and bowties are to be worn at all times. Ties are to be worn neatly and at a size appropriate to the student, and they are to be worn at the top of the neck, covering the top button (buttoned up) of the shirt.
- St Philip's Christian College jumpers or vests can be worn and must have the St Philip's Christian College emblem.
- St Philip's Christian College blazers are compulsory for Middle and Senior School students during Terms Two and Three. Students are required to wear their blazer when travelling to and from school, at assemblies, official events, or as requested by the college. Blazers must always be the outside garment at these times.
- Plain, black 70 denier stockings can be worn in winter for girls. Patterned or ribbed stockings and/or leggings are not permitted.
- Shoes must be school-shoe style; all black, lace-up, solid construction and leather that can be polished; however, students in K - 2 may wear shoes that have a velcro fastening. Slip-on shoes, shoes with coloured stitching, shoes with buckles or boot style footwear is not permitted. They must be kept clean and in good repair.
- Girls' slacks are an option for Middle and Senior School. Girls who choose to wear slacks must wear the school-supplied black slacks with SPCC embroidery and worn with black socks.
- St Philip's Christian College custom-designed school hat or cap is encouraged, but not required, to be worn to and from school and during all outside activities.

Sports Uniform

- St Philip's Christian College sports uniform must be worn only on sports days and for PE sessions, unless otherwise instructed (e.g., wearing of House Shirts for sports carnivals).
- Shorts are to be modest in length and fit, according to instructions given by staff. This normally means that the length is to be mid-way to the knee or lower, and loose fitting.
- Polo shirts are to be worn modestly i.e., not to be tight-fitting, or midriff in style.
- In cooler weather, St Philip's Christian College sports jackets and tracksuit pants are to be worn.
- St Philip's Christian College sports socks must be worn with the sports uniform. Plain white socks or the absence of socks with sports shoes is not permitted. Socks that are worn below the top of the shoe are not permitted.

- Sport shoes must be predominantly black; a small amount of white (only) is permitted. They must be a lace-up jogger and no canvas or boot-style joggers are permitted. Students in K-2 may wear shoes that have a velcro fastening. There are to be no coloured logos, laces, stitching or soles on the sports footwear. Sport shoes are only to be worn on sport and PE days unless otherwise instructed. **Note:** Some schools require non-marking soles, and they will communicate this to their students.

General

- St Philip's Christian College backpacks are compulsory.
- Hairstyles are to be neat and well presented. Extreme hairstyles, are not permitted. St Philip's Christian College will not accept hairstyles that are outlandish or draw particular attention to a student.
- Boys' hair must be worn above the collar. Long hair must be tied up off the collar.
- Hair is to be of a natural colour.
- Hair accessories must be in plain College colours, either black, white or bottle green.
- Undergarments that are worn for warmth must not be coloured, patterned or visible. This includes athletic garments (e.g., skins) that are worn for sporting activities. They are not to be visible under the sports uniform.
- Boys are to be cleanly shaven.
- Tattoos must be completely covered.
- Jewellery is to be kept minimal. Girls are able to wear a watch, one (1) modest ring and one (1) pair of either plain style studs or sleepers as earrings in their ear-lobe. Earrings in the upper ear are not permitted. Boys are able to wear a watch, but are not permitted to wear any other jewellery including earrings or studs. Bracelets, necklaces, anklets or other visible body piercings are not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish or false nails are not permitted. Nails are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed.
- It is preferable that makeup is not worn, but if required it must be subtle; skin-toned and sparingly applied. Eye make-up is not permitted.
- Plain, black gloves may be worn in Terms Two and Three.
- The St Philip's Christian College, black, SPCC embroidered scarf may be worn in Terms Two and Three.

I acknowledge the important role that parents have in ensuring that students are correctly dressed, and thank you for your support.

Mr Graeme Irwin

CEO

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A note regarding House Shirts

At St Philip's Christian College Gosford, we have introduced House Shirts for students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve, for our four houses of Chara (green), Kainos (yellow), Meros (red) and Patria (blue). House Shirts are worn to school as directed by the teachers of Junior School on certain days, often worn on Fridays as part of the Sport Program as well as at carnivals and fun days. In Middle School and Senior School, students are expected to wear their House Shirts to the College Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, as well as on specific days where house activities are taking place, as directed by staff. The House Shirts are a wonderful support in building community among the students at the College.