

UNIFORM POLICY

Following discussions with the Parents Association, Student Council and members of Staff, the Board of Management has reviewed the Uniform Policy. The Board has determined that the School Uniform is a fundamental part of the school identity and underscores all areas of school life.

Our school uniform identifies each student as part of Salesian Secondary College. It is a fundamental aspect of the school identity. We expect each pupil to wear the school uniform with dignity and pride and to be aware that, when in uniform, each student represents not just her/himself but the whole school community. At Salesian Secondary College we work to provide a secure, welcoming and ordered environment where individuals are encouraged and challenged to develop to their full potential as human beings and to respect both themselves and others.

Salesian Secondary College promotes the holistic development – body, emotions, mind and spirit – of the young people with whom we work. The school uniform is one of the ways in which a positive climate of learning is achieved. It reinforces a sense of pride among students in their school especially when representing the school on sporting or extra-curricular activities and during whole school events.

Objectives of the Policy

It is the policy of the school that all students wear the school uniform during school activities. This includes time spent on the premises before and after class and en route to and from school.

- The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image of the school.
- It encourages a sense of school togetherness and promotes a professional attitude towards learning.
- The uniform makes pupils recognizable as members of Salesian Secondary College.
- The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students and eliminates competition.
- The wearing of a uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.
- The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

School uniform must be worn every day in school, at school and State Examinations, representing the school and coming to and from school. Students are encouraged to take pride in wearing their uniform and to keep it in good condition. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the student's name. Student's appearance must be neat, clean and tidy. All clothing and footwear is to be kept in good repair.

It is a requirement that all students possess two full sets of uniform and all items must be clearly labelled with the student's name. One crested school jacket is sufficient and compulsory.

Students must wear the school tracksuit for athletic activities such as PE classes, team training and travelling to matches. They must change back to full school uniform before resuming normal classes.

Any clothing worn under the uniform must not be visible. Students will be asked to remove visible items according to the guidelines described under the heading "Failure to comply with the uniform policy".

School Uniform consists of the following:

Girls' Uniform

- The navy school crested jackets are the only jacket allowed to be worn to, from and in school. This jacket should be worn when students leave home in the morning. No other jacket, hoodie, half zip, sweatshirt etc. is permitted, either above or beneath the school jumper or school ½ zip.
- The Navy V-neck pullover with Salesian Crest. Students may also opt to wear the school ½ zip with Salesian Crest - no other ½ zip is permitted. Please note that the navy V-neck pullover with Salesian Crest is compulsory for official school events.
- Plain, light blue blouse/shirt. This **must** be worn under the jumper or ½ zip.
- Navy trousers with royal blue pinstripe or navy pleated skirt with royal blue pinstripe.
- Flat black, navy or brown school shoes with leather uppers. **Boots, Uggs, runners or canvas shoes are not permitted.**
- Dark coloured socks or dark coloured opaque tights or leggings. **Tracksuits or pyjamas are not permitted.**
- Gloves, hats and scarves may be worn but must be plain navy with no pattern or other colour. Gloves and hats must be removed when in the classroom.
- Grey/white t-shirts or vests may be worn under the .blouse.
- For the school year 2021-22, the school tracksuit ends are compulsory for PE class. These may be worn on school trips, by arrangement with the accompanying teacher.
- Students may not wear any part of the PE uniform to class. Students may not combine elements of the PE uniform with the school uniform.

Boys' Uniform

- The navy school crested jackets are the only jacket allowed to be worn to, from and in school. This jacket should be worn when students leave home in the morning. No other jacket, hoodie, half zip, sweatshirt etc. is permitted, either above or beneath the school jumper or school ½ zip.
- The Navy V-neck pullover with Salesian Crest. Students may also opt to wear the school ½ zip with Salesian Crest - no other ½ zip is permitted. Please note that the navy V-neck pullover with Salesian Crest is compulsory for official school events.
- Plain light blue shirt. This **must** be worn under the jumper or ½ zip.
- Plain grey trousers.
- Flat black, navy or brown school shoes with leather uppers. **Boots, runners or canvas shoes are not permitted.**
- Dark coloured socks.
- Gloves, hats and scarves may be worn but must be plain navy with no pattern or other colour. Gloves and hats must be removed when in the classroom.
- Grey/white t-shirts or vests may be worn under the shirt.
- For the school year 2021-22, the school tracksuit ends are compulsory for PE class. These may be worn on school trips, by arrangement with the accompanying teacher.
- Students may not wear any part of the PE uniform to class. Students may not combine elements of the PE uniform with the school uniform.

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Jewellery

- Facial jewellery, including eyebrow, lip, tongue, neck or nose piercings are not permitted.
- A pair of stud earrings is permitted, one in each ear. Spacers, bars, chains etc. are not permitted.
- Piercings which are not permitted by the School Uniform Policy must be removed during school hours. A covering plaster is inadequate.
- It is strongly advised that other body piercings are not worn during school hours, for health and safety reasons.

PE Uniform - to be worn for PE classes, matches and training or when specified by teachers

- School navy tracksuit pants
- Plain white t-shirt or plain white polo shirt.
- ½ zip with Salesian Crest is permitted for PE classes.
- Runners/Trainers.
- Navy shorts - weather permitting.

School uniform is available to purchase through the following:

- Noel's Menswear, Bedford Row – 061 418934, Crescent Shopping Centre – 061 302485 AND Bishop Street, Newcastlewest – 069 62445 – Full school uniform, school jackets, half zip top and tracksuit ends.
- Shaw's Crescent S. C. 061 227774 – School Uniform Only.
- O'Neill's Online Store – www.oneills.com – School Jackets, Half Zip Top and Tracksuit Ends only.

New school jackets (choice of three) will be introduced by O'Neill's Sportswear in August, these will be available to purchase through O'Neill's online store www.oneills.com and Noel's Menswear.

Roles and Responsibilities

We reinforce to our students, and to all parents/guardians that all successful organisations require rules and that if students are to succeed in school they must respect them. To properly enforce the Uniform Policy, the school is dependent on the support of parents and guardians. Note that it is neither possible nor practical for the school to operate exceptions to this policy. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your son/daughter presents themselves in full school uniform every day.

Medical Certificate: Requests for uniform exceptions on medical grounds must be accompanied by a written explanation from the relevant health professional. When unable to wear school uniform on medical grounds, students must wear their school PE gear. No other clothing will be allowed unless specified on the medical certificate.-4-

→ Students are expected to adhere to the full school uniform as defined by the School Uniform Policy; the school uniform reflects the sense of belonging to the school community and parity of esteem in which each individual is held.

→ Teachers will be responsible for monitoring the school uniform in their classes. Uniform checks shall take place regularly throughout the school day. Students who are found to be in breach of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

→ Students cannot represent the school where uniform requirements are not fulfilled. At times, the navy v-neck pullover with Salesian Crest will be a requirement for outings and other events. Students must consult with their teachers before such events.

Responding to Failure to Comply with Uniform Policy

Any item which is not part of the official school uniform will be confiscated. (Student dignity will not be compromised in this regard.) Confiscated items will be available for collection at the end of each half term from School Management.

Persistent failure to comply with the Uniform Policy is a serious matter and subject to the Code of Behaviour.

Students will be asked to remove piercings and to place jewellery in a pocket, locker or office for safe keeping until the end of the school day.

In certain cases, students may be asked to sit out of class, under supervision, until the uniform matter can be resolved (e.g. refusal to remove piercings, unsafe footwear in specialist rooms etc.)

Non-uniform items of clothing found by any staff member on school grounds (floor, changing rooms, benches etc.) will be stored in the collection area and can be retrieved at the end of each half term.

Repeated Conduct Reports have a negative impact on the student's availability for participation in school teams, entry to Transition Year, participation in extracurricular activities, etc.

Donation to Charity

All confiscated items will be stored in a collection area. At the end of each half term, students must collect the item(s) confiscated. All items not collected will be donated to charity during the half term holidays. The school is not responsible for lost items of clothing. We encourage all students to label all items of clothing brought to school including runners and boots.

Parents are invited to donate outgrown/unwanted uniform to the school.

