



Rationale

The standard of uniform and grooming at Hope Christian College is formal and not casual in nature. With regard to uniform, the College seeks to present our students' uniforms in such a way that both represent the Hope Christian College as a place of excellence in grooming and appearance as well as catering for students' comfort and well-being. Parents are to ensure that their children to wear the College uniform correctly. The uniform cannot be modified to alter its appearance, form or fit.

A student who presents at College in breach of the uniform policy may be immediately removed from class which will result in them working in the College Office. If a student presents several times wearing incorrect uniform, poorly maintained or otherwise incorrect uniform, they may, at the Principal's discretion, be fitted with the correct uniform and the parents will be billed.

Procedure

All uniform items except shoes are to be bought from the Hope Christian College on-site uniform shop.

Changing out of College uniform – No student is allowed to change out of College uniform whilst on College premises. Students are to arrive at and leave College in correct uniform.

Condition – All uniform items must be well-laundered and in good condition. Items that are scuffed, stained, torn, defaced or ill-fitting will be required to be replaced.

The College hat is to be worn for all outdoor activities during Terms 1 & 4. Students not wearing a hat will be directed to sit in the shade at recess and lunch.

SPECIAL NOTE: Terms 2, 3 & 4: Please note, for the first two weeks of Term 2 students are permitted to wear their summer uniform if the weather is hot. Similarly if the weather is hot in the last week of Term 3, students are permitted to wear their summer uniform. In the first two weeks of Term 4 students are permitted to wear their winter uniform if the weather is cold. Other changes may be notified via parent text or letter.

GENERAL UNIFORM INFORMATION

(Interpretation of this policy is at the discretion of the College)

- College Hat** Only official College hat may be worn. In line with current "Sun Smart" policy, wearing of the College shade / wide brimmed hat is required by all students in Terms 1 & 4:
- At recess and lunch breaks
 - At outside class activities
 - At class sport and sports days
- On camps, excursions where uniform is not required, a suitable hat must be worn.
- Make-up**
- R – 5 girls are not permitted to wear any make up
 - Year 6 – 12 girls are permitted to wear a light covering of foundation
 - No eye makeup is to be worn
 - Acrylic nails are not allowed – they can be potentially dangerous in activities such as Science practicals, Tech studies and Sport lessons.
 - Coloured nail polish is not allowed
- Jewellery**
- Facial piercings are not allowed.
 - Students are not permitted to have any body piercings.
 - Students covering piercings with band-aids will be asked to remove the piercing
 - Students are not permitted (even after the age of 18) to have any tattoo that will be visible whilst in attendance at the College or on any College activity
 - Students may not have a tattoo in a visible place and cover it with a band aid/ Elastoplast or similar
 - Medic-alert bracelets are permitted.
 - Wrist watches are permitted.
 - Necklaces, bracelets and rings of any kind are not permitted
 - Girls are permitted to wear ONE pair of silver or gold studs or sleepers in the **lower** ear lobe
 - Boys are not permitted to wear earrings
 - Students are specifically prohibited from wearing flesh holes, bars, industrial or similar



Hair Colour and Style

We urge parents, if they are unsure, to check before making expensive changes to a child's hair colour or style.

Students' hair must be kept washed, clean and tidy.

Students are to have a conservative hairstyle, which does not draw attention to itself. No extremes in styles such as uneven cuts, contours, shaving, dread-locks or experimental hairstyles. Conservative, graded haircuts are acceptable. Hairstyles are to be moderate and not extreme, or what might be termed cult hairstyles, or easily associated with inappropriate behaviour or groups within society.

If hair is dyed, it is to be one solid natural colour. Artificially coloured hair (other than in natural colours) brightly coloured streaks, highlights or obvious variations in colour, for example blonde on top layers with brown/black on the lower layers, are not permitted.

Girls with long hair, past the top of the shoulder, are required to wear their hair tied back in a ponytail, pigtailed, plait, braid or a bun. Girls with shoulder/bob length hair must wear a head-band. Fringes and hair must not cover the face.

Hair extensions must be the same colour as the body of the hair, leading to one solid natural colour. Coloured clips, bands may not be used with hair extensions.

Boy's hair must be above the collar, off the face and not in the eyes. Boys may not have fully shaven heads. Hair must not be cut shorter than a number 2 clipper (6mm). Boys must be clean-shaven and excessive side burns below the middle of the ear are not permitted.

Cultural considerations such as family country of origin are made with regard to hair at the Principal's discretion.

Hair Accessories

All hair accessories must be plain (e.g. no dots, stripes, etc.) and in the College colours of teal, navy blue, or white. Brown elastics, bobby pins and combs are acceptable. No other ornaments such as flowers or other are permitted.

White T-shirts

May be worn under uniforms for extra warmth, but must not be visible below the sleeves or hem of the uniform garments. These T-shirts must be plain - no motifs or prints.

Scarves/gloves

Either College colours of navy blue, teal or white plain scarves and gloves are allowed.

Warmth

The Wet Weather jacket and blazer are our official outer garments for warmth as per this policy.



TERM 1 and TERM 4 GIRLS

Dress	Dresses must touch the ground when the student is kneeling and should be no longer than 10cm below the knee.
Jumper	The official College navy blue V-necked with College initials is the compulsory item for students in Years Rec-9 and may be worn in Terms 1 & 4. Jumper is optional for Years 10-12.
Year 12 Top	The current Year 12 top may be worn all year. Year 12 students must have a blazer for official College occasions. Blazers are to be worn on Fridays and for Chapel and not the Year 12 top.
Socks	White College socks in either long or mid-calf length (not anklet) as sold in the uniform shop.
Shoes	Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel. Years Rec-2 children may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces. No slip on shoes or ballet style. Shoes must have a heel no higher than 4cm. See the photographs below for examples.

TERM 1 and TERM 4 BOYS

Shirts	Short-sleeved white College shirt with College initials. "Jack-banded" shirts are permitted to be worn over trousers.
Year 12 Top	The current Year 12 top may be worn all year. Year 12 students must have a blazer for official College occasions. Blazers are to be worn on Fridays and for Chapel and not the Year 12 top.
Jumper	The official College navy blue V-necked with College initials is the compulsory item for students in Years Rec-9 and may be worn in Terms 1 & 4. Jumper is optional for Years 10-12. Boys who wear a jumper in Terms 1 and 4 must also wear the tie.
Trousers & Shorts	College trousers and shorts sold through our Uniform Shop. Trousers are not to be worn in such a way so as to reveal the tops of undergarments or in a low hanging manner.
Belt	Plain black belts, appropriate for College wear may be worn.
Socks	Grey long or mid-calf length College socks (not anklet length).
Shoes	Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel. Years Rec-2 children may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces. No slip on shoes. Shoes must have a heel no higher than 4cm. See the photographs below for examples.
Winter items	Ties, Blazers and Wet Weather Jackets are not required in Term 1 or 4 but may be worn.
Tie	Official College tie is not compulsory in Term 1 or Term 4. Boys who choose to wear a long sleeved College shirt, blazer or wet weather jacket however, must wear the College tie. (see "Jumper")



TERM 2 and TERM 3 GIRLS

Pinafore / Skirt	Pinafore for Year Reception to Year 5. Skirts for Year 6 to 12. Pinafores and skirts must be worn below the knee.
Shirt	Girls HCC blouse – to be worn over the top of the skirt, not tucked in. (This blouse was introduced in Term 2, 2017 and all girls must be wearing this item by Term 2, 2019)
Tie	Official College tie must be worn with white shirt.
Skivvy	A white skivvy may be worn in Reception to Year 2. Skivvies cannot be worn with PE uniform. Skivvies cannot be worn for official occasions.
Jumper	The official College navy blue V-necked with College initials is compulsory for all students in Years Rec-9. Jumper is optional for Years 10-12.
Jacket/Blazer	Reception to Year 5 wet weather jacket. Years 6-9 have the option of wearing either the Wet Weather Jacket or Blazer. The jumper must be worn with the Wet Weather jacket. Years 10 – 12 Blazer is compulsory and must be worn each day in Terms 2 & 3 (see below).
Year 12 Top	The current Year 12 top may be worn all year. Year 12 students must have a blazer for official College occasions.
Stockings	Reception – Year 2 – may wear black tights or long white socks
Socks	Years 3- Year 12 must wear black tights (not sheer stockings).
Shoes	Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel. Years Rec-2 children may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces. No slip on shoes or ballet style. Shoes must have a heel no higher than 4cm. See the photographs below for examples.

TERM 2 and TERM 3 BOYS

Shirts	Long sleeved white College shirt. “Jack-banded” shirts are permitted to be worn over trousers. A shirt and tie must be worn for excursions, College photos, music nights, etc.
Tie	Official College tie must be worn.
Skivvy	A white skivvy may be worn in Reception to Year 2. Skivvies must not be worn with PE uniform. Skivvies cannot be worn for official occasions.
Jumper	The official College navy blue V-necked with College initials is compulsory for all students in Years Rec-9. Jumper is optional for Years 10-12.
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Trousers	College trousers sold through our uniform shop. Trousers are not to be worn in such a way so as to reveal the tops of undergarments or in a low-hanging manner.
Belt	Plain black or brown belts, appropriate for College wear may be worn
Socks	Grey long or ankle length College socks.
Shoes	Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel. Years Rec-2 children may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces. No slip on shoes. Shoes must have a heel no higher than 4cm. See the photographs below for examples.



SPORT UNIFORM

Students competing in external sporting events must wear correct sport uniform

- Polo Top** Official short-sleeved navy and teal with College logo
- Shorts** Official navy sports shorts with College initials
- Track Pants** Official navy pants with College initials
- Rugby Top** Official long-sleeved navy and teal with College logo
- Socks** Low or high sports socks which are predominantly white. Socks may have brand names / insignias
- Sneakers** Parent/student choice – however, they must be sport / athletic sneakers with suitable arch and heel support and cushioning. Students may not wear canvas slip-on or volley style casual shoes for PE. Years Rec-2 children may wear sneakers with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces.



