

It is the aim of the College to have students honour God. Students contribute to this in their personal presentation, dress and behaviour. Students wear a uniform to create unity and to identify themselves with the College and all that it represents. There are also issues of personal safety, peer group pressure, social background and even job preparation since many workplaces require employees to abide by dress regulations. High standards in uniform are expected and valued by the College. However, it is undesirable to commit an excessive amount of time and resources to enforcing this policy at the expense of our core business which is student-learning.

College Dress uniform must be worn correctly when **traveling to and from the College**, at the College and at College functions and excursions. The exception is Tuesdays, when students may travel in full PE/sports uniform. A combination of Dress and PE/sports uniform is not allowed at any time.

The summer uniform is worn during terms 1 and 4, the winter uniform in terms 2 and 3. **Wearing the College blazer is compulsory when traveling to and from the College, on Thursday, in Chapel and whenever in public (except when PE/Sports uniform is worn). The blazer should always be the outer layer of clothing. School jumpers can be worn underneath the blazer for added warmth.** Uniforms must be clean, neat, well fitted and in good condition. Underclothing must not be visible. Shirts are to be tucked in unless participating in a sporting activity. Skirts must be no shorter than the knee length. PE/sports uniform is required for all PE classes and sports activities. At the completion of a PE lesson, all students must change back into their Dress uniform. Students are not permitted to write on uniforms or get their uniform wet in water fights.

Uniform Shop

Uniform purchases will be available from the College Uniform shop, located in the Prospect International Seventh-day Adventist church premises, Ballville street, Prospect, adjoining the Prescott College property. The Uniform shop is open on Wednesdays during term time from 12:30pm to 4:00pm. Students may only make purchases during lunch or after school. At the beginning of the year and change of season, there will be additional uniform shop opening hours. These will be advertised via the College Newsletter.

Hair Styles

Hair is to be neat, clean and tidy. Hair colour is to be of a shade or tint that is similar to the student's natural colour. Highlighting, tints, dyes, etc may only be used if they complement and blend well with the student's natural hair colour. Make-up, hair colouring or styling that produces an artificial appearance or draws attention to the individual is not allowed. If there is any doubt, consult the College Administration before you have your hair coloured or styled. All students are to refrain from hairstyles that allow hair to drop down over their eyes and face. Extreme styles for girls and boys, as determined by Prescott college, are unacceptable. Therefore, students who are deemed to have an unacceptable hairstyle will be required to have their hairstyle altered to comply within a timeframe determined by the College Administration.

Male students

- Hair needs to be well groomed, worn off the bottom of the collar and no shorter than a number 3. Severe undercuts and razor cuts are not permitted.
- Hair should not fall across the eyes at any time.
- Long hair is to be fully tied back and up at all times.
- Facial hair is not permitted.
- Extreme or fad hair styles are not permitted.

Hair that is longer than the bottom of the collar must be tied up.

Female students

- Collar length or longer hair must be kept tied back. Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and should be white, royal blue, or black.
- Headscarves are only to be worn for religious reasons in a royal blue, white, navy or black colour.
- Hair should not fall across the eyes at any time.
- Fringes should not cover eyes, long strands of hair at side of face are not permitted.
- Extreme or fad hairstyles are not permitted.

Hat Policy

The College uniform hat, which can only be purchased from the Uniform shop, must be worn for all outdoor activities. All hats must be clearly and permanently named. Hats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4 at recess and lunchtime no matter whether undercover or not, and recommended in terms 2 and 3. Hats are compulsory all year for sport and PE activities. If a headscarf is worn for religious reasons the hat policy still applies. Hats are

not to be worn while attending Assembly, chapel or regular classes, except PE.

Protective Clothing

Protective clothing is required in Art, Design & technology (including earplugs and safety glasses) and Food and Hospitality classes. Please ensure that all articles are marked with the student's name.

Sport Carnival Days – only regulation PE/sports uniform items of clothing are allowed to be worn.

Swim Wear

The principle of modesty needs to be carefully noted. Girls must wear a rashie and board shorts over a two piece swimsuit or bikini. A rashie is an optional extra over a one piece swimsuit. Boys must ensure their boxer shorts/underwear does not show above their board shorts. No t-shirts are to be worn wet in or out of the pool at any time.

Jewellery

Jewellery, including bracelets, chains, earrings and rings, are not part of College uniform and should not be worn by either girls or boys. Any body piercing must be done during school holidays to enable healing to take place and the jewellery to be removed before school recommences. Unhealed body piercing will not be accepted as an excuse to wear jewellery. Jewellery will be confiscated and placed in a sealed envelope labelled with its release date. It will be held for eight weeks. Visible tattoos or body piercing including tongue piercing, are not acceptable. Plastic keepers can be worn in the ear lobe in place of one set of earrings only. No other plastic keepers can be used for other piercings.

Make- up - If worn, must be applied in such a way as to appear discrete and natural.

Nail Polish - only clear nail polish is acceptable.

Dress Shoes

Must comply with the following standards:

- a minimum of 3 pairs of eyelets, black laces (no velcro), plain uppers, closed toe and heel.

- Capable of being polished.
- No oiled or nappa finish, no suede, no contrast stitching or logos, soles maximum 2 cm depth.
- No brogues, boots, sneakers or skate shoes.
- No brand name stitching or logos of any kind.

Mufti Clothing

Clothing chosen for Mufti days while being casual, must also be neat, tidy and appropriate for a Christian college. Skimpy clothing such as midriff tops, singlets, or clothes, which expose the body are unacceptable. Mufti does not negate College rules concerning jewellery, acceptable grooming (e.g. long hair to be tied up) and proper foot wear which needs to envelop and protect the feet. Heeled shoes more than 2cm are not appropriate to be worn. Thongs or other open toed shoes of any kind cannot be worn at any time. As a general guideline, choose clothes so that they cover your body to at least the same extent as your summer uniform. If you have sport or PE on a mufti day, then you will need to wear suitable clothing for sporting activities or bring along your sports uniform to change into.

Year 12 Leavers Jumper

Students in Year 12 have the opportunity to purchase a Year 12 Jumper. This can be worn at any time when PE/sports uniform is worn, as well as on the Year 12 trip. It cannot be worn with the College Dress uniform at any time, including to and from school.

Incorrect Uniform

If a student is unable to wear correct uniform, a note of explanation must be given, and clearly signed by the parent/guardian. The note should clearly state which item of uniform is unavailable and when the student will be in correct uniform again. Jeans are not allowed to be worn in place of the College uniform. Students out of uniform must report to the Front office before school to obtain a uniform pass. Uniform passes must be worn so that they can be easily viewed by a teacher.

Just as uniform is compulsory for many occupations, so it is for school. Students are only allowed 3 uniform exemption passes per term (with or without notes). When a student reaches 3 passes parents will be notified. When a student reaches 4 passes parents will be notified and that may result in the student spending time in the Focus room doing his/her schoolwork, rather than being sent home. Exceptions will be made where there are extenuating circumstances. Every effort should be made to

ensure that uniform items are available to be worn. If students must come out of uniform, only the item that is not available should be substituted. Non-uniform items should be as close to the original as possible, being neat, modest and not drawing attention to the wearer. Any time a student is at the College and not in class (such as exam time), they are expected to wear full College Dress uniform. Failure to do so may require them to return home.