



UNIFORM GUIDELINES - PRIMARY SCHOOL

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Matthew Flinders Anglican College Uniform Guidelines is to:

- ensure that Matthew Flinders Anglican College students are well presented without focus on personal vanity. Parents and teachers play an important role in guiding students' attitudes toward appropriate uniform and personal presentation;
- develop a sense of community amongst students who take pride in themselves and in their school;
- provide practical and uniform standards of dress and appearance to ensure health and safety of students and to allow their immediate identification as students of the College; and
- maintain a standard of dress and appearance that is consistent with the very high expectations of the Matthew Flinders Anglican College community.

SCOPE

Wearing the Matthew Flinders Anglican College uniform is compulsory. This includes adhering to the specified standards of appearance and grooming. The Uniform Guidelines apply to all Primary students enrolled at Matthew Flinders Anglican College. Families are expected to support the College in every aspect of these guidelines.

Non-uniform days occur at times during the year, usually to raise funds for charitable causes. On these occasions, dress must be neat and conventional, sun-safe, be modest in appearance and include sensible and closed-in footwear.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Head of Primary

IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS

Head of Junior Primary, Head of Senior Primary, Uniform Committee

GUIDELINES

General

- Several optional items of uniform are available to provide students with a choice of clothing which best suits their needs.
- The uniform must be worn as a whole. It should not be supplemented by non-uniform items, nor should items be omitted.
- All clothing items must be named and be clean, well-pressed and in excellent repair.
- All items of uniform are to be fitted and purchased from the Flinders Shop with the exception of shoes.
- All items of uniform are trans-seasonal, with the Primary Jacket able to be worn with both formal and sports uniform.

Hats

- College formal hats with a hat band are to be worn by Year 3 - Year 6 students when travelling to and from the College, on excursions, at bus stops and whenever students are in the community outside of the College. Prep - Year 2 students are to wear their sports hat to and from school, on excursions and at all times they are in school uniform outside of the College. For sun safety reasons, a hat must be worn before first bell, during recess and at lunchtime.
- Students must wear a Flinders sport hat during physical education lessons.
- Hats may not be worn in classrooms.
- All hats are to be kept clean and in good condition. We recommend that they are kept in lockers

- during class and that hats be scotch-guarded.
- Black or navy sunglasses may be worn out of doors, but are not to be worn in classrooms.

Shoes

- Shoes are to be well maintained, cleaned and polished.
- Prep - Year 2 students: black sports shoes.
- Years 3 - 6 students:
 - Conventional black leather lace-up shoes with low heels, free of logos and coloured stitching with plain black laces. Shoes are to be polished regularly and laces tied correctly.
 - Jogger brands and styles with higher heels and coloured stitching are not to be worn.
 - Sport shoes must be appropriate for the activity being undertaken and must have non-marking soles. High tops and fluoro coloured sport shoes are not permitted.

Jewellery

Female students may wear one pair of matching earrings in the ear lobes only. These must be unobtrusive plain gold/silver sleepers or plain gold/silver studs and must not present a risk to health and safety of the student or others. No other jewellery is to be worn with the College uniforms except a wristwatch or bracelet/pendant bearing a medical alert. Prohibited jewellery may be confiscated until the end of term.

Hair

The Flinders community has determined that the following guidelines for the length and style of male and female students' hair are appropriate:

- All students' hair must be kept neat and in an appropriate conventional style as determined by the Principal, Head of Primary, Head of Junior Primary or Head of Senior Primary. Hair must be a natural colour and must be kept off the face and above or off the collar at all times.
- For male students, hair must be kept short and neat at all times. The minimum allowed clipper length is No. 3.
- For female students, hair worn in a longer style must be tied or kept up and back. Elastics must be in a neutral colour, similar to the colour of the student's own hair, or navy. It is preferred that ribbons or scrunchies be worn to cover elastics. All accessories must be purchased from the Flinders Shop. Other accessories or large bows are not permitted.

Additional Uniform Requirements

- Make-up and coloured nail polish are prohibited.
- On medical advice, a discreet concealer or medicated application may be used to cover blemishes or skin complaints.
- Students must use the regulation Flinders school backpacks or trolley bag. If an additional bag is required for sporting gear, the Flinders sports bag is preferred.
- A navy or black umbrella and a navy raincoat are preferred in wet weather. Umbrellas are available at the Flinders Shop.

Students who are unable to wear the complete uniform (including HPE uniform) for any reason are required to present a note from their parent/guardian to the Primary Administration staff, who will issue a short-term exemption slip.

As with all College expectations, we request the support of parents in ensuring College rules are upheld and that all students are appropriately dressed in line with College requirements. In the event of any ambiguity regarding these guidelines, the Head of Primary or Principal will make the final determination.

SPECIFIC UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Preparatory, Year 1 and Year 2 Students

- Students in the Preparatory Year, Year 1 and Year 2 must wear the College uniform pieces as set out in the [Uniform Requirements](#).
- Students will also require Flinders swimmers, House swim cap and a wet-shirt prior to the commencement of Term 4.
- The Primary jacket must be worn to and from school during winter terms on the dates outlined on

the College calendar

- Jumpers may be worn to and from the College for extra warmth, but must be worn under the Primary jacket. During the period when the Primary jacket must be worn (winter terms on the dates outlined on the College calendar), if a student wishes to wear a jumper, it must be worn underneath the Primary jacket. At other times, the jumper may be worn without the Primary jacket except when travelling to and from the College.
- The sports hat must be worn to and from school and during recess and lunchtime.
- Girls may wear navy cotton bike pants or navy cotton stockings under the dress only.

Girls' Formal Uniform (Years 3 to 6)

- The girls can choose formal uniform items from the [Uniform Requirements](#).
- All formal uniform combinations can be worn year round and are acceptable for formal occasions.
- Blouses are not to be tucked into shorts or pants.
- Dress length should be mid-knee.
- Navy opaque stockings (70 denier) may be worn under the dress only.
- Shorts should be worn just above the knee.
- The Primary jacket must be worn to and from school during winter terms on the dates outlined on the College calendar.
- Jumpers may be worn to and from the College for extra warmth, but must be worn under the Primary jacket. During the period when the Primary jacket must be worn (during winter terms on the dates outlined on the College calendar), if a student wishes to wear a jumper, it must be worn underneath the Primary jacket. At other times, the jumper may be worn without the Primary jacket except when travelling to and from the College.
- The formal hat must be worn to and from the College, and a formal hat or sport hat during recess and lunchtime.

Boys' Formal Uniform (Years 3 to 6)

- The boys can choose formal uniform items from the [Uniform Requirements](#).
- Ties must be worn to and from the College and at Chapel, College Assemblies and other formal occasions. The tie should be worn with the top button secured. Ties are optional during the remainder of the school day.
- Only boys in Years 3 and 4 are permitted to wear the pre-tied, velcro fastened tie and they can elect whether to wear the formal belted shorts or elasticised waisted (non-belted) shorts.
- Boys in Years 5 and 6 are required to wear the formal belted shorts.
- Shirts must be securely tucked in at all times.
- Shorts or trousers can be worn year round and both are acceptable for formal occasions.
- Any boys wearing belted formal shorts and trousers are to be belted securely with a plain black leather belt with a plain silver buckle. Shorts should be worn above the knee.
- Socks must be pulled up to mid-calf.
- Jumpers may be worn to and from the College for extra warmth, but must be worn under the Primary jacket. During the period when the Primary jacket must be worn (during winter terms on the dates outlined on the College calendar), if a student wishes to wear a jumper, it must be worn underneath the Primary jacket. At other times, the jumper may be worn without the Primary jacket except when travelling to and from the College.
- The formal hat must be worn to and from the College, and a formal hat or sport hat during recess and lunchtime.

Sport Uniform

- Sport hats are to be worn during Physical Education lessons and sport as directed by teachers or coaches.
- Students who ride bicycles to and/or from school are permitted to wear sport uniform for their ride but must change into formal uniform during school hours.
- The College tracksuit pants are optional.
- House Shirts - all students in Prep – Year 6 are required to have a House shirt. These are worn to Primary House meetings and on specified Carnival days. They are not permitted to be worn during HPE lessons, SCISSA training, Friendly Matches or Gala Days, or on excursions.
- Swimming - only College swimsuits are permitted to be worn and must be worn for inter-school competition. Swimming caps are to be worn whenever in the pool. College wet-shirts are compulsory for Years Prep to 6.

- Year 3 students are permitted to wear their sport uniform on Physical Education lesson days.
- Years 4 - 6 students who have Physical Education in lessons 1 to 5 are to arrive at school in their sport uniform. They must change into their formal uniform at lunch time. The lunch time change is mandatory, even if students have sport after school.
 - No allowances will be made for students to remain in sport uniform for after school training. Students will be required to change out of their formal uniform after the conclusion of the school day before they attend their training session.
- Years 4 - 6 students who have Physical Education in lessons 6 or 7 are to arrive at school in their formal uniform and must change into their sport uniform at lunch time. They are permitted to depart school in their sport uniform.
 - Students who have sports training in the morning and have Physical Education in lessons 6 or 7, will be required to change into their formal uniform before the start of school and change into sport uniform at lunch time.
- Students are to wear their formal uniform on the days they have HPE swimming lessons. Swimsuits are not to be worn under the school uniform. Students will be provided time to change during their scheduled swimming lesson.
- All students in Years 4 - 6 are to wear their sport uniforms to and from school on SCISSA training days, Friendly Match days and on Gala Days. Those Thursdays when training is not being held, students are required to wear their formal uniform.
 - Specific jerseys/shirts provided by the College for Rugby are to be returned at the end of the competition season.
 - Students playing AFL, Rugby and Soccer will also require the knee-high multisport socks, which can be purchased from the Flinders Shop. It is a safety requirement that mouthguards are worn for rugby and shin pads are worn for soccer.
 - Skins are not to be worn under the school sport uniform. Skins are only permitted to be worn when students are competing in SCISSA training afternoons or at SCISSA Friendly Matches and Gala Days.
 - Flinders sporting Club uniform apparel (eg caps, jerseys) is not to be worn with the school sport uniform.

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These guidelines may be updated or revised from time-to-time. The College will not notify you each time the guidelines are changed. If you are unsure whether you are reading the most current version, you should contact the Principal's Office.