

College uniform guidelines

Wearing the correct Tatachilla Lutheran College uniforms and following grooming guidelines provide students with a sense of belonging and enhances pride in our school and celebrates the values of unity and identity.

Uniforms easily identify students and play a significant role in ensuring their safety and quick recognition in the unlikely event of an accident or incident both within and outside of school.

Uniforms and approved grooming guidelines also reduce peer pressure and bullying. Macquarie University researchers found that where uniform policies are enforced, students were more disciplined and listened better. Classes also began on time and with lower noise levels.

Full compliance with these guidelines also ensures student safety in workshops, playing fields and other high-risk areas. We, therefore, ask all students and families to assist the college to comply fully with these guidelines.

These guidelines are non-negotiable. The college reserves the right to celebrate success and use reasonable strategies to ensure compliance.

It is an expectation of the college that students follow these guidelines from the time that they leave home in the morning until they return in the afternoon.

All uniform items are designed to be trans-seasonal and can be worn throughout the year based on the weather and activities.

Make-up and jewellery

- Make-up is not to be worn at school in Years R-9. Only light, natural looking, make-up can be worn in the Senior School.
- Nail polish, false nails and false eyelashes are not to be worn (R-12).
- A plain light chain with a small cross may be worn around the neck.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- One simple stud or sleeper may be worn in the lower part of each ear lobe. However, all other visible piercings must not be worn.
- Students in Years 7-12 who have additional piercings may wear an inconspicuous clear plastic spacer only. At times, for Workplace Health and Safety reasons all piercings will be asked to remove all items.

Hairstyles

The general expectation regarding hairstyle for both girls and boys is that they will be neat, clean, and tidy, as determined by the College.

Hairstyles should not be extreme or designed to draw attention to the student.



The following guidelines have been determined to implement this general expectation yet give students some freedom about their preferred hairstyle.

Any students considering changing their hairstyle or hair colour and are doubtful as to how it would be accepted at the college, should first seek approval from the appropriate teacher (Years R-6) or Year Level Coordinator (Years 7-12).

In the interests of occupational health and safety, and to facilitate good classroom practice:

- No student should have hair hanging over their eyes at any time. Hair should be secured off the face without requiring handling. For students R-6 with hair that is below shoulder length, they must have all hair tied back completely. Hair is shoulder length when it sits beneath the lowest part of the collar.
- For a short all-over cut the minimum acceptable length is that of a number two cut.
- Hair colour is not to be changed so that it is noticeably different from a natural hair colour.
- Students may be asked to tie long hair back (for example in Science, Physical Education and Technology).
- Only white, black, grey, or cardinal red ribbons, combs or College issued hair garments may be worn in the hair.
- Students are to be clean-shaven.

Junior years (R-6)

Compulsory items

Girls

- Short-sleeved shirt with two-piece collar or dress
- Grey shorts, trousers, or skirt (dress length at the knee) or college dress (dress length at the knee)
- Black leather lace up shoes (heel may not be more than 2.5cm high, sports style shoes and leisure footwear e.g., Converse shoes are not acceptable)
- Grey or white college crew socks with cardinal red trim (to be worn above the ankle with trim showing)
- College grey bucket hat (Terms 1, 3 and 4)
- Soft-shell jacket

Boys

- Short-sleeved shirt with two-piece collar
- Grey shorts or trousers
- Black leather lace up shoes (heel may not be more than 2.5cm high, sports style shoes and leisure footwear e.g., Converse shoes are not acceptable)



- Grey college crew socks with cardinal red trim (to be worn above the ankle with trim showing)
- College grey bucket hat (Terms 1, 3 and 4)
- Soft-shell jacket

Junior years (R-6)

Optional items

- Boys long-sleeved shirt
- Girls long-sleeved shirt or blouse with roll collar
- Boys long-sleeved shirt
- College black puffer vest
- College cardinal red cable knit jumper
- Girls' grey skort
- Unisex cardinal red polo shirt
- Girls' cardinal red polo dress (dress length at the knee)
- Reception and Year 1 students only: black school shoes with Velcro or buckles (the heel may not be more than 2.5cm high). * Replacement shoes purchased in Year 1 must be black lace-up school shoes.

Middle and senior years (7-12)

General guidelines

- The skirt or dress should be no shorter than the top of the kneecap when standing.
- The college blazer is to be worn to and from school (as well as chapel services and assemblies) during Term 2 and 3 and as required for other events such as college photo days, excursions and formal events.
- A tie must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 if wearing the short or long-sleeve shirt.
- Black leather school shoes are required. Sport style, leisure footwear and boots are not permitted.
- Grey or white college crew socks with cardinal red trim (to be worn above the ankle with trim showing).
- College black bucket hat (Terms 1, 3 and 4).



Sport and House uniform

Years R-12

Students will have more specialised and vigorous Health and Physical Education lessons. When the day for each practical class is known, students are to wear their sport uniform to school for those days only. This also applies to the Advanced Athlete Development Program.

Years 7-8

Students are to wear sport uniform for all timetabled Health and Physical Education lessons. Students who are trying out or practising for interschool sports are allowed to wear their sport uniform on that day. Try-outs and training schedules can be accessed via Student Notices on SEQTA.

Years 9-12

Health and Physical Education teachers will advise families when students are to wear their sport uniform at the commencement of each semester. Students who are trying out or practising for interschool sports are allowed to wear their sport uniform on that day. Try-outs and training schedules can be accessed via Student Notices on SEQTA.

Casual clothes dress code

On occasions students are permitted to wear casual clothing for school events such as fundraising days and camps. On these days, students are expected to dress in casual attire that is sun-safe and appropriate for the school environment, including enclosed footwear.