



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

1S 29 – Uniform & Appearance Expectations

Purpose:	The purpose of these expectations is to provide uniform guidelines to ensure that students do not focus on drawing unnecessary attention to themselves by their appearance. The focus within the College environment is on behaviour, work habits and attitude.
Scope:	These expectations apply to employees, contractors, volunteers, parents/carers, students and people undertaking work experience or vocational placements at Mackay Christian College (MCC).
Status:	Approved, supersedes previous policy.
Authorised by:	College Principal
Date of Authorisation:	March 2025
References:	MCC Enrolment Policy MCC Enrolment Contract MCC Student Code of Conduct Policy (Our Code and CLEAR Values) MCC Behaviour Education Policy MCC Work Health and Safety Policy
Review Date:	Every two years
Policy Owner/s:	Head of Secondary and Head of Primary

Strict compliance with the College's uniform expectations is required of all students.

The Student Diary and MCC website provide details of the MCC uniform expectations.

Support of MCC's Uniform and Appearance Expectations is a condition of enrolment. Students may be sent home if their uniform or appearance is incorrect. Parents/carers are asked to make an appointment with their child's Head of Pastoral Care to discuss any problems with meeting uniform and appearance standards.

Uniform Requirements

All uniform items are available from the School Locker [Uniforms - Mackay Christian College \(North Mackay\) - Shop By School - School Locker \(theschoollocker.com.au\)](https://theschoollocker.com.au).

EARLY LEARNING

It is compulsory for all Early Learning students to wear the Primary sports uniform on a daily basis. They are not required to wear the formal day uniform.

Daily Uniform

- MCC Primary polo shirt (with embroidered MCC logo).
- MCC sports shorts, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Sports shoes or track shoes with Velcro straps instead of shoelaces. No thongs or sandals allowed.
- MCC sports socks with embroidered MCC logo preferred, or white mid-crew or crew socks.
- MCC legionnaire hat (peaked cap), midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo). Must be worn for all outdoor activities.

Winter Uniform Items

In addition to the sports uniform, students may wear:

- Navy blue, fleecy sweatshirt.
- Plain navy blue track pants over their shorts.
- All other winter attire is not acceptable.

PREP

It is compulsory for all Prep students to wear the Primary sports uniform on a daily basis. They are not required to wear the formal day uniform.

Daily Uniform

- MCC Primary polo shirt (with embroidered MCC logo).
- MCC sports shorts, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Closed in sports shoes with Velcro straps or shoelaces if student knows how to tie them. No other shoes are allowed.
- MCC sports socks with embroidered MCC logo preferred, or white mid-crew or crew socks.
- MCC legionnaire hat (peaked cap), midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo). Must be worn for all outdoor activities.

Winter Uniform Items

In addition to the sports uniform, students may wear:

- MCC jacket, zip front, midnight navy blue, microfibre (with embroidered MCC logo) or MCC Primary fleecy jacket, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- MCC track pants, midnight navy blue, microfibre (with embroidered MCC logo) may be worn during winter, or plain navy blue track pants over their shorts.
- All other winter attire is not acceptable.



YEARS 1 TO 6

Boys' Formal Uniform

- MCC formal shirt in Primary cleolene check (with embroidered MCC logo on pocket).
- MCC formal long shorts with elastic waist, midnight navy blue. No external cargo pockets.
- Black hard leather lace-up school design shoes (see Shoes Guide). No black leather joggers, no Velcro (except Years 1 and 2), no buckles, no straps, no suede.
- MCC formal navy blue socks, with light blue stripe.

Girls' Formal Uniform

- MCC princess line dress with collar, front zipper, short sleeves and a small midnight navy blue cross-over tie attached to the neckline at the centre front. The length of the dress will be no more than 2.5cm above the knee when kneeling.
- Black hard leather lace-up school design shoes (see Shoes Guide). No black leather joggers, no Velcro (except Years 1 and 2), no buckles, no straps, no suede.
- Leather formal shoes are to cover the top of the foot (no Mary Jane style shoes).
- School white cuffed/turnover socks.

Hats - must be worn for all outdoor activities (break times, HPE, sports)

- MCC reversible bucket hat, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo outside and College House Family colours with House Family motto inside).
- Year 6 camp hat may be worn for the remainder of the calendar year only.

Sports Uniform

- MCC Primary polo shirt (with embroidered MCC logo) OR MCC House Family polo shirt (short or long sleeves).
- MCC sports shorts, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Sports shoes with shoelaces or Velcro. Not skater, casual sports or canvas shoes. Primary students may wear Velcro straps on their sports shoes but not their formal shoes (see Shoes Guide).
- MCC sports socks with embroidered MCC logo preferred, or white mid-crew or crew socks.

Winter Uniform Items

In addition to the uniform, students may wear:

- MCC jacket, zip front, midnight navy blue, microfibre (with embroidered MCC logo) or MCC Primary fleecy jacket, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Plain white or light blue singlet or t-shirt under the formal uniform as long as the t-shirt sleeves do not extend beyond the sleeves of the uniform.
- MCC track pants, midnight navy blue, microfibre, with embroidered MCC logo preferred or plain navy blue track pants may be worn over their shorts when in sports uniform.
- Boys may wear MCC track pants, midnight navy blue, microfibre with embroidered MCC logo preferred or plain navy blue track pants over their formal shorts.
- Girls may wear navy blue tights or full-length navy blue leggings under their uniform.



YEARS 7 to 12

Boys' Formal Uniform

- MCC formal shirt in Secondary cleolene check (with embroidered MCC logo on the pocket).
- MCC formal long shorts with flexi-waist, midnight navy blue. No external cargo pockets.
Note: An MCC approved plain black belt with silver buckle may be worn as necessary/as supplied (optional).
- College Senior tie for Years 10 to 12 boys (mandatory in Terms 2 and 3).
- Black hard leather lace-up school design shoes (see Shoes Guide). No black leather joggers, no Velcro, no buckles, no straps, no suede.
- MCC navy blue socks with white and blue stripe.

Girls' Formal Uniform

- MCC skirt, midnight navy blue, pinch pleat formal skirt OR MCC skort, midnight navy blue, pinch pleat formal skort. Must be no more than 10cm above the knee when kneeling.
- MCC blouse, peak front with collar in Secondary cleolene check (with embroidered MCC logo on the pocket). All Year 7 to 12 female students must wear a bra or singlet underneath their blouse.
- College crossover tie with MCC badge for Years 7 to 9 girls (to be worn for the full school year).
- College Senior tie for Years 10 to 12 girls (to be worn for the full school year).
- Black hard leather lace-up school design shoes (see Shoes Guide). No black leather joggers, no Velcro, no buckles, no straps, no suede.
- School white cuffed/turnover socks.

Hats - must be worn for all outdoor activities (break times, HPE, sports, TTC)

- MCC bucket hat, reversible, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo outside and College House Family colours with House Family motto inside).
- The TTC brim hat with cord may be worn by TTC students.



Sports Uniform

- MCC House Family polo shirt (short or long sleeves).
- MCC sports shorts, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Track shoes with shoelaces (see Shoe Guide). Not skater or canvas shoes.
- MCC sports socks with embroidered MCC logo preferred, or white mid-crew or crew socks.

Winter Uniform Items

In addition to the uniform, students may wear:

- MCC jacket, zip front, midnight navy blue, microfibre (with embroidered MCC logo), or MCC fleecy jacket, midnight navy blue (with embroidered MCC logo).
- Year 12 students may wear the Senior jersey ordered at the end of Year 11.
- Plain white or light blue singlet or t-shirt under the formal uniform as long as the t-shirt sleeves do not extend beyond the sleeves of the uniform.
- MCC track pants, midnight navy blue, microfibre with embroidered MCC logo preferred or plain navy blue track pants may be worn over the sports shorts when dressed in sports uniform.
- Girls may wear navy blue tights or full-length navy blue leggings under their formal uniform.
- Boys may wear MCC track pants, midnight navy blue, microfibre with embroidered MCC logo preferred or plain navy blue track pants over their formal shorts.
- Boys may wear long midnight navy blue formal dress pants (not from the School Locker).



Shoes Guide

At MCC, acceptable formal uniform shoes should be traditional style, plain black hard leather, lace up school design, with an emphasis on plain (embossing or patterns in the leather is not recommended).

No Velcro strap (except Years 1 and 2), no joggers (including black leather joggers), no skaters, no decorated leather patterns, no flat soles/dance styles, no slip on shoes, no high top boot style, no deck shoes, no tags, no canvas shoes, no buckles, no straps, no suede.

Laces must be tied in a visible bow. Wearing these shoes is a requirement to participate in certain subject areas e.g. Science, Home Economics and Manual Arts.

Early Learning children wear Velcro strap shoes. No thongs or sandals are allowed.

Prep students wear closed in sports shoes with Velcro straps or shoelaces if the student knows how to tie them. No other footwear is allowed.

Years 1 and 2 students may wear Velcro strap formal shoes (NB: no straps or buckles e.g. Mary Jane shoes) **OR** if wearing laced shoes, they must know how to tie them. No other footwear is allowed.

Sports shoes (cross trainers) can be of any colour and must have shoelaces tied in a visible bow. No other footwear is allowed. Please consult the College if you have any concerns about the acceptability of shoes you intend to purchase as unacceptable shoes will need to be replaced.

Acceptable Footwear

Formal Shoes



Sports Shoes (Cross Trainers)



Unacceptable Footwear

Velcro strap formal shoes (except Years 1 and 2) 	Joggers 	Track shoes with Velcro straps (except Years 1 and 2) 	Skaters
Decorated leather patterns 	Flat sole/dance styles 	Slip on shoes 	High top boot style
Buckles, straps or Mary Jane style 	Deck shoes 	Tags 	Canvas shoes

Sports Carnival Dress Standards

For any of the MCC sports carnivals, students are invited to dress in their House Family colours.

Students are to wear:

- Sun safe, loose-fitting, polo shirt, t-shirt or modest shirt preferably with a collar, that does not advertise anything that contradicts the College values e.g. secular brands, violence, sexuality, alcohol or drugs.
- No high cut shorts.
- Sports shoes must be worn.
- College jewellery expectations apply.
- Brim hat e.g. the College bucket hat.

Dressing up in House Family colours for sports carnivals is encouraged but not compulsory and students may choose to wear their sports uniform if they prefer.

Students may use coloured hairspray and apply face paint in House Family colours for the Athletics Carnival and Cross Country events.

House Family wristbands and House Family tattoos are available for purchase from Reception.

For swimming carnivals, all swimwear must be of a modest nature i.e. one-piece swimsuit for girls and swim pants for boys. When not racing, students are required to be sun safe i.e. wear a rashie/t-shirt and/or shorts over their swimmers.

For the Cross Country and Athletics carnivals, competitors may wear a modest running singlet (no visible midriff) and sun visor/cap whilst competing. Skins or sports tights can only be worn under modest shorts.

Uniform Guidelines

Wearing the MCC uniform is compulsory. If a student is temporarily unable to wear the correct uniform, the student's parent/carer needs to send a note or email to the Head of Pastoral Care explaining why. The Head of Primary or the Head of Secondary has the final say with regards to uniform and appearance compliance. Students may be sent home for non-compliance.

These guidelines are meant to ensure that students do not focus on drawing unnecessary attention to themselves by their appearance. The focus within the College environment is on behaviour, work habits and attitude. The Uniform and Appearance Expectations must be strictly adhered to so that students can apply themselves to being creative, outstanding or unique in other areas of personal expression and development.

Students are expected to model dress standards appropriate to the College values and policies. All uniform items must be clean, fit appropriately and be in good repair. All items are to be clearly labelled with the student's name, particularly hats and jackets. Unlabelled lost items might be found in the Lost Property Box and will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

Uniforms should be worn completely and properly at all times, including before and after school. Students should either be in uniform or in non-uniform clothes outside school hours and not a combination of the two. Infringements out of school hours will be dealt with at school.

Hats

MCC has a No Hat, No Play policy for all outdoor activities. Students must have their hat with them every day of the school year. The wearing of the College hat is compulsory for all students from Early Learning to Year 12 for all outdoor activities and on school excursions. No hat is to be worn other than those available from the School Locker. Only the hat relevant to the student's year level may be worn.

Formal Uniform

Students should wear the full formal uniform every day. There are only four exceptions to this as stated below under the Sports, TTC, Events and Team uniform sections. Students may not wear a combination of uniforms at any time. Common uniform issues are incorrect socks or shoes or mixing sports and formal uniform items.

Sports Uniform

Sports uniform is to be worn to school on the days students have HPE, class sports, Agriculture, and if desired, on Chapel days. No combination of uniforms is acceptable.

TTC Uniform

Students undertaking Engineering or Construction must wear their TTC uniform on the days they have TTC for the full school day. If they have a HPE or sports lesson on a TTC day, they will need to change into their sports uniform for that lesson. They must wear the full sports uniform and not part of two different uniforms at the same time.

Events & Team Uniforms

Students may wear current MCC Event shirts on Chapel days such as F1 in Schools, MCC rugby shirts, TI Mission Trip, MCC Cattle Show Team, Palmer Shield, Year 6 or MCC Musical Production. etc. Please note: these shirts are to be worn on Chapel days only and students will be sent home to change if they are worn at other times.

College Jacket

No jacket, parka or coat other than the College jacket may be worn with the exception of the Senior jersey for students in Year 12 only. The Senior jersey is to be worn over the College shirt or blouse.

Personal Appearance

Personal appearance is of great importance to present students as well-groomed. This creates self-discipline and routine which contributes to their work habits in the future. These standards are meant to ensure that students do not focus on drawing unnecessary attention to themselves by their appearance. The focus within the College environment is on behaviour, work habits and attitude. The following hair and dress code guidelines must be strictly adhered to so that students can apply themselves to being creative, outstanding or unique in other areas of personal expression and development. No visible tattoos are allowed.

Hair

Hair is to be tidy and well-groomed and is not to draw attention or make a statement. Hair should be cut as to not fall across the eyes. The emphasis is placed on neat and tidy presentation.

Hair Guidelines

1. Hair should be evenly layered. Some minor variations are acceptable.
2. Where 'blades' are used to trim hair **NO CUT BELOW A NUMBER 3 BLADE on top and a NUMBER 2 BLADE on the side** is acceptable and the scalp should not be easily visible through the short section.
3. Unacceptable hair styles include, but are not limited to: tracks, mullets, mohawks, undercuts, wedge cuts (fades) or tails (horsey or rats) or designs that have been shaved into the hair.
4. Hair should be of **NATURAL COLOUR**. A 'NATURAL COLOUR' refers to a colour/rinse that is generally accepted as being a naturally occurring colour. It does not need to be the student's original hair colour.
5. Hair which is longer than the collar must be tied back.
6. Some specialty subjects may have additional safety requirements in relation to hair.
7. Any facial hair must be neatly groomed at all times.
8. Hair ties must match the school colours and not draw attention. They must fit comfortably under the student's hat. Hats need to fit appropriately while wearing hair accessories.

STUDENTS MAY BE SENT HOME and asked to alter unacceptable hairstyles before being allowed back to the College.

General Instructions

Sometimes it may be difficult for parents/carers to determine what hair styles may align with College expectations. Taking a copy of the MCC guidelines to the hairdresser may be a good idea.

The College will ask parents/carers to adjust students' hair styles where they do not comply with the above guidelines. An email will be sent home to parents/carers to advise of non-compliance. Parents/carers will be given five days to rectify unacceptable hair styles.

IN ALL CASES THE DECISION OF THE COLLEGE IS FINAL.

Jewellery

The main reasons for restricting jewellery are:

1. Safety when playing sports, or when working in the laboratory or workshops.
2. Security, since valuable items may be lost or stolen if they are brought to the College.
3. Encouraging an overall neat and tidy appearance when students are in uniform.
4. Training students to acknowledge industry standards for presentation.

Students wearing jewellery that is not permitted may have items confiscated by staff for collection from Primary Reception or Secondary RTLC at the end of the school day.

Girls' Jewellery

Girls may not wear any items of jewellery to the College except:

1. One flat plain silver or gold ring with no protruding stones or sculpted sections (maximum band width of 5mm).
2. No more than two matching gold or silver studs or sleepers of plain and simple design, in each ear, provided that the studs or sleepers are worn in the lower quarter of the ear lobe closest to the jaw line. Stud diameter is to be no wider than 4mm and sleeper diameter is to be no wider than 14mm. One small single gemstone of College or House Family colours is permitted for studs. Please see images below for approved styles.



3. One wristwatch. No smart watches or wearable technology.
4. One House Family wristband.

Boys' Jewellery

Boys may not wear any items of jewellery to the College except:

1. One wristwatch. No smart watches or wearable technology.
2. One House Family wristband.

Make-up

Students may wear only **clear** lip gloss. **No make-up** of any kind to be worn, including false eye lashes. Students wearing make-up to school will be asked to remove it immediately, unless an exemption has been approved prior by the Head of Primary or the Head of Secondary.

Coloured nail polish or fake nails are not permitted.

FREE DRESS DAY STANDARDS

Occasionally the College will organise Free Dress Days. Free Dress Days are not compulsory and students may choose to wear their usual College uniform if they prefer.

The following guidelines list acceptable free dress standards. Students who violate these standards will be sent home to change. The emphasis is on dressing modestly.

- Free dress attire needs to be sun safe if the day includes outdoor activities.
- Denim jeans, shorts and skirts are allowed, but need to be worn neatly and modestly.
- No high cut shorts.
- No visible cleavage.
- No midriffs or visible underwear.
- Leggings or sports tights can only be worn under shorts/skirts or dresses.
- Covered footwear.

Clothes that advertise anything that contradicts the College values e.g. secular brands, violence, sexuality, alcohol or drugs are not acceptable.

College jewellery expectations apply.

EXEMPTION/ADJUSTMENT TO UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

Parents/carers may request an exemption/adjustment to the uniform and appearance expectations for their child. Requests need to be submitted to the relevant Head of Pastoral Care, for consideration. In all cases, the decision of the relevant Head of School is final.