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1 Purpose

This policy outlines Toowoomba Christian College's uniform requirements for Prep to Year 12 students and details the standard of acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students including headwear, footwear and other aspects of personal presentation. Reference is also made to some items that are not permitted, though this should not be seen as an exhaustive list.

2 Condition of Enrolment

It is a condition of enrolment at Toowoomba Christian College that each student will adhere to the school's *Uniform Policy* and that parents and carers will support and uphold these standards.

3 Final Arbiter

The Principal will be the final arbiter of the interpretation and application of this policy.

4 Guiding Principles

- The uniform is a central aspect of school life and plays an important part in students' development. It helps to create a sense of belonging and unity and assists students to develop a sense of pride in their own personal appearance and in their school as a whole. For this reason, it is not acceptable for any student at Toowoomba Christian College to make a 'fashion statement' with either the uniform or their overall appearance, including hairstyle.
- The uniform clearly identifies students of the school and so students are expected to wear their uniform correctly and in a way that brings credit to themselves and the school. Please also see the College's *Reputation Policy*.
- Adherence to a dress code is a requirement in many workplaces. The school seeks to help train students in this regard.
- Wearing a hat or a cap when outdoors is an important component of sun safety.
- The adolescent years can be a particularly challenging time with increased pressures from peers to look and present a certain way. As much as possible, the school endeavours to remove these pressures by implementing expectations that are consistent for all students.
- Groups, including businesses, organisations, families and schools usually enforce 'house rules' that enable smooth functioning. The requirements outlined in this policy should be seen in this light, rather than as moral laws.

5 General Guidelines

Students are to wear their full uniform in the correct manner while travelling to and from school on public transport and while in public places.

When entering or exiting the school, it is expected that students are fully dressed in the appropriate uniform, including their hat or cap.

All students are to be in full formal school uniform to participate in any formal school function or formal assembly.

All uniform items are to be clean, in good condition and, where appropriate, ironed. Any uniform item that is faded or worse for wear will need to be replaced. Frayed jumper cuffs or hats with holes need to be repaired or replaced.

Parents are asked to name all uniform items to enable easy return of lost items.

6 Formal Uniform: Summer and Winter

Students in Years 2 – 12

Typically, students wear formal summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4, and formal winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. Knowing that Toowoomba weather can be unpredictable, though, for the first three weeks of Term 2 and also the last three weeks of Term 3, students can choose to either wear full formal summer or winter uniform.

Students in Prep and Year 1 students

Students in Prep and Year 1 are to wear their school sports uniform all year round.

Additional Items During Winter

If students need additional layers of clothing during the winter months, only the regulation uniform is to be visible. A plain navy blue or black scarf may be worn, provided that it is worn with a jumper. Students in Years 2 – 10 may wear their sports tracksuit jacket over the top of the school jumper with their formal uniform. The sports tracksuit jacket, however, is not to be worn with the formal uniform in place of the school jumper.

Wet Weather

Please ensure that your student has access to a good quality rain jacket and/or umbrella in preparation for wet weather throughout the year.

7 Sports Uniform

Parents are asked to purchase sports shoes for their children which provide adequate protection, support and stability for feet and ankles during sporting activities. These shoes must be lace-up shoes with adequate grip. If suitable shoes cannot be sourced in a plain colours, bright coloured shoes (and shoelaces) are allowed. Basketball boots, skate shoes, slip-on shoes and shoes covered in pictures, text or glitter are not appropriate.

Students competing in interschool sport must wear the correct sports uniform, including their sports hat or cap, or forfeit their place in the team.

If they so choose, students may wear their school jumper with their sports uniform.

Students are not to wear visible leggings, 'skins', or bike pants with their sports uniform.

Sport House Polo Shirts

Students participating in Physical Education lessons or Sport lessons onsite at the College have the option of wearing either the sport house polo shirt or the TCC sports shirt.

Students representing the College in an interschool sporting competition must wear the TCC sports shirt. If they wear their sport house polo shirt, they will not be allowed to participate at interschool sport or the sporting competition.

While students participating in House Competitions and Carnivals are welcome to accessorise using their house colour, they are required to wear their sport house polo shirt with their school sports shorts or school tracksuit pants.

Primary Sports Uniform

Primary students are to wear their sports uniform to and from school on Fridays, and on the day of their Physical Education lessons.

Students in Years 2 – 6 may wear either the formal hat or the TCC bucket hat while playing sport, which includes Physical Education lessons, Interschool Sport and Carnivals. The bucket hat is not to replace the wearing of the formal hat at all other times.

Secondary Sports Uniform

Secondary students are to wear their sports uniform to and from school on Wednesdays.

As a safety requirement, students who have practical lessons in the Technology Centre, Science Lab or Function Centre on Wednesdays, must ensure their shoes are appropriately closed-in. Staff may advise students that their shoes are not appropriate depending on the classroom activity.

Teachers of students who are participating in the subjects of Physical Education or Sport and Recreation will inform students of which lessons they require their sports uniform. On these days, students are to wear their formal uniform to school and use the change rooms in the Indoor Sports Centre to change into their sports uniform at the start of their lesson or, if instructed by their teacher, during a break time.

At the end of their Physical Education or Sport and Recreation class, students are to get changed back into their formal uniform and report to their teacher in their correct uniform, before being allowed to go to their next class. The only exception to this is during the Physical Education or Sport and Recreation classes that occur during Period 7. In this case, students are permitted to travel home in their sports uniform.

Students Selected in Interschool and/or Representative Sporting Teams

There is likely to be additional uniform purchases for students selected in interschool and/or representative sporting teams, (for example: soccer socks or futsal jerseys). Instructions relating to purchasing and cost will be included in the relevant permission letter.

8 How the Uniform is to be Worn

Hats

Students are to arrive and leave school each day wearing the correct hat or cap for the uniform. While at school it is compulsory for students to wear the appropriate hat whenever they are outside of a classroom, including when Secondary students walk between classes. The only exception to this is Secondary students who are dressed in their formal uniform and who are playing a sport on the back ovals during lunch time. In this case students are allowed to wear their sports cap or bucket hat instead of their formal hat.

Hats are to be worn in an appropriate manner to provide shade and sun protection to the face.

For easy identification, during break times and sport lessons, Prep students are to wear the yellow hat which is provided by and remains at the school.

Shirts

All formal shirts are to be worn tucked in, except for the Senior Secondary girls' summer blouse. If students' formal uniform becomes dishevelled while playing games during break time, upon leaving the oval or playground, students are to ensure that they are again wearing it correctly.

If students wish to wear an additional shirt or singlet underneath either their formal shirt or sports shirt, this additional item is not to be visible. (This includes any text or logo on the additional item of clothing).

Long sleeve shirts are to be worn down to the wrist and buttoned up.

Shoes and Socks

School shoes are to be kept clean and polished.

When wearing the formal summer uniform, male students are to wear their socks pulled up, folded just below the knee.

Jumpers

When jumpers are worn, the sleeves are to be worn to the wrist, not pushed up. Jumpers and jackets are not to be worn tied around the waist.

Dress and Skirt Lengths

Girls' summer uniform should fully cover the knee and should touch the floor when kneeling.

Girls' winter uniforms are to be mid-calf to provide warmth.

Ties

When the uniform policy requires a tie to be worn, the top button is to be fastened and the tie is to be worn up to the top button.

Blazers

On all days except Wednesdays, Year 11 and 12 students are to have their blazer at school and are required to wear it when entering the school grounds. They are also required to wear their blazers to chapel and formal assemblies.

Year 12 Tie and Jersey

Year 12 students will be provided with a special tie as a gift from the school at their Commissioning Service.

At the end of Year 11, students will be given the opportunity to purchase a Year 12 jersey, which can be worn with their sports uniform the following year.

9 Hair

Hair is to be kept trimmed and brushed neatly. A 'shaved head' look, mullet and undercut is not appropriate.

Students are not to use any product to alter the natural colour of their hair. Tinted, bleached, streaked, or foiled hair is not acceptable. Students who enrol in school with coloured hair are not to unilaterally decide to re-colour their hair as it grows out. If they are concerned about their regrowth, they are to visit Primary or Secondary Reception, where they will be directed to a senior staff member who can work with them and their parents or carers to determine the best course of action to take.

Hairstyles for male students must be cut above the shirt collar at the back and must be shape cut around the ears. At the front, a fringe must not reach the eyebrows. If hair is of a length that can touch the collar or eyebrows or covering the ears, then a haircut is required. Haircuts are not to be shorter than 'a number 3' on the back, sides and on top. Hair must not be excessively layered but is to progressively blend without a sudden change in length.

Older male students are to be clean shaven. Sideburns are not to extend below the ear lobe.

Female students are required to keep their hair off their face. Hairstyle are to accommodate the correct wearing of the hat. Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be tied back. Hair accessories are to be plain, and navy, black, brown, or white in colour. Thin elasticised headbands may be worn.

It is not possible to cover every hair style or fashion in this policy. If students wish to wear their hair in a style that is not observable around the school, they are advised to visit Primary or Secondary Reception, where they will be directed to a senior staff member who can advise if the intended hairstyle is appropriate.

10 Jewellery

All students are permitted to wear a watch. In addition to this, female students are permitted to wear one earring in the lower lobe of each ear. These earrings are to be plain and small silver or gold studs or sleepers.



Stones (clear or coloured), pearls, hoops etc are not acceptable. Students are not permitted to wear any other visible studs, stones, or sleepers. Boys are not permitted to wear an earring. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, and arm bands are not permitted.

Body piercing is not permitted. This includes any cartilage piercings or piercings in visible areas other than the ear lobe, even if filled with a clear stud.

11 Make-up

Students are not permitted to wear mascara, eyeliner, blush, coloured lip gloss, coloured fingernail polish, French polish, false fingernails or fake tans. Tattoos are not permitted, whether permanent or temporary. Students are not to write or draw on their own body or the bodies of other students.

Female students in Years 7 – 12 only may wear minimal foundation, tinted moisturiser, clear nail polish and clear lip gloss.

12 Excursions

Students are required to wear the appropriate uniform, as stated in the relevant excursion letter, and are to be dressed in accordance with this policy. Failure to do so is likely to result in the cancellation of the excursion for that particular student.

13 Free Dress

In school activities where free dress is permitted, students are to wear clothing that:

- Follows any guidelines included in the information letter for that activity,
- Meets any safety requirements of the activity being undertaken,
- Is sun smart,
- Does not contain adverse slogans, and
- Is modest.

Girls are not to wear low-cut shirts, strappy singlets or clothes designed to show the midriff. Skirts and dresses should be of modest length and fit. Boys are to wear T-shirts in preference to singlets.

If swimwear is needed, girls are asked to wear modest one piece or two-piece swimwear. Bikinis are not appropriate. Goggles and swimming caps are also a venue requirement for Primary swimming lessons and the Primary swimming carnival.

14 Consequences for Students Not Abiding by This Policy

It is expected that every day all students will be dressed in the correct school uniform as outlined in this policy.

Where uniform infringements occur, if they can be resolved at school, they will (for example: inappropriate jewellery confiscated, the student asked to remove inappropriate makeup).

Students not dressed in the full and correct uniform are likely to forfeit their right to participate in the day's activities (for example: unable to attend the excursion or play in the sporting team, unable to play outdoors at breaks without their hat).

Students who come to school with coloured hair are likely to be removed from all daily activities, including classes, until the issue can be resolved.

In the occasional instance where a uniform item has been misplaced, parents and carers are welcome to email the relevant staff member, or to send a written and dated note to school with their student.

Repeated uniform infringements are likely to be viewed as non-compliance with this policy and treated as such. If a student chooses not to comply with this policy, their enrolment at the school is likely to be reviewed.






15 Changes to this Policy

The school reserves the right to modify and adjust this policy as needed.



16 Uniform Requirements and Purchasing Checklists

Toowoomba Christian College uniforms can be purchased from Hannas (563–567 Ruthven Street, Ph: 4632 2099). Prices quoted in the following tables are approximate only and are subject to change without notice.



Parents and carers are asked to purchase all of the following items for each of their students, with the recommendation being that students have at least two of most items. Please don't substitute items with other brands. Please name all items of clothing purchased to enable easy return of lost items.

Uniform Items That are Common for All Prep to Year 12 Students	
Sport House Polo Shirts	
TCC Sport Socks	Ankle length available in navy or white, or mid-calf length available in navy. 
Black Lace Up College Shoes to be Worn with the Formal Uniform	School shoes are to look like this (with heels no higher than 3 cm):  These styles of shoes are not appropriate: 
Branded backpacks and pencil cases	These are optional and available from Harlequin Kids . One of 4 choices is shown here: 

Years 2 – 12 Boys and Girls: Sports Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas	
TCC Sports Shirt	Hanbro	\$40	 
TCC Sports Shorts	Hanbro	\$40	
Sport House Polo Shirt	Zoo/Dynasty Sport	\$45	
TCC Sports Socks (Navy or White)	Challenge	\$10	
TCC Bucket Hat (Years 7 – 12 students may instead purchase the TCC Sports Cap)	'Mountcastle'	\$20	
TCC Tracksuit Jacket	Hanbro	\$60	
TCC Tracksuit Pants	Hanbro	\$50	
Sports Shoes			

Prep and Year 1 Boys and Girls: All Year Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas	
TCC Sports Shirt	Hanbro	\$40	 
TCC Sports Shorts	Hanbro	\$25	
Sport House Polo Shirt	Zoo/Dynasty Sport	\$45	
TCC Navy Fleecy Tracksuit Top	Scaggs	\$35	
TCC Navy Fleecy Tracksuit Pants	Scaggs	\$35	
OR TCC Tracksuit Jacket	Hanbro	\$60	
TCC Tracksuit Pants	Hanbro	\$50	
TCC Sports Socks (Navy or White)	Challenge	\$10	
TCC Bucket Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$20	
Sports Shoes (The first pair of joggers for Prep students must have velcro fasteners and non-marking soles.)			

Years 2 - 6 Boys: Formal Summer Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Open Neck, Short-Sleeved Shirt	'Midford'	\$25
Navy Formal Shorts With Elastic Back or Tab Sides	'Stubbies' or 'Midford'	\$45
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Primary Hat	'AussieMate'	\$40
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 2 - 6 Boys: Formal Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Long-Sleeved Shirt	'Midford'	\$30
Navy Trousers (Years 2 – 5 are boys to wear the trousers with elasticised waist. Year 6 boys are able to purchase the belt loop option of the trousers.)	'Scaggs'	\$45
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (2 pack)
TCC Striped School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	85
TCC Primary Hat	'AussieMate'	\$40
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 2 – 6 Girls: Formal Summer Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
TCC Navy Checked Dress with Blue Collar	'Berelle'	\$70
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Primary Hat	'AussieMate'	\$40
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 2 – 6 Girls: Formal Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Long-Sleeved Shirt	'Midford'	\$30
TCC Navy Checked Tunic	'Berelle'	\$90
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
OR Navy Tights (no less than 70 denier)	'Red Robin'	\$15
Plain Navy School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Primary Hat	'AussieMate'	\$40
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 7 – 10 Boys: Formal Summer Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Short-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button	'Midford'	\$30
Navy Formal Shorts with Elastic Back or Tab Sides OR the winter uniform's navy formal trousers with a plain black belt may also be worn	'Stubbies' or 'Midford'	\$45
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Striped School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Boys Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$110
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 7 – 10 Boys: Formal Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Long-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button	'Midford'	\$30
Navy Formal Trousers	'Midford'	\$60
Plain Black Belt		
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Striped School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Boys Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$110
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 11 – 12 Boys: Formal Summer and Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Summer: White Short-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button Winter: White Long-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button	'Midford'	\$30
Navy Formal Trousers	'Midford'	\$60
Plain Black Belt		
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Striped School Tie (Year 12 students will be gifted a tie)	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Boys Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$110
TCC Blazer	'Noone'	\$240
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 7 – 10 Girls: Formal Summer Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
TCC Navy Checked Dress with White Collar (to be floor-length when kneeling)	'Berelle'	\$90
White Ankle Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Girls Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$80
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 7 – 10 Girls: Formal Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
Sky Blue Long-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button	'Midford'	\$30
TCC Checked Pleated Skirt (to be no shorter than mid-calf)	'Perm-a-Pleat'	\$105
Navy Long Fold Over Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
Navy Tights or Knee Highs (no less than 70 denier)	'Red Robin'	\$15
Plain Navy School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Girls Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$80
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 11 – 12 Girls: Formal Summer Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
TCC White Over-Blouse With Action Pleat	'Berelle'	\$40
TCC Navy Formal Skirt (to be floor-length when kneeling)	'Berelle'	\$55
Plain Navy School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
White Ankle Socks	'Red Robin'	\$15 (3 pack)
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Girls Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$110
TCC Blazer	'Noone'	\$240
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	



Years 11 – 12 Girls: Formal Winter Uniform

Item	Brand	Approximate Cost at Hannas
White Long-Sleeved Shirt With Dress Collar and Top Button	'Midford'	\$30
TCC Checked Pleated Skirt (to be no shorter than mid-calf)	'Perm-a-Pleat'	\$105
Navy Tights or Knee Highs (no less than 70 denier)	'Red Robin'	\$15
Plain Navy School Tie	'Noone'	\$25
TCC Jumper	'Man O War'	\$85
TCC Secondary Girls Formal Hat	'Mountcastle'	\$110
TCC Blazer	'Noone'	\$240
Black Lace Up College Shoes	'Clarks'/'Roc' quality	

