



PRIMARY

Hair & Jewellery Guide

This document is a supplement to the **Mandurah Catholic College Uniform Policy K-12** it aims to give, Primary Students, Primary Families, Primary and College staff clarification and examples of what the expectations are for students who attend Mandurah Catholic College Primary School.

If discretionary decisions are required to be made, they will be done by the Primary Leadership Team, with families notified and reasonable expectations for alterations to be made.

COLLEGE HAIR PROCEDURE

Students are expected to be well-groomed and have a sense of pride in their appearance. Students are expected to look clean, neat and tidy. In the Primary School this means:

1 Hair must be clean (washed regularly), neat and brushed.

2 If hair is long enough to tie back, it must be tied back neatly.

- Hair should not fall over ears and/or shirt collar.
- The fringe is not to fall over the eyebrows. If it does, it needs to be held back with discreet hair product or natural-coloured hair accessories.
- Hair at the side of the face must be tied back and hair that touches the collar must be tied back or cut.
- Hair must be tied, either at the back of the head, or to the sides, in a manner that keeps hair away from the student's face.

3 Hair must be styled off the face with the aid of either a headband, hair product or hairpins.

- The use of gels, mousse or waxes to create exaggerated and/or unnatural effects is not acceptable at school.

4 Short hairstyles must be cut in a gradient and blended way (eg, no undercuts).
Hair must not be shorter than a 'number 3' cut, and hair must not touch the collar.

- Hair should not have exaggerated layers or significantly different lengths (no undercuts, long sweeps and mohawk cuts). Haircuts may be gradually blended, but not go from one length to another.

5 Hair must be of natural colour.

- If the hair has been dyed (not a natural colour) the student must return their hair back to a natural colour before returning to school.

6 No distinctive hairstyles eg, mullets, rat tails, sideburns, dread locks (exception for some ethnicities and cultures with braids).

- Hair should not have exaggerated layers or significantly different lengths (no undercuts, long sweeps and mohawk cuts). Haircuts may be gradually blended, but not go from one length to another.
- Students returning from holiday must ensure the hair and uniform policy is adhered to (eg three or more braids or temporary colouring must be taken out before returning to school).

7 All hair accessories must match the students' natural hair colour or school colours.

- Natural hair colour eg, black, brown, blonde.
- School colours (eg, maroon and gold) can be worn with either Formal Summer, Winter and Sport Uniform
- House colours can be worn to match the student's House when wearing the Sports Uniform .

HAIR EXAMPLES



COLLEGE JEWELLERY PROCEDURE

Primary students are strongly discouraged from wearing jewellery in the Primary School due to the physical nature of their school day. However, if a child chooses to wear jewellery, it must always be in line with the College Uniform Procedure.

Jewellery is restricted to a:

- Wristwatch (Apple watches or other smart watches are not permitted)
- Medic-Alert bracelet/band
- Single pair of small gold or silver studs or sleepers in pierced ears (spacers are not permitted)
- Single Christian religious symbol or small cross to be worn around the neck on a gold or silver chain
- Fitness monitors are allowed – however they must not have Internet, messaging or gaming capabilities

Piercings

Any other piercings are not permitted (concealing with tape or a band aid is not permitted).

Earrings

One pair of plain, small round gold/silver studs or sleepers may be worn in the lower ear lobes. Other shapes are not allowed (eg stars or hearts).

Please understand that any and all jewellery is the responsibility of the student and that the College will not be responsible for any lost, broken, misplaced or stolen items.



FOOTWEAR

Early Years Footwear

- Sandals may be worn by students in **Kindergarten and Pre-Primary** for Term 1, 2023, and then they will be phased out.
- Students *may* wear sports shoes from Term 1, but *must* be wearing sports shoes from Term 2 onwards.
- Students should wear velcro sports shoes if they cannot tie and untie their own shoelaces. This supports our Early Years teachers and teacher assistants, otherwise they are tying shoelaces all day.

Year 1 to Year 6

- From Year 1, students will be required to wear supportive sports shoes, with laces.
- When laces are tied, the ends of the lace should not be touching the ground.
- The shoes should be functional more than fashionable. Laces should be plain and shoe accessories are not allowed (eg, lights, stickers, badges etc)
- All shoes must follow MCC guidelines

FORMAL UNIFORM EXAMPLES



If there are any concerns or issues preventing a child from dressing to the College Uniform Procedure, families should contact the class teacher immediately, outlining the reasons. All reasonable issues (eg, injury preventing the wearing of enclosed footwear) will be noted and allowances made.

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