SECONDARY Uniform Policy

It should be understood that it is not the responsibility of the Parklands Christian College staff to dress students or check uniform. We firmly believe that parents are responsible for their children’s attire and compliance to the College uniform policy contained herein. Parents must release students into the care of College staff ensuring their child or children are in full and correct uniform, regardless of age.

Students are required to wear the appropriate uniform at all times. However, should extenuating circumstances arise which may result in an infringement/breach of the uniform policy, communication via a note, email or phone call with the college outlining rectification action and time frame must be supplied. Uniform clothing must be worn not only on school days but also to official school functions and sporting events. The only exceptions to this regulation are:

- if a special announcement is made
- if a student travels to and from a sporting event by car, then sportswear may be worn

Parents will not be notified if they have communicated an explanation via a note, email or phone call for the uniform infringement.

Please contact: uniformpass@parklands.qld.edu.au or 3380 4200

Girls summer academic uniform:

- Middle School grade 7 – 9. Blouse with light blue/navy ties, pleated skirt below the knee length, white/blue/red stripe socks with black leather upper academic shoes. Academic hat.
- Senior School grade 10 -12. Blouse with red and navy ties, pleated skirt below the knee length, white/blue/red stripe socks with black leather upper academic shoes. Academic hat.

Girls winter academic uniform:

- Middle School grade 7 – 9. Blouse with light blue/navy ties, with navy academic jumper. Pleated skirt below the knee length. Navy or black stockings may be worn instead of socks with black leather upper academic shoes. Academic hat.
- Senior School grade 10 -12. Blouse with red and navy ties. Blazer jacket, the academic navy jumper may be worn underneath blazer for warmth, and pleated skirt below the knee length. Navy or black stockings may be worn instead of socks with black leather upper academic shoes. Academic hat.

Boys summer academic uniform:


Boys winter academic uniform:

ACADEMIC SHOES
- Academic shoes are to be plain black academic, upper leather.
- Open top shoes are not permitted.
- Leather upper shoes should not be suede and have black laces where appropriate.
- Skate shoes, Dunlop Volleys, Converse, Vans, casual footwear and alike are not sufficient.

SPORT SHOES
- Sports shoes are to be upper leather, cross trainers, which provide support during active play.
- Leather upper cross trainers should not be suede and have black laces where appropriate.
- Skate shoes, Dunlop Volleys, Converse, Vans, casual footwear and alike are not sufficient.
- There should be no or minimal mesh sections on sports shoes.

Track shoes
- Track shoes with spikes are permitted for use only after permission is granted by the sports department. Permission must be sought in writing by parents from Mr Josh Leembruggen, email: jleembruggen@parklands.qld.edu.au. The wearing of these shoes is limited to use during the specific practical lesson only.

Sport Specific Shoes
- Subject specific shoes for HPE lessons such as basketball or soccer are permitted for use only after permission is granted by the sports department. Permission must be sought in writing by parents from Mr Josh Leembruggen, email: jleembruggen@parklands.qld.edu.au. The wearing of these shoes is limited to use during the specific practical lesson only.

Important Safety requirement for Sport Shoes: Due to college safety requirements any student who does not have upper-leather sport shoes is require to wear their academic shoes with their sport uniform for all classes. Your child can change into their inappropriate sport shoes ONLY for practical sport lessons until they can be adequately replaced.

GROOMING
Clothes must be kept clean and pressed; shoes should be polished and academic and sporting hats must be kept in shape. All items can and must be purchased at the college uniform shop with the exception of the academic and sports shoes and navy belt.

Haircuts must be neat, tidy and conservative: extreme styles will not be tolerated.

- **Girls** hair must be off the face and of a natural appearance or colour.
- Fringes are to be above the brow line.
- Hair must be secured by pins, hair ties, head bands or clips.
- Alternate colours and extreme styles are not permitted.
- Subtle streaks may be permitted that blend in with the natural hair colour.

- **Boys** hair must be off the face and collar and of a natural appearance or colour.
- Cut to a minimum blade of 2.
- Faces should be free of facial hair and kept cleanly shaven.
- Alternate colours and extreme styles are not permitted.
- Subtle streaks may be permitted that blend in with the natural hair colour.

Our Values are CLEAR,
Christlikeness-Learning-Excellence-Attitude-Respect
Jewellery
- Girls may wear only one plain gold or silver stud (round or square ONLY) or sleeper in the lower lobe of each ear.
- Small pearl or gem stone studs (round or square ONLY) are permitted.
- Students may wear a wrist watch where the wrist band does not exceed the width of the watch face.
- No jewellery other than approved badges is permitted.

Non-uniform accessories
- Tattoos and other foreign body markings are not permitted.
- Nail polish and make-up are not permitted.
- Nail extensions of no more than three millimetres (3mm) permitted and of natural appearance.
- No visible facial piercings are permitted. Students with these piercings must use clear plastic studs that do not draw attention to the piercing.

Labelling
- All uniform items must be labelled in multiple locations.
- It is advisable to use a range of different labelling methods.
- Labelling should not be visible from the outside of the garment or hat.

SUN SAFETY
In response to current medical advice, Parklands Christian College encourages students to remain out of the direct sun when and wherever possible. When activities must take place outdoors we will encourage our students to protect themselves from the harmful UV sunrays in the following ways:

Hats
- Students must wear their PCC sports cap or bucket hat when participating in outside sport and other outdoor activities. *No hat means no play.*
- Students should keep their sports cap or bucket hat in their bags so it can be accessed when playing sport in academic uniform.
- The broad brimmed academic hats are to be kept in a neat and rigid shape and worn with academic uniform.

Sunglasses
- Students are allowed to wear sunglasses to protect their eyes from harmful UV radiation while participating in outdoor activities (when safe and appropriate to do so.) Fashion sunglasses with minimal UV rating are not permitted.

Sunscreen
- Students should ensure that they have adequate supplies of maximum protection sunscreen for school activities that occur outdoors. This is particularly important in situations where the nature of the activity (fast running, swimming and similar activities) may prevent the practical wearing of a hat. In addition, the Physical Education Specialist has sunscreen available.

Sports Skins (Compression clothing)
- Sports skins - shorts and shirts are permitted in navy blue or black in conjunction with sports uniform only.
BIKE RIDING
The following information outlines the uniform expectations for students riding their bikes to and from school:

- Students are permitted to wear non-identifying Parklands clothes provided that the student changes into their school uniform within a reasonable timeframe after arriving on the school grounds.
- Students are permitted to use a non-identifying Parklands bag provided that the student keeps their school bag in their locker and uses their school bag during school hours.
- Students are expected to wear their helmet when riding their bike to and from school at all times and including whilst in the school car park.
- Students are encouraged to leave their academic school hat in their locker or in the RTC for safe keeping during after school hours.
- *Parklands Christian College does not take responsibility for students riding their bike to and from school. Parents are required to ensure that their child understands road and sun safety and applies these when riding their bike.*

FOLLOW UP PROCEDURES
The Principal, and Head of School reserves the right to suspend externally (at home) or internally (at school) any student not complying with Parklands Christian College uniform standards as outlined in this document or implied in accordance with our College Values and codes of conduct. However, generally the following procedure will be followed unless the infringement is deemed extreme, obscene, offensive, or repetitive.

- Students are encouraged to attend RTC before 8.30am to be allocated a uniform pass if they are in the incorrect uniform items.
- If a student does not collect a uniform pass before 8.30 staff will speak with the student and refer them to RTC to be allocated a uniform pass relating to the inappropriate uniform standard for the remainder of that day. In addition students will be required to complete a uniform write-out during their break time to help them remember the uniform policy so future incidents do not occur.
- Unless a note is provided parents will be notified either by email or phone to advise them of the uniform infringement if a note explaining the uniform infringement is not provided.
- Students failing to bring a note of explanation may be either withdrawn or receive a consequence at the discretion of a Head of Schools.
- Parents are asked to help support us by rectifying the uniform standard within five (5) days. If the inappropriate item is jewellery then the offending item will be removed and (if applicable) will need to be collected by the parent from Student Services.
- Further infringements after this five (5) day grace period will constitute direct disobedience and may result in a behaviour management issue in accordance with the RTP procedure and at the discretion of the Heads of School or Principal.

LOST AND FOUND
*Parklands Christian College does not take responsibility for the loss of any item of uniform or personal accessory (such as watch, earrings). These items are the responsibility of the student; as such, valuable items should not be brought to school.*

If a uniform item is lost students are encouraged to take the following steps:

1. Look for the item where they last remember having it; their bag rack; at student services and the RTC.
2. Inform the RTC and their parents that the item is lost.
3. Ask their form teacher to request that all students check their own possessions for the item (ie. Check names in hat).
4. Students are to negotiate with the RTC a reasonable timeframe for replacing the item; a uniform pass will be provided to the student and an alternate item may be approved.
5. Once students have found or replaced the uniform item check that their name is clearly marked on the item and if not rectify the issue.