

Uniform Policy

Rationale

The provision of a uniform at Swan Christian College is intended to support our sense of community, healthy pride in our College and to emphasise character, organisation and commitment over fashion. The way a student wears their uniform reflects their own self-image and is also a measure of how they regard other people.

The Scripture in 1 Samuel 16:7 “For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (NKJ) is sometimes used to diminish the importance of outward appearance. In fact this Scripture emphasises that man can only see the outward appearance as an indicator of the heart.

Simplicity and neatness is emphasised in order to underline this principle, “Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.” 1 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJ)

Responsibility to be Well Groomed

The proper wearing of College uniform (regular and sport uniform) is compulsory. Parents/Guardians should ensure that their child's uniform is being worn correctly when they leave home. It is the students responsibility to be fully prepared for each school day, which includes the wearing of the correct school uniform at all times during the day. Repeated uniform breaches may involve a student being required to purchase items from the uniform shop, face suspension or parent/guardian being requested to come and immediately collect their child from the College.

If a student is out of uniform they should bring a note from home, or in their organiser, signed by their parent/guardian. This note will be checked and signed by their Pastoral Care teacher. The note should state clearly which item of uniform is unavailable, the reason for this, and the date when the student will be in correct uniform again. Having a note does not necessarily diminish or remove the student's responsibility to be prepared for the school day and have the correct uniform.

All uniforms must be clearly labeled and it is the student's responsibility to care for each piece of attire while at school. Items of uniform are to be clean, correctly sized and in good repair. The College reserves the right to request a student to replace uniform items deemed to be in unacceptable condition.

Summer uniform with hat will be worn for Term 1 and Term 4. Hats are required to be worn by the students at all times except when they are seated under solid cover, for example, metal veranda roofing. Students must wear College hats when sitting and standing in the sun, on the front and rear ovals, and the basketball courts.

Winter uniform will be worn for Term 2 and Term 3, unless otherwise notified. The College blazer is required to be worn both to and from school and to all official College functions. No jumper is to be worn without a blazer during Terms 2 and 3.

Hairstyles

- Hair is to be neat, clean and tidy. If in doubt, please check with your Pastoral Care Teacher.
- All hair must be neatly styled, extreme or excessively distinguishable multi-coloured hair is not acceptable. Only natural hair colours can be used.
- Students with collar length or longer hair must wear it tied back.
- Hair must not be shorter than a number 3.
- Only hair ties or bands that are plain navy, white or cyan with a maximum width of 2cm are permitted.
- Facial hair and sideburns below the ear lobes should be shaved at all times.
- Fringes must be kept out of the face and pinned back if necessary.
- Top knots and high ponytails are acceptable.

Adornment

- A watch may be worn.
- Students may wear one pair of plain piercing studs or plain small full circle piercing sleepers.
- Maximum diameter of sleeper 12mm, maximum diameter of stud 4mm.
- No other jewellery is acceptable, including purity rings and rubber fundraising bands.
- Body piercings other than the ear lobe will not be tolerated.
- Clear/plastic studs in body piercings are not acceptable.
- Students are not to have visible tattoos or body art.
- Medic alert bracelets and necklaces are acceptable.

Make up

Years 7-9

- Makeup free - clear nails, clear lip moisturiser, etc.

Years 10-12

- Natural looking make-up is allowed.
- No coloured nail polish, coloured lips, eye shadow, glitter or eyeliner is permitted.
- Mascara must look natural.
- All nails must look natural and be a length and shape that allows students to engage in the College curriculum.

Casual Dress Day Guidelines

- Dress is to be modest.
- No skin tight clothing.
- No singlet or halter neck tops or dresses.
- No offensive slogans and/or images on any clothing.
- No bare midriffs.
- No thighs showing (skirts, dresses and shorts to touch the knees).
- Closed-in footwear is required.
- For Science, Home Economics and Technologies, the student's hair is to be tied back, jewellery removed.
- Normal Physical Education uniform is required for Physical Education classes.

Boys Uniform Guide

Boys Summer Uniform

- charcoal shorts (optional for Years 10-12) with black belt (ring and tongue buckle) and banded grey College socks
- blue chambray shirt with College logo on pocket
- black leather lace-up school shoes, with heel
- Swan Christian College slouch hat

Boys Winter Uniform

- long charcoal pants with black belt (ring and tongue buckle) and banded grey College socks
- blue chambray shirt with College logo on pocket
- v-neck jumper with College logo (optional)
- College tie
- College blazer
- banded grey College socks
- black leather lace-up school shoes, with heel

Girls Uniform Guide

Girls Summer Uniform

- school dress with College logo, the minimum length is touching the top of the knee cap when standing straight
- white fold down socks
- black leather lace-up school shoes, with heel
- Swan Christian College slouch hat

Girls Winter Uniform

- Years 10-12, 70 denier navy tights, visible socks under tights are not acceptable
- Years 7-9, white fold down socks (70 denier navy tights optional)
- tartan skirt, the minimum length is touching the top of the knee cap when standing straight and blue chambray shirt with College logo on pocket
- v-neck jumper with College logo (optional)
- College tie
- College blazer
- black leather lace-up school shoes, with heel

School bags

It is compulsory for all students to use one of the following Swan Christian College school bags:

- 38L Backpack
- 40L Rollerbag

Optional

- Sport duffle bag

Sports Uniform Guide

General Sports

- polo shirt in House colours
- College shorts - navy
- College tracksuit top - navy
- College tracksuit pants - navy
- white sport socks
- shock absorbing gym shoes with non marking soles

Swimming

- When students are representing the College (ie. competitions, interschool and interhouse carnivals) they are expected to wear the College bathers with logo.

STTC and Hospitality

STTC Uniform

- long sleeve hi-vis shirt with STTC logo
- heavy cotton navy work pants (shorts are acceptable for electrical and carpentry trades only)
- steel-capped safety boots that meet Australian Standard AS2210.3.2009

Hospitality Uniform

- black and white chef check pants
- white chef top with College logo
- white buttons (Year 11) and black buttons (Year 12)
- black chef skull cap
- white neckerchief (Year 11) and black neckerchief (Year 12)
- black and white striped apron
- black leather lace-up school shoes, with heel

Shoes

Acceptable shoes for boys and girls must be sturdy material, offer adequate support and cover the entire upper section of the foot for protection. They should be:

- black leather
- lace up school design
- heel up to 35mm

Please consult the College if you have any concerns about the acceptability of shoes you are intending to purchase, as unacceptable shoes will need to be replaced.