



Uniform Policy statement

By enrolling a child at Hope Christian College (College), parents are agreeing to follow the Uniform Policy by supplying all required uniform items for their child, and ensuring that their children wear the College uniform correctly. The uniform cannot be modified to alter its appearance, form or fit. The College leadership is the final arbiter regarding all elements of the uniform policy. The interpretation of this Policy is at the discretion of the College.

1. College uniforms

The standard of uniform and grooming at the College is formal and not casual in nature. As such, personal grooming such as conservative hairstyles and the good condition of uniform items is expected of all enrolled College students. The College uniform is designed to cater for students' comfort and to represent the College as a place of excellence.

2. Uniform conditions

1. Uniform Supplier

All uniform items except shoes are to be bought from the HCC Uniform Shop (on-site) either face to face or via the online link on the College website.

2. Changing Out of College Uniform

Students are to arrive at and leave College in the correct uniform. Students are not to change out of College uniform whilst on College premises, except with permission for a specific reason (e.g. drama costume change).

3. Condition of College Uniform

All uniform items must be clean (e.g. freshly laundered, fresh smelling, not badly stained) and in good condition. Items that are scuffed, stained, torn, defaced or ill-fitting will be required to be replaced.

4. Special Allowances

The correct wearing of the College Uniform is an expectation. Under certain conditions, temporary, minor variations may be permitted when negotiated by a meeting with the Principal, and where genuine, clinical documentation supporting the need is supplied.

Seasonal - Summer uniform is worn for Terms 1 & 4. Winter uniform is worn for Terms 2 & 3. **There is never any occasion to mix the summer and winter uniforms.** These seasonal allowances only apply for specific times as noted below:

- If the weather is still hot during first two weeks of Term 2, students are permitted to wear their full summer uniform. Similarly, if the weather becomes hot in the last two weeks of Term 3, students are permitted to wear their full summer uniform.
- If the weather is cold in the first two weeks of Term 4, students are permitted to wear their full winter uniform.
- Parents will be notified of other changes via parent text or letter.
- If there are temporary uniform changes due to unseasonal weather the College will communicate this to families.

Year 12 Top - The Year 12 top is not a compulsory item and is considered a Year 12 privilege. It may be worn all year. Year 12 students must wear the College blazer for official occasions, excursions or evening events, and on Fridays for Chapel (not the Year 12 top).



3. General uniform information

1. Hats

Only official College hat with HOPE logo (shade/wide brimmed, *SunSmart* compliant) may be worn, and is required by all students in Terms 1 & 4 at:

- recess and lunch breaks
- outside class activities
- class sport and sports days.

On camps, activities or excursions where uniform is not required, a suitable, *SunSmart* hat must still be worn.

Hats such as beanies in winter are not to be worn to College.

2. Make-up

- R-5 students are not permitted to wear any make-up.
- Years 6-12 students are permitted to wear a light, discrete covering of foundation.
- Eye makeup, lip colour or gloss, or other adornments are not to be worn.

3. Nails

Years 6-12 students are permitted to wear clear nail polish. Due to the potential risks during classroom practical activities the following are **NOT** permitted:

- Acrylic nails
- Coloured or visible nail polish
- Any other nail adornments.

4. Jewellery

For reasons that include safety and potential loss of personal property, with the exception of a pair of small earrings for pierced ears (see point 5 for piercings), or a basic plain gold or silver Medic Alert bracelet/pendant for genuine reasons, jewellery of any type is not permitted, including but not limited to:

- necklaces, bracelets, anklets, rings, clip-on earrings
- items of jewellery or symbols of cultural or religious significance, including, but not limited to, the cross.

5. Piercings & Tattoos

Students are permitted to wear one pair of small studs or sleepers in the lowest hole of the lower earlobe.

Students while enrolled at HCC (even after the age of 18), are specifically prohibited from:

- wearing flesh holes, bars, industrial piercings or similar
- facial piercings
- body piercings that are visible at any time (e.g. while swimming)
- tattoos
- covering piercings with band aids, tape, etc. is not acceptable: students will be asked to remove these piercings while on the College grounds.

See *HCC Student Piercing & Tattoo Policy* for further information.



6. Hair - Colours & Styles

Students are to have a conservative hairstyle and must be kept washed, clean and tidy.

Colour

- Students' hair is to be one solid, natural colour (e.g. true blonde, brown, ginger/auburn or black.) Non-natural colour, coloured streaks, highlights or obvious variations in colour, (e.g. blonde on top layers with brown/black on the lower layers) are not permitted.
- If hair extensions are worn, they must be worn in such a way so as to appear as one solid natural colour. They may not be streaked or a range of colours or include coloured clips, or bands. Beads in hair (even clear) are not permitted.

Styles

- Styles such as contours, shaved motifs or sections, dread-locks, rats-rails, or other experimental hairstyles are not permitted. Hairstyles are not to be extreme, or easily associated with inappropriate behaviour or groups within society. For this reason, eyebrow slits are also not permitted.
- Hair may not be two distinct lengths, where one part is cut very short and the other left long, apart from traditional fringes. Where a portion of the hair is cut very short, the rest of the cut must be graded or blended in.
- The whole head may be shaved using minimum #1 clipper (i.e. 3mm, not using a razor or #0 clipper).
- Hair past the top of the shoulder must be fully tied back in a pony/pigtails, plait/braid or bun.
- Fringes/bangs and hair must not cover the face, but be kept out of the face with clips, combs, headbands, etc. according to the requirements of the *Hair- Accessories* section.
- Beards and moustaches are not permitted (e.g. must be clean-shaven).
- Long sideburns below the middle of the ear are not permitted.

7. Hair - Accessories

Hair accessories must be plain (e.g. no dots, stripes, writing, etc.) and in the College colours of teal, navy blue, or white. Brown or black elastics, bobby pins and combs are acceptable. Ornaments such as flowers, beading (even clear) or other decorations are not permitted.

9. Additional Warmth

The **College blazer** and the **College jumper** with HOPE logos are the official outer garments that provide extra warmth and may be worn indoors.

Wet Weather Jackets may also be worn; however, they are **for outdoors wear only and must not be worn indoors**. It may be worn outside on any school day, with or without a jumper.

Further, students may wear:

- **White T-shirts** under uniforms for extra warmth, but it must not be visible below the sleeves or hem of the uniform garments. These T-shirts must be plain white, with no visible motifs or prints.
- **Scarves** and **gloves** must be unpatterned and one solid colour in the College colours of navy blue, teal or white
- **Additional undergarments** for warmth, however these must in no way be visible at any time.



4. SUMMER & WINTER UNIFORMS

Summer uniform is worn for Terms 1 & 4. Winter uniform is worn for Terms 2 & 3.

Blazers are not required in Term 1 or 4, but may be worn.

There is never any occasion opportunity to mix the summer and winter uniforms.

GIRLS Summer Uniform - Term 1 & Term 4

- Dress** The College summer dress must at least touch the top of the knee cap.
- Jumper** The College navy blue, V-necked jumper with the HOPE logo is compulsory for students in Reception-Year 9 and may be worn during all Terms.
The jumper is optional for Years 10-12.
- Socks** White College socks (long or mid-calf length – not anklet) as sold in the uniform shop.
- Shoes** Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel, but no higher than 4cm. No slip-on or ballet-style shoes.
Reception-Year 2 students may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces.
See Appendix 1 for examples.

GIRLS Winter Uniform - Term 2 & Term 3

- Pinafore/Skirt** The pinafore is for Reception-Year 5 and the skirt is for Years 6-12 students.
Pinafores and skirts must be worn below the knee.
- Pants** The Navy Blue pants, available through the Uniform shop, for Reception to Year 12 female students, may be worn in Terms 2 and 3 instead of the skirt or pinafore. The hem must not drag on the ground.
- Blouse/Skivvy** The white College blouse with HOPE logo is worn over the top of the skirt, not tucked in.
A white skivvy may be worn in Reception-Year 2. Skivvies may not be worn with PE uniform.
- Tie** The official girls tie must be worn with white blouse.
- Jumper** *As for summer uniform*
- Jacket/Blazer** Reception-Year 5 students may wear the College Wet Weather jacket **when outside only**.
Years 6-9 have the option of wearing a blazer, or may wear the Wet Weather jacket - **outside only**.
For Years 10-12 the blazer is compulsory and must be worn each day in Terms 2 & 3.
- Stockings/** Reception-Year 2 may wear black tights or long black socks.
- Socks** Years 3-12 may wear black tights (not sheer stockings) or black knee-high socks as sold in the College Uniform Shop.
- Shoes** *As for summer uniform*



BOYS Summer Uniform - Term 1 & Term 4

Trousers/ Shorts	Trousers or shorts, purchased from the College Uniform Shop only. Not to be worn in such a way so as to reveal the tops of undergarments or in a low hanging manner. Shorts are not to be worn with other winter uniform or accessories.
Belt	Plain black belts, appropriate for College wear may be worn.
Shirts	Short-sleeved white College shirt with HOPE logo. Long-sleeved shirts College with HOPE logo may be worn but only with trousers. <i>Jack-banded</i> shirts with HOPE logo are permitted to be worn over trousers.
Tie	Boys who choose to wear a long-sleeved College shirt in Term 1 or 4 with a blazer, jumper or <i>Wet Weather Jacket</i> (outdoor only) must wear the College tie, (only with trousers).
Jumper	The official College navy blue, V-necked jumper, with the HOPE logo is the compulsory item for students in Reception-Year 9 and may be worn in Terms 1 and 4. The jumper is optional for Years 10-12. (Boys who wear a jumper in Terms 1 and 4 must also wear the tie).
Socks	Grey long or mid-calf length College socks (not ankle length) available from the College Uniform Shop.
Shoes	Plain black lace-up school shoes which provide arch and heel support and have definite stepped heel. Reception-Year 2 students may wear school shoes with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces. No slip on shoes. Shoes must have a heel no higher than 4cm. <i>See Appendix 1 for examples.</i>

BOYS Winter Uniform - Term 2 & Term 3

Trousers	College trousers only sold through our College Uniform Shop. Trousers are not to be worn in such a way so as to reveal the tops of undergarments or in a low-hanging manner.
Belt	A plain black belt may be worn.
Shirts	Long-sleeved white College shirt with HOPE logo. <i>Jack-banded</i> shirts with HOPE logo are permitted to be worn over trousers. The shirt and tie must be worn for excursions, College photos, music nights, etc.
Skivvy	A white skivvy may be worn in Reception-Year 2. Skivvies not to be worn with PE uniform.
Tie	The College tie must be worn when wearing a shirt in winter.
Jumper	<i>As for summer uniform</i>
Jacket/ blazer	Reception-Year 5 may wear the College Wet Weather jacket when outside only . Years 6-9 have the option to wear the blazer, but it must be with the jumper. The Wet Weather jacket can only be worn outside , with or without the jumper. Years 10-12 blazer is compulsory and must be worn each day in Terms 2 & 3 (see below).
Socks	Grey long or ankle length College socks from the College Uniform shop.
Shoes	<i>As for summer uniform</i>



SPORT Uniform (Unisex)

Students competing in external sporting events must wear correct sport uniform.

Track Pants Navy pants with the HOPE logo from College Uniform Shop.

Shorts Navy sports shorts with the HOPE logo from College Uniform Shop.

Polo Top Short-sleeved navy and teal with HCC logo from College Uniform Shop.

Rugby Top Long-sleeved navy and teal rugby top with HCC logo from College Uniform Shop.

Socks Low or high sports socks which are predominantly white.

Brand names or insignias must be subtle.

Sneakers Must be sports/athletic sneakers with suitable arch and heel support and cushioning.

Students may not wear canvas slip-on or volley-style casual shoes for PE.

Reception-Year 2 students may wear sneakers with Velcro fastening in lieu of laces



Appendix 1 – Shoe Guide

Examples of correct and incorrect shoes for College and sports uniforms.

