

UNIFORM POLICY

Review – 11 November 2023



POLICY

The wearing of the College uniform by students at St Peter Claver College is a sign of community and provides a sense of identity, pride, and loyalty to the College values of Concern, Love and Justice.

These values will be reflected in the design, implementation and procedures associated with the approved uniform.

VISION

St Peter Claver College, Riverview is collaboratively engaged with the Catholic community, charitable organisations and individuals in the educational ministry of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and is called to:

Teach

We promote faith in Jesus Christ, teaching and learning about Jesus, the Gospel and the faith of the Catholic Christian community. Learning is lifelong, life-giving and engages the whole person.

Challenge

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we challenge those we educate to live in communion with God, others and the whole of creation in prayerful, sacramental, just, peaceful, inclusive and reconciling communities.

Transform

We educate for a transformed world in communion, by nurturing the gifts and potential of each person, enacting shared leadership, and exercising a preferential option for the poor and marginalised.

St Peter Claver College policies reflect its founding charisms and are based on the values of Concern, Love and Justice.

PURPOSE

This policy is aligned with the Vision Statement and is consistent with the principles and ethos for Catholic education within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

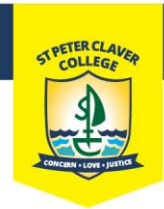
Its purpose is to provide practical expression of lived Gospel values of dignity, community and justice, and to enhance education through a sense of belonging and by removing any emphasis on appearance and socioeconomic factors.

EXPECTATIONS

This Uniform Policy has been endorsed by the College Board of St Peter Claver to ensure that it:

- Reflects the values of Brisbane Catholic Education.





- Reflects the values and beliefs of the College that an 'affordable' means of clothing students for school should be available to all families.
- Is reflective of the discerned wisdom and support of the St Peter Claver College community that promotes and supports the wearing of a formal uniform.
- Provides direction to students and their families about activity appropriate clothing for school that is of a neat and contemporary style for secondary students.
- Enables growth, education and appreciation in Gospel culture and expression in terms of promoting personal dignity, respectful presentation and readiness to engage with College life.
- Brings life and substance to College values and lived experience through overt identification with the College, its principles and its spiritual formation.

The policy is of central importance in the derivation and enactment of procedures and consequences in relation to all aspects of the wearing of the College uniform.

SCOPE

The following consequences arise from the Uniform Policy and determine its scope of practical expression:

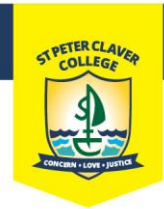
- Implementation of the policy is under the supervision of the Assistant Principal Pastoral who determines, in conjunction with the relevant Pastoral Leaders, when exemptions from the wearing of all or part of the correct uniform may apply from time to time for individual students.
- In keeping with the College values, the uniform will be such that the individual dignity of the child will be central and will reflect the spirit of the College.
- There is clear understanding that while families may purchase uniforms for their students, the uniform itself remains a sign of the College and every student in the College. Consequently, no individual 'owns' the uniform – it is owned by all in the community and is reflective of the community.
- As an external statement of the pride and discipline of a student, the uniform presents the College to the public and ensures a positive image in line with the College ethos as a Catholic school. It is therefore the responsibility of all parents to ensure that students are attired in correct, well-fitting, complete school uniform.
- If students and parents choose not to follow the College Uniform Policy, the Principal may choose to withdraw the child from class and any College events until the issue has been resolved and the student and parents provide their support in following the policy. Parents will be informed of incorrect uniform through the St Peter Claver Uniform Tracker (CUT).
- Where financial disadvantage may prevent a student from complying with the requirements of the Uniform Policy, the College will stand with families to ensure that essential uniform items will be provided to meet that student's needs.

DEFINITIONS

'Education' - integration of faith, life and culture.

'College Uniform' - a set of standardized clothes which form the basis of the College dress code for students.





COLLEGE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

UNIFORM FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS

Students are to wear either the complete Day or Sports Uniform on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Day Uniform is the only uniform to be worn on Wednesdays as there are no practical HPE or Sport lessons that day. No combinations are permissible with the formal uniform.

The College has a 'zero tolerance' approach to uniform non-compliance. Students will be entered into the Claver Uniform Tracker (CUT). This is done in good faith to educate students to the correct wearing of uniform. Families may be sent an email to advise them of a uniform infringement and/or be contacted by relevant staff via phone. Students who present wearing incorrect uniform may be withdrawn from classes regardless of the uniform infringement.

The College takes the wearing of the school uniform seriously and has procedures that will be followed in the case of a uniform infringement. These procedures may include (but are not limited to):

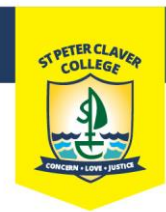
- Home Class teacher or Pastoral Leader having a conversation with the student regarding the infringement.
- Students being entered into the Claver Uniform Tracker which will inform families and relevant staff of the infringement and ongoing infringements
- Parental notification via email/phone or Student Support Meeting (where necessary)
- Withdrawal from class

All effort is made to support students to make the right choices regarding uniform. No debate with staff around the upholding of the uniform policy or procedure will be accommodated as acceptance of this policy is a requirement of enrolment.

Day Uniform – Boys

- Chambray blue shirt with College Crest and green and gold sleeve piping for Middle Years students (Years 7, 8 and 9). **Shirt must be tucked in.**
- Chambray blue shirt with College Crest and royal blue piping on pocket for Senior Years students (Years 10, 11 and 12). Seniors may wear the old Senior tie with the Day Uniform. **Shirt must be tucked in.**
- College grey long trousers to be worn with black belt on the waist with College socks.
- College grey shorts to be worn with black belt on the waist with long grey striped College socks.
- Black, formal, low cut polished leather school shoes. No black leather sport/casual shoes are allowed. (See images for correct school shoes on the College website).
- College polyester blue hat, College sports cap or College bucket hat - required for sun safety.
- College tie is to be worn with Years 10, 11 and 12 boys during Terms 2 and 3, and as directed for important College functions.
- Royal blue College jumper – either woollen or fleecy lined.
- **All students are not to wear the sport uniform jacket with their formal day uniform.** They must wear either the fleecy lined or woollen College jumper.
- Optional: College royal blue neck scarf may be worn in winter.
- Optional: Boys may choose to wear the long sleeve chambray College shirt.





Day Uniform – Girls

- Royal blue College - blazer (Years 10, 11 and 12 only) for Term 2 & 3 with Day Uniform: **no sports jacket to be worn with the formal uniform.**
- Royal blue College jumper – either woollen or fleecy lined versions can be worn.
- College striped dress of an appropriate knee length with green tie, green collar trim and green and gold piping, for Middle Years students (Years 7, 8 and 9).
- College striped dress of an appropriate knee length with royal blue tie and royal blue collar trim for Senior Years students (Years 10, 11 and 12).
- There is an option of grey trousers which will be available for ordering through the Uniform Shop. They are a special-order item and need to be ordered in advance. The College unisex chambray shirt is to be worn with the trousers.
- Visible plain white socks.
- Black, low cut polished leather school shoes. No black leather sport/casual shoes are allowed (See images for correct school shoes on the College website). No Mary-Jane styles allowed.
- Royal blue Panama hat, College sports cap or College bucket hat – required for sun safety.
- Navy stockings for winter (optional).
- Optional: College royal blue neck scarf may be worn in winter.

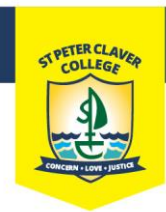
Sport Uniform – All students

- College green and gold sports short.
- College royal, green and gold polo shirt.
- Visible plain white sports socks.
- Lace-up cross trainers - no flat soled skate shoes, basketball shoes or casual/street shoes.
- College bucket hat or College sports cap – compulsory for sport, HPE classes and outdoor activity.
- Optional: College royal blue, green and gold tracksuit. The fleecy lined or woollen College jumpers may be worn with the sport uniform.
- Senior Jersey may only be worn with the sport uniform. It must not be worn with the formal uniform.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Sports Uniform

- Students may only wear their sports uniform to and from school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students with after-school sport or other training are required to bring their sports gear and change if they participate in these activities on Wednesdays.
- No part of the sport uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays.
- The uniform is limited to those articles officially approved by the College Leadership Team. No club, Met West or specific activity apparel is allowed as part of the uniform. Non-sport uniform jackets, hoodies, jumpers, casual shoes, non-sanctioned sneakers are all banned and will not be accepted (for example Confraternity/Dance/Futsal hoodies and shirts etc.).
- College bucket hats or College sport caps are to be worn if out in the sun.



- Sunscreen should also be worn in line with the promotion of sun safety.

Make-up/Skin Protection

- Only sheer coverage, natural tone foundation is permitted; sparingly applied. All makeup, including lipstick, coloured lip balm, coloured lip gloss (only clear allowed) and heavy non-natural eye makeup should be removed before entry to class or attending excursions.
- Sunscreen should be applied prior to sun exposure.
- Only clear nail varnish or French polish is to be worn. Nails should be of a reasonable length.
- Fake eye lashes must be of a reasonable, natural length.

Jewellery

- One small metal sleeper (12mm max diameter) or small plain stud (5mm max diameter - may include a coloured or plain stone) may be worn in the lower level of each ear lobe, and a wristwatch may be worn.
- Students are not permitted to have visible body piercings. A clear flat retainer stud may be worn if necessary. Under no circumstances are 'spacers' permitted.
- Students may wear a devotional necklace, or necklace of family or cultural significance, but the necklace must be discrete and worn out of sight under the uniform.
- One small ring may be worn.
- Bracelets are not permitted. Hair accessories are not to be worn on the wrist.
- Piercings that have not yet healed and do not conform to the College uniform policy will not be accepted. Families should ensure new piercings are fixed with a clear flat retainer or allow for enough time over the extended Christmas break to allow for healing to be complete.

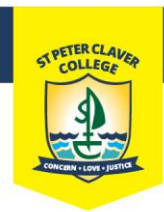
Hair

- Hair is not to be cut or styled in any extreme fashion.
- Hair is to be worn off the face.
- Hair is to be a natural colour and not extreme in its hues.
- Hair for both boys and girls that is longer than collar length must be tied back with a plain hair band or ribbon. This includes mullet styles and half up/down hair tying.
- Boys are to be clean-shaven.

Tattoos

- Tattoos on school-age students are forbidden by law and are unacceptable in the appearance and presentation of currently enrolled students in the College.
- Exceptions may be made for proven and genuine cultural reasons determined at the discretion of the Principal, and in consultation with cultural elders.
- These exceptions would be in very rare circumstances as most cultural tattoos are not readily visible and are not generally available to the young person until they are 18 years of age and they have performed significant cultural service.
- Students currently having prohibited tattoos on display are required to cover them with a bandage or 'tube'.





Note

- Coloured under shirts or shirts with visible logos are not permitted.
- Sporting skins may not be worn under school uniform. If they are required for Sport/HPE then they must be removed before returning to other lessons.
- The Senior Jersey may be worn on all days excluding Wednesday and any formal occasions as advised in advance by the College. The Senior Jersey may not be worn for College photos.

