



St Kevin's Uniform Policy

Rationale:

Uniforms give students a sense of belonging and enhance pride in their school. Wearing a uniform shows unity and identity. A uniform builds a sense of community in much the same way football followers will wear their team's jersey or scarf.

A uniform improves concentration and focus. When all the fashion accessories are taken away from the students and they are made to wear the same school uniform and follow the same policy, there are no distractions or comparisons.

We believe in equality - when all the students wear the same clothes, they do not compare each other. They consider everybody as the same as each and every student in the school. This promotes a healthy atmosphere in the school.

Our rules and expectations help establish safe spaces for learning and being. Our expectations promote physical safety, emotional safety, promote equity and allow for effective learning environments in which all students can engage without distraction.

Since the beginning of schooling in the late 18th Century, all students at some point in their education have struggled with elements of the school rules, guidelines or expectations. Our expectations and the meaning behind these expectations mirror the standard of dress in secondary school and most workplaces.

Uniform Policy

There must be no deviation from the set school uniform.

A standard of appropriate dress must be maintained at all times. It is essential that parents/carers and the school have the same set of values in this regard. The school's expectation is clear.

HATS:

Hats need to be worn correctly. In the interest of sun safety, hats must be worn whenever a student is outdoors. If a child presents to school without a hat, then at break times s/he is required to take him/herself to the **Undercover Area**.

JEWELLERY:

A watch may be worn, while jewellery (other than a single pair of small ear studs for girls/boys, a religious symbol on a chain or a sentimental signet ring) is not acceptable.

Wearable technology (watches) worn in lessons or in public areas around the school, must have '**School mode**' activated during school hours and whilst at school approved events including lunch and snack breaks. If the student is able to activate/deactivate 'School Mode' on the device, these devices **should not** be brought to school.

HAIRSTYLES:

In all cases, safety takes priority over fashion. Certain hairstyles will not be allowed if, by their very nature, the school hat subsequently cannot be worn eg gelled, spiked hair. Hairstyles and other alternative fashion statements will vary from time to time. Some hairstyles will be discouraged if they pose a safety risk to the child, or pose a health risk to others, or prevent a student from fully engaging in the school curriculum (e.g. “I can’t attend my swimming lesson today because Mum spent an hour spiking my hair before school!). It is best to check with the class teachers or the principal or leadership team before adopting alternative hairstyles. Loud, obvious and dramatic dyed hair colours are inappropriate for young school-aged children. Hairstyles that draw undue attention to a child are not permitted. In the interests of hygiene and safety, hair touching the collar worn by either gender needs to be tied up. Hair bands need to be navy, yellow, gold, white or school fabric.

Parents of children with hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable will be contacted.

All items of the school's uniform (except black shoes) may be purchased from the school's uniform shop.

St Kevin's uniform school bags are also available from the uniform shop.

	Girls	Boys
Formal Uniforms	<p>Senior: White blouse with light blue check collar and trim</p> <p>Junior: Light blue check dress with yellow trim</p>	<p>Senior: White shirt with blue trim</p> <p>Junior: Light blue check shirt with yellow trim</p>
	Light blue check skirt with drop waist and inverted pleats	Navy blue shorts
Shoes	Black (lace-up or velcro) leather shoes or black leather runners (no coloured trim or tags)	Black (lace-up or velcro) leather shoes or black leather runners (no coloured trim or tags)
Socks	<p>White ankle Socks</p> <p>Girls may wear navy tights in winter</p> <p>(socks are NOT worn over tights)</p>	
Hair	Longer than collar length must be tied back at all times.	Longer than collar length must be tied back at all times. Hair must be of single, natural colour

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Hair Acc Navy, white or yellow bands and/or ribbons

Winter Summer formal uniform with school navy jacket and (optional) navy blue tights Summer formal shirt with navy trackpants and/or school navy jacket

Sports Uniform

Girls / Boys - Unisex Uniform

Shirt Navy unisex sports shirt with yellow and white stripes on left side

Shorts Navy unisex (elasticised waist) shorts

Shoes Black leather shoes or black leather runners (no coloured trim or tags)
Reminder: NO BASKETBALL BOOTS, HIGH TOPS OR ANKLE BOOTS

Socks As per formal day uniform

Winter Full tracksuit trackpants/jacket (or top only) may only be worn over the sports uniform

