



→ College Uniform and Grooming Policy ←

Purpose

St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College prides itself on the performance, behavior, and appearance of its students. This policy aims to maintain high standards of student presentation and promote a sense of unity and belonging within the College community. Compliance with the uniform and grooming standards is a condition of enrolment at the College.

Uniform Requirements

General

- All students must wear the full College uniform on school occasions and while traveling to and from the College.
- Uniform items must be clean, in good condition, and correctly fitted. Worn or damaged items must be replaced promptly.
- Sports uniform must be worn on designated days, and casual clothing is not permitted unless explicitly allowed.
- The College blazer is compulsory during Terms 2 and 3. (winter) For additional warmth, students may wear the College jumper under the blazer but not as a replacement.

Girls' Uniform

- Summer (K-10): Maroon or dark blue check dress (depending on year level), plain white crew socks, and black lace-up leather shoes. Maroon hair accessories are required.
- Winter (K-10): Long-sleeved sky blue blouse with a Peter Pan collar, navy/black tights, maroon jumper, and a College blazer.
- Senior Years (11-12): Navy skirt to cover the knees, navy blazer, white shirt with a V-neck collar, maroon jumper, and short plain white crew socks.

Boys' Uniform

- Summer (K-10): Navy trousers or shorts, sky blue short-sleeved shirt, black lace-up leather shoes, and optional College blazer.
- Winter (K-10): Navy trousers, long-sleeved sky blue shirt, maroon jumper, and College blazer.
- Senior Years (11-12): Grey trousers, navy blazer, white shirt, maroon jumper, and school tie.

Sports Uniform

Sky blue polo shirt, navy sports shorts, white socks, and College tracksuit. Only white or black sport shoes are permitted.

Grooming Standards

Hair

Boys: Neat, short hairstyles with no extreme cuts (e.g., undercuts, spiked hair). Hair should not touch the collar or extend below the eyebrows. Boys must remain clean-shaven. Hair must be no shorter than a Blade 3. Boys must be clean shaven at all times and their sideburns must remain short.

Girls: Hair must be kept off faces and shoulders, regardless of hair length. Hair must be completely and securely tied back including long fringes and strips of hair. Braids and half up/half down hairstyles are not permitted. Hair elastics must not be worn on the wrist.

Jewelry and Accessories

Jewelry is not permitted, except for a small Coptic cross necklace or a single silver/gold sleeper or stud in the lower earlobe. Smartwatches and gemstones are not allowed.

Makeup and Nail Polish

Makeup, nail polish, and acrylic/gel nails are not allowed. Nails must be kept short and neat.

Enforcement Procedures

Written Notification

Repeated uniform violations will result in written warnings, after-school detentions, and, after three breaches in a term, suspension from classes.

Confiscation

Items in breach of the uniform policy will be confiscated and held for one month.

Out-of-Uniform Pass

If unable to wear the correct uniform, students must provide a letter from a parent explaining the reason.

Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the uniform and grooming policy may result in removal from class until the issue is resolved.

By adhering to this Policy, we aim to ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and students at Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox College.

This policy is subject to review and modification as necessary, any updates will be communicated to staff, parents and legal guardians promptly.

Approved By: Mr Anthony Deans

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