



## UNIFORM GUIDELINES - SECONDARY 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 towards 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 students' health and safety and to allow the immediate identification of students; 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. These guidelines cover all students enrolled at Matthew Flinders Anglican College. Families are expected to support the College in every aspect of these guidelines. 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 Head of Senior School, Head of Middle School or Head of House, who will issue a short-term exemption slip.

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 and include sensible and closed-in footwear. Students are not permitted to wear revealing or immodest clothing, nor items of clothing that would not be deemed sun safe. Students must comply with Health and Safety requirements on Non-Uniform Days, including tying long hair back and following the normal jewellery guidelines. If students have a timetabled HPE lesson on a Non-Uniform Day, they must wear clothing that is suitable to participate in their lesson, or bring their HPE uniform.

### RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Head of Secondary

### IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS

Head of Senior School, Head of Middle School, 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).
- Black or navy sunglasses may be worn out of doors, but are not to be worn in classrooms.
- Chewing gum on College grounds is not acceptable.

#### Hats

- College formal hats with hat band are to be worn travelling to and from the College, at Formal occasions, on excursions, in the street and at bus stops/pick up/drop off zones.

- For sun safety reasons, the College formal hat or Flinders sports hat/cap must be worn before morning homeroom, during recess, during lunchtime and after school whilst on College grounds.
- Students must wear a Flinders sports hat/cap during HPE lessons.
- Hats may not be worn in classrooms or between classes. All hats must be kept clean and in good condition. We recommend that they are kept in lockers during class and that boys' hats be scotch-guarded.
- Flinders Sports Club caps/hats (e.g. Tennis) are not to be worn in HPE lessons or on campus during the normal school day.

### **Shoes**

- School shoes are to be well maintained, cleaned and polished, and must be conventional black leather lace-up shoes with low heels, free of logos with plain black laces.
- Shoes are to be polished regularly and laces tied correctly. Jogger brands or styles with higher heels are not to be worn.
- Sport shoes must be appropriate for the activity being undertaken and must have non-marking soles. High tops and 'Skate' style shoes such as Vans, Converse and the like are not to be worn in HPE lessons or with the Flinders sports uniform. This includes at school events, such as excursions.

### **Blazers**

- Blazers must be worn to and from the College during winter terms on the dates outlined on the College calendar.
- During this period, blazers must be worn on formal occasions including to Secondary Assembly and Chapel.
- Blazers must also be worn on formal occasions throughout the school year, as advised.

### **Senior Jersey**

- Seniors may wear their senior jersey when on campus, but not as part of their formal uniform when off campus or when coming to or leaving school.
- Senior jerseys may not be worn at formal occasions such as Secondary Assemblies and Chapel Services. The jersey may be worn under the blazer during the school day.

### **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/pearl ball studs and must not present a risk to the health and safety of the student or others. In simple terms, sleeper earrings do not have a clutch or clasp and can be rotated in the ear. No other jewellery is to be worn with College uniforms except a wristwatch or bracelet/pendant bearing a medical alert. Prohibited jewellery may be confiscated until the end of term.

### **Hair (all students)**

All students' hair must be kept neat and in an appropriate conventional style as determined by the Principal, Head of Secondary and Heads of Senior and Middle School. Hair must be a natural colour and must be kept off the face. Ears must be fully visible.

### **Hair (male students)**

All male students must have a hairstyle which is neat and tidy at all times. The following guidelines assist in the determination of the phrase 'neat and tidy' and need to be met for the student's hairstyle to be deemed appropriate.

- Hair must be natural in colour and must be kept off the student's face.
- The student's ears should be fully visible.
- Hair should be above or off the collar.
- The minimum clipper length allowed is No 3.
- All male students are to be cleanly shaven at all times whilst representing the College.
- Sideburns may only extend to halfway down the ear.

The following hairstyles are considered inappropriate:

- Undercuts or layering leading to 'mushroom'/'mullet' style cuts
- Long fringes which cover the face
- Dreadlocks or man-buns
- Excessive hair product
- Hair clips, ties, pins or other means by which hair can be secured in place

- Extremes of fashion or trends
- Any form of radical hairstyle

Flinders haircut management “rule of thumb” - If a male student’s hairstyle requires hair to be tucked behind his ears to keep it off his face and his hair needs to be regularly adjusted throughout the day or should it extend over the eyes when he leans forward, it does not comply with the definition of short, neat and tidy.

### **Hair (female students)**

- For female students, hair worn in a longer style (touching the collar or below) must be tied or kept up and back. This includes during both incursions and excursions.
- 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 are not permitted.
- Radical hairstyles such as stepped, layered foils, streaked, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours or combinations of colours are not permitted.

### **Make-up and Cosmetics**

- False eyelashes/eyelash extensions, false nails, coloured nail polish, eyeliner, mascara and excessive facial make-up are not to be worn. On medical advice, a discreet concealer or medicated application may be used to cover blemishes or skin complaints.

### **Accessories**

- Students must use a regulation Flinders school backpack or trolley bag. If an additional bag is required for sporting gear, the Flinders sports bag is preferred. All items are available from the Flinders Shop.
- Navy or black umbrellas and/or a navy raincoat are preferred in wet weather. College umbrellas are available for purchase at the Flinders Shop.

### **Breaches of Uniform Guidelines**

The College requests the co-operation of parents in ensuring College rules are upheld and that all students are appropriately dressed in line with College expectations. If breaches of Flinders Uniform Guidelines occur, the following is to be noted. When determining consequences, each case will be treated on its merits.

If it is determined that a student has breached the Uniform Guidelines, one of the following consequences may be imposed:

- First time - the student may be given a warning;
- Second and subsequent times – the student may be given a relevant sanction which could include detentions or more serious consequences.

In the event of any ambiguity regarding these guidelines, the Principal or Head of Secondary will make the final determination.

## **SPECIFIC UNIFORM PIECES**

### **Girls’ Uniform**

- The girls can choose formal uniform items from the [Uniform Requirements](#).
- Blouses are not to be tucked in to 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.
- At any time of year, if a student is cold travelling to and from the College, a blazer may be worn. Jumpers may be worn to and from the College for extra warmth but must be worn under the blazer. During the period when the College blazer 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 blazer. At other times, the jumper may be worn without the blazer except when travelling to and from the College.
- The formal hat must be worn to and from the College, and can also be worn during recess and lunchtime.

- The sports hat/cap can be worn with the HPE uniform or the sports uniform and during break times

### **Boys' Uniform**

- The boys can choose formal items from the [Uniform Requirements](#).
- Ties must be worn to and from the College and at morning Homeroom, 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.
- Shirts must be securely tucked in at all times.
- 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 should be pulled up to mid-calf.
- At any time of year, if a student is cold travelling to and from the College, a blazer may be worn. Jumpers may be worn to and from the College for extra warmth but must be worn under the blazer. During the period when the College blazer 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 blazer. At other times, the jumper may be worn without the blazer except when travelling to and from the College.
- The formal hat must be worn to and from the College, and can also be worn during recess and lunchtime.
- The sport hat/cap can be worn with the HPE uniform or the sports uniform and during break times.

### **Sports/HPE Uniform**

- Sport hats/caps are to be worn during HPE lessons and sport as directed by teachers or coaches. Sport uniforms are not to be worn to and from school except for those students riding bicycles, or students with special permission from the Head of Secondary, Head of Middle School or Head of Senior School. Students riding bicycles or e-scooters to school must wear individual safety or protective equipment as required by civil law and change out of their sport uniform and into formal uniform on arrival.
- Flinders sport uniforms are not to be worn to morning Homeroom, Chapel, College Assemblies and other formal occasions. Students are to change into and out of their sport uniform during HPE classes.
- College tracksuits are optional. The College tracksuit is the only tracksuit that students may wear at school or when representing the College. Tracksuits are not to be worn with the formal uniform. In cooler weather the College tracksuit may be worn at any time before or after competition.
- Swimming - College swimsuits and/or sport shorts are to be worn. College swimsuits must be worn for inter-school competition, but sport shorts may be worn at school inter-House carnivals. Swimming caps are to be worn whenever in the pool. College wet-shirts are strongly encouraged for all year levels.
- Student spectators supporting Flinders teams at inter-school sporting events are required to wear formal uniform. If students have completed their own match or training session, Flinders sports uniform is permitted to be worn.
- House shirts are only permitted to be worn at House Carnivals or on House Days and must be brought to school and changed into for lunchtime inter-House Competitions. They are not permitted to be worn during HPE lessons or on excursions.

### **Specific Sport Uniform Pieces**

- Each sport uniform incorporates the College colours of jade, navy blue and white, identifying the wearer as a member of the College community. The uniform should be worn correctly, reflecting pride in ourselves and in the College.
- Specific sports uniforms (denoted by a '\*\*' in the specific sport uniform item list below) are supplied on a loan basis with minimal rental fee charged as part of the Team Registration Fee. If loaned uniform items are not returned at the end of the season, a replacement cost will be charged to the student's fees account.

#### AFL

- College AFL jersey\*
- College AFL shorts\*
- College navy knee high socks
- Football boots

### Athletics and Cross Country

- College athletics singlet/sports shirt\*
- College sport shorts/College bike shorts
- College navy sport socks
- Athletic shoes as per event
- Sport hat

### Basketball

- College basketball singlet\*
- College basketball shorts\*
- College navy sport socks
- Basketball shoes/sports shoes with non-marking soles

### Cricket

- Flinders cricket shirt or Cream 1st XI cricket shirt\* (Purchased from Flinders Shop)
- White cricket trousers or Cream 1st XI trousers\* (Purchased from Flinders Shop)
- White socks
- Cricket shoes or sandshoes
- College cricket hat
- White cricket jumper

### Flinders Fitness Centre

- Appropriate gym wear or College sports shirt or training shirt/singlet and shorts
- College navy sports socks
- Appropriate footwear

### Hockey

- College hockey/touch/volleyball/soccer shirt\*
- College sport shorts/skort
- College navy knee high socks
- Hockey boots/shoes
- Sport hat

### Netball

- College netball dress\*
- College navy sport socks
- Predominantly white sandshoes
- Netball Association approved navy sun-visor

### Rowing (Flinders Club based activity)

- College Zootie Rowing Suit\*
  - Zootie design approved by Rowing Queensland for Matthew Flinders Anglican College
- College sport shirt for travel
- College sport shorts

### Rugby Union

- College rugby jersey\*
- College rugby shorts
- College navy knee high socks or 1st XV jade knee-high socks (supplied by the Director of Rugby)
- Football boots

### Sailing (Flinders Club based activity)

- College wet shirt/sailing shirt\* (Purchased from FSC)
- College sport shorts
- Sailing shoes

### Soccer

- College hockey/touch/volleyball/soccer shirt\*
- College sports shorts
- College navy knee high socks
- Football boots

### Swimming

- College swimsuit or College water polo swimsuit
- Flinders swimming cap (supplied by TIC Swimming for College Team Members)

### Tennis

- College tennis shirt
- College sport shorts/skort
- College navy sport socks
- Tennis shoes
- College tennis hat

### Touch Football

- College hockey/touch/volleyball/soccer shirt\*
- College sport shorts, rugby shorts or bike shorts
- College navy sport socks
- Sports shoes / football boots
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### Triathlon

- College athletics / cross country singlet\* (N/C)
- College sport shorts
- College navy sport socks
- Appropriate footwear

### Volleyball

- College hockey/touch/volleyball/soccer shirt\*
- College sport shorts or bike shorts
- College navy sport socks
- Sports shoes

### Water Polo

- College water polo swimsuit
- College water polo cap\*

### Training / Practice

All teams should train/practise in the College sport uniform comprising:

- College training shirt/singlet or College sport shirt
- College sport shorts/skort
- Sport socks
- Sport hat
- Appropriate shoes

Sports uniform must be worn to and from training and matches/competitions. The exceptions to these requirements are the College's Rugby Union teams, which need to wear training gear that is hardy and able to stand up to the rigors of training sessions.

## Performance Uniform

All students who are members of Chamber Voices, Capriccio Strings, Wind Symphony and Stage Band will be required to wear a Performance Uniform. Specific requirements are outlined below:

### Girls

- White performance shirt
- Navy tailored pant
- Music Performance tie
- Navy formal socks
- Black leather shoes

### Boys

- White performance shirt
- Navy tailored trouser
- Music Performance tie
- Navy formal socks
- Black leather belt
- Black leather shoes

Refer to the [Music at Flinders handbook](#) for further information relating to the Performance Uniform.

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