



SCHOOL UNIFORM & HAIR POLICY

Sacred Heart Minor Seminary
Victoria Gozo



Introduction

The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. In fact it is our policy that all students should wear School uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event, unless otherwise stated. This will aid to uphold the school image. We expect students to wear the complete uniform, always keep hair neat, avoid non-permitted accessories and always be well groomed. This document is to clarify and specify the list of items needed for the school uniform. It also provides details about haircuts, shoes, accessories and general appearance.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies our students with the school;
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents/carers.

1. Uniform

We expect a high standard of personal appearance and very much appreciate parent/carers support in achieving this. All students are expected to wear the appropriate agreed school uniform at all times in school and for education related visits in the appropriate way.

1. Shirts must be tucked in and buttoned up at all times.
2. All pupils will be expected to wear a belt. Trousers to be worn at the waist. No hipsters allowed.
3. Ties are expected to be done up.
4. Students should wear their blazers on entry or exit from school, during Assembly and during official activities. During lesson-time, the student may choose to suspend the blazer to the hangers in his classroom.
5. Students involved in break-time sports tournaments can change into their sports kit at the start of the break. Any change of clothes must take place in the bathrooms. Students involved in break-time tournaments must change back to their uniform and return to their lesson location within 5 minutes from the end of the break.
6. All items of clothing must conform to the published uniform in terms of colour and style. They must be the official school items which can be purchased through the school's uniform supplier. No replacements accepted. (see table below fig. 1)
7. Ideally all items of clothing must be marked with the student's name.

Compulsory items of the school uniform

You are to attend school wearing these compulsory items of the school uniform, as indicated:

Period of Year	Clothing		Footwear
Summer Sept- end of October May-June	normal day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue School Polo Shirt• Dark Grey School Trousers	Black Shoes
	PE day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School PE Burgundy T-Shirt• School PE Track Suit Trousers• School Black PE Shorts (to be worn only during PE lessons)	Sports Shoes
Winter November-April	normal day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Shirt• School B/W striped tie• Dark Grey School Trousers• Grey School Jersey• Blue School Blazer• Navy Blue Jacket (if need be)	Black Shoes
	PE day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School PE Burgundy T-Shirt• School PE Full Track Suit• Grey hoodie (if need be)	Sports Shoes

Figure 1

You are exempted from wearing the uniform on Uniform Free Days. You will be given prior notice by the school on the date and attire guidelines for such days.

2. Hair

Ideally students are expected to keep short and neat but hairstyles can be very much up to interpretation in terms of how smart or appropriate they may be in a school setting. Therefore, our school would like to make clear what are the 'conventional hair styles' as detailed in our school policy and those cuts which would not be appropriate for school.





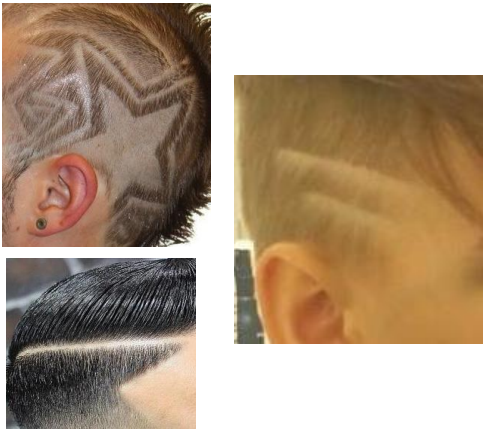
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Colour	Natural hair colour is encouraged. Highlights and hair dye, tipped or dipped hair are not allowed.		
Cut	Hair cut should not be shorter than grade 2* (*haircut should not be so short as to expose the underlying skin in an exaggerated manner)		
	Graduated or stepped haircuts – hair which is shaved less than a grade 2 at the sides and long on top are forbidden.		
	Too long hair (below the collar) is strictly prohibited.		
Designs	<p>The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts with designs. Any kind of line or pattern shaved into the side or top of the head are prohibited.</p> <p>Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme designs such as tramlines, shaved lines, stars, extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts are forbidden.</p>		

Figure 2

3. Shoes

- WHEN WEARING THE SUMMER OR WINTER UNIFORM**

The school expects students to wear **solid black footwear** when wearing the Summer or Winter uniform. Such shoes should not have coloured soles, coloured logos, coloured artwork/patterns or coloured laces. Wearing football shoes with the Summer or Winter uniform will not be permitted, even if they are solid black. The reason is that such shoes are designed for use on artificial turf when doing physical activity. They are not meant to give the support for everyday use and suffer from lack of grip on wet surfaces or low-friction surfaces – which can lead to injury.

Appropriate school shoes ACCEPTED	Inappropriate school shoes NOT ACCEPTED
	
	
	
	

Figure 3

- WHEN WEARING THE PE KIT**

When students are wearing their PE kit, they can wear sports-shoes or sneakers. There are no chromatic restrictions on such footwear. In case one opts to come wearing football shoes, due to the nature of our courts, hard-studded shoes are strictly forbidden (see figure below).



4. Accessories

You can wear a wrist watch. Please note that in case you have a smart-watch you might be asked to remove it during exams and/or tests.

Wrist bands*, necklaces, rings and ear-rings (or other piercing) are not allowed to be worn on school premises. Non-transparent contact-lenses are also prohibited. Students are not permitted to cover their piercings and as such these have to be removed. Students not complying with this will be sent home. Unsuitable jewellery will be confiscated.

**The school might allow certain specific wrist-bands to be worn by certain students as these can be useful to relay information to third parties in case of a medical emergency.*

Cold weather accessories

During the colder months, you might feel the need to further protect yourself from the chilly weather. Kindly follow these guidelines:

- **Jacket/Raincoat** must be dark blue in colour with limited or no designs/patterns. On rainy or cold days this can be worn instead of the school blazer. Students are expected to wear the rest of the winter uniform under the jacket/raincoat, i.e. grey school jersey, white shirt and black-white tie.
- **It is recommended that students carry a foldable umbrella in their satchel in the winter months to save them from getting soaked while commuting to or from school.**
- **Scarves** must be grey or dark blue (no patterns or designs). You are to wear a scarf over your full uniform (including the school black and white tie and grey jersey).
- **Beanie Caps** must either be plain grey or dark blue (no patterns or designs). You can wear these outside (on the street or in school yard), but they must be taken off inside the school building (corridors and class-rooms).

Sanctions

The School reserves the right to apply appropriate sanctions (including infraction points) to students who exhibit extremes of body decoration, behaviour or dress not appropriate to the school environment.

Please note that students wearing incorrect uniform will be notified at the school entrance. There they are given a note from the Assistant Head to be allowed to join their lessons only for that day. We expect them that the next day the item must be in accordance with the school uniform, if not, student is sent immediately home.

Furthermore, students will not be allowed to go on school outings if their uniform is not complete and will be asked to stay at school for the duration of the outing.

Students with fancy hairstyles will not be allowed to attend for lessons and will be sent home.

The role of parents

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, in good repair and of appropriate fit.

Parents and guardians are kindly urged to support the School in upholding the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary image and ensure that their child abides by this uniform policy.

Disclaimer

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The policies listed in this document are correct at the time of publication.

The school reserves the right to make changes to these policies as it deems fit.

Any changes to the School Uniform and Hair Policy will be communicated to all stakeholders using the official communication channels of the school.

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