



Student Uniform Policy

Rationale

The College uniform is an important part of our identity as a Lasallian College. The De La Salle uniform, with its iconic blue and gold blazer, is well recognised and equally well regarded within the community. As a College community, we anticipate and expect our young men will wear their uniform with pride. In wearing the uniform correctly students indicate a great respect for themselves as persons and the College community as a whole.

Parents, families and all members of our College community play a role in ensuring we maintain a culture of engagement and achievement. Collectively, we play a critical role in preparing our young men to learn, live and lead in a rapidly changing world. Parents, families and staff can support our young men by attending to uniform expectations and appropriate grooming thereby supporting broader attempts to build social cohesion across the College.

Mission

De La Salle College is a Catholic College in the Lasallian tradition, enabling students in a community of faith and excellence to achieve their full potential with integrity and distinction.

"Remembering that God is with you will help and inspire you in all that you do."

St John Baptist de La Salle (Letter 2, 1701)

Aim of the Policy

This policy defines the requirements associated with student uniform at the College.

Policy Statement

The De La Salle College uniform is compulsory for all students and must be worn correctly at all times

Guidelines

Our College uniform:

- will be suitable for the various activities undertaken by our students
- will be able to be worn with pride by our students
- will include a code for hair style
- will not discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against any students.

Definition

The term 'uniform' refers to all aspects of clothing, jewellery and general appearance.

Appearance

Students are expected to wear clothing which is clean, tidy and well maintained.

Shoes should be clean and polished. All students are required to wear black leather school shoes with the school uniform, without exception.

Neat haircuts are required, with hair to be groomed at all times. Hair must be above the collar and the fringe length must be off the face and not tucked behind the ears.

Examples of inappropriate styling include, but are not limited to: tails, mohawks, shaved heads, ponytails, dreadlocks, undercuts, mullets, lines, hair cut shorter than No. 2 clipper/combs and extreme high fade.

There is no variation to normal hair colour.

Jewellery, except for a watch and a religious medal (cross) on a necklace, is not to be worn with the College uniform.

Jewellery including ear, tongue and/or facial rings (even when covered with tape), wrist bands/bracelets and rings on fingers are not acceptable.

Students are not permitted to have visible tattoos.

Students are to be clean shaven at all times.

Students who fail to meet College expectations regarding appearance and uniform may be sent home by the House Coordinator, Year Level Coordinator or Director of Students.

Uniform Regulations

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure all items of clothing are clearly marked with their name.

The full school uniform is the winter uniform, which must be worn in Terms 2 and 3. Students have the option of wearing shorts rather than trousers with their winter shirt (tucked in), tie and blazer if they prefer. This is a privilege that may be withdrawn if the student repeatedly fails to support the College Student Uniform Policy. In Terms 1 and 4, students have the option of wearing the full summer uniform.

Terms 1 and 4 (Compulsory items)

- Shirt: Short sleeve, white monogrammed school shirt. The short sleeve shirt may be worn outside the shorts. As an alternative, students are permitted to wear their winter shirt with tie and blazer, with the shirt tucked in;
- Shorts: Navy blue walk shorts;
- Jumper: Navy blue monogrammed pullover. This is not to be worn as the outside garment to and from school;
- Socks: Blue marle school socks;
- Shoes: Black leather shoes (clean and polished);
- Hat: Blue College cap (compulsory for primary students);
- Only the official De La Salle school bag is acceptable.

NB: The only garments that can be worn on the outside to and from school are either the short sleeve monogrammed shirt or the De La Salle College blazer. Whenever the uniform is worn in the public domain, it must be complete.

Terms 2 and 3 (Compulsory items)

- Shirt: White, long sleeve shirt. Students need to ensure that ties, when worn in Terms 2 & 3, must always be done up - this includes the top button. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times (this is not enforced when students are engaged in sporting activities at recess or lunchtime);
- Trousers: Grey trousers, not excessively baggy or oversized, with black belt;
- Jumper: Navy blue monogrammed pullover;
- Blazer: The De La Salle College blazer is the external garment to be worn to and from school and to all assemblies;
- Socks: Grey or black socks;
- Shoes: Black leather shoes (clean and polished);
- If students prefer to wear shorts, then the navy blue walk shorts and blue marle school socks are compulsory.

NB: The College spray jacket is part of the sports uniform and is not an alternative to the De La Salle College blazer. It may only be worn over the blazer coming to and from school when raining and must be removed when the student is at school.

Students who fail to meet College expectations regarding appearance and uniform may be sent home by the Year Level Coordinator, House Coordinator or Director of Students.

Sports Uniform

Tiverton Campus

Students are permitted to wear the sports uniform only on days when they have timetabled PE classes.

Kinnoull Campus

Year 10 students are permitted to wear the sports uniform when they have their timetabled PE classes. The sports uniform is not to be worn to or from school by any other student.

Hats

Knowing that Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, the College recommends the wearing of the school hat during recess, lunch and outdoor classes for students in Years 7–12. More than 2,000 Australians die from skin cancer each year. Hence, hats are compulsory for primary school students when playing in uncovered areas.

Sunscreen protection

The College takes great care to exercise our duty of care to ensure that our students are protected against foreseeable harm and variations to the weather and/or UV. This includes taking proper steps to reduce the known health risks associated with occupational exposure to solar UVR for students who participate in activities outdoors.

For all major outdoor College activities such as the De La Salle Swimming and Athletics Carnivals and at all College Camps the College make the provision of SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen available to our students. Students are also encouraged to purchase and apply their own sunscreen. To work safely in the sun, students should follow the instruction of the First Aid Officer or delegate.

NB: There is always sunscreen available at the Tiverton Health Centre and Kinnoull Reception.

Out of Uniform Cards

Students not wearing the correct uniform should have a note from parents and must obtain an “Out of Uniform Card” from their Coordinator authorising incorrect attire for a specified period of time. Staff and class teachers assist by asking these boys to show their “Out of Uniform Card.” Boys without an “Out of Uniform Card” are sent immediately to obtain one. Students failing to repeatedly comply with uniform requirements will be issued a detention.

Physical Education

It is expected that students will bring appropriate clothing and equipment to the College on PE days. In the event of non-participation, or incorrect uniform, students must report to the teacher in charge with a note of explanation from their parents.

House polo shirts can be worn with the discretion of the College.

Sports Uniform Requirements – 2017 and Beyond

Sports Uniform Item	Requirement
Spray Jacket	Navy blue spray jacket. NB: The royal blue spray jackets is not to be worn from 2017.
Rugby Top (Optional sports uniform item)	Navy blue rugby top. NB: The royal blue rugby top is not to be worn from 2017.
Polo Shirt	Navy blue polo shirt. NB: The royal blue shirt or older variations are not to be worn from 2017.
Sports Shorts	Navy blue sports shorts. NB: The royal blue sports shorts are not to be worn from 2017.
Track Pants	Navy blue track pants. NB: The royal blue track pants are not to be worn from 2017.
House Polo Shirt	Re-designed House polo shirts in various House colours. NB: The royal blue House polo shirt with coloured panels or older variations are not to be worn from 2017.

Related Policies

Pastoral Care Policy 2016
Child Protection Policy 2016

Approval

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