



LONA
COLLEGE
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UNIFORM POLICY



Iona College's approach to uniform is contemporary and dynamic where students are empowered to make choices about their attire, reflecting their individuality and comfort whilst fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility. Our uniform policy encourages students to select their daily uniform, promoting freedom of expression and encouraging movement throughout the school day. The exception to this rule is on important events (as directed by the College), students must wear their 'complete formal' uniform ensuring a respectful and cohesive atmosphere befitting the occasion.

We designate our uniform options as 'formal' and 'sport' uniforms, avoiding the traditional 'summer' and 'winter' labels. Students have the agency to choose their daily uniform from this selection. While they are free to decide between the formal and sport uniforms on any given day, there are occasions when specific attire is compulsory. For instance, during events like our Opening School Mass, all students are expected to don the 'formal' uniform. Conversely for scheduled Physical Education classes the 'sport' uniform is required. All students must maintain both sets of uniform to ensure readiness for any occasion.

Please be advised that a reminder or flag may be issued for breaches of the uniform policy

Formal Uniform



Option One

- Short sleeve lona shirt worn with formal shorts or
- Short or long sleeve lona shirt worn with trousers
- College grey crew socks
- Leather lace up or T-bar school shoes
- College tie
- College blazer
- College jumper (optional)



Option Two

- Short or long sleeve blouse
- Pleat skirt (knee length)
- Grey tights or formal grey socks
- Leather lace up or T-bar school shoes
- College tie
- College blazer
- College jumper (optional)



Option Three

- College dress
- Grey tights or College grey crew socks
- Leather lace up or T-bar school shoes
- College blazer
- College jumper (optional)



Requirement

- All students must possess a set of formal uniform, which includes the College blazer.

Blazer Usage

- There is no obligation for students to wear the blazer to and from school, however the blazer must be worn as the outer garment for formal school occasions.

Optional Items

- Whilst not mandatory, it's recommended that students acquire a college wool blend jumper for added warmth. This jumper is considered part of the formal uniform.
- Students are permitted to wear the College 'puffa' jacket over the formal uniform, but not over the blazer during formal occasions.

Tie

- It is preferred that the tie be worn with a long-sleeved shirt/pants or skirt combination. It is **compulsory** on designated formal days with both the long and short-sleeved combinations. On non designated formal days, students opting for the short-sleeved shirt are exempt from wearing the tie.

Socks and Tights

- School uniform socks, specifically the College grey crew socks or tights, must be worn as appropriate with the formal uniform.

Shirt and Pants Combination

- Please note the matching of the short-sleeved shirt with shorts and the long-sleeved shirt with trousers is **compulsory**. Students may wear a short-sleeve shirt with either shorts or trousers. For formal occasions, when a tie is worn, both short and long-sleeve shirts must be tucked in. However, the short-sleeve shirt does not need to be tucked in when worn with shorts, without a tie or blazer.

Dress and Skirt Combination

- Students have the choice of wearing the dress or a short-sleeved blouse / skirts combination, or they can opt for a long-sleeved shirt with tailored pants or a knee pleat skirt. Dresses and skirts are to be knee-length.



Footwear

Formal Shoe Requirements

- Formal shoes are expected to be leather lace-up shoes or T-bar style. It's imperative that shoes are properly buckled or laced up.

Example of Acceptable Formal Shoes

Black Lace Up School Shoe

Black T-Bar School Shoe



Unacceptable Formal Shoe Types

- Shoes with flat soles, runners, casual, street or skate shoes regardless of colour (even if they are black) are not permitted.



Brands Clarification

Certain brands like Dr. Marten boots, Volley, Globe, DC, Element, Nike, Adidas amongst others may market products as 'school shoes', however it is important to note that these do not meet our formal shoe criteria.

Dress Code Enforcement

Mixing and matching formal and sports uniforms is not permitted. It's expected that all students adhere to the formal College uniform guidelines accurately.

Please be advised that a reminder/flag may be issued for breaches of the uniform policy.

Sport Uniform

Option One

- Short Sleeve Iona College Polo Shirt
- Iona College shorts
- Iona College white sports socks

Students may opt to wear the Iona College rugby jumper (Junior or Senior) and / or “puffa jacket”

Option Two

- Short Sleeve Iona College Polo Shirt
- Iona College tracksuit pants
- Iona College white sports socks

Students may opt to wear the Iona College rugby jumper (Junior or Senior) and / or “puffa jacket”

Students may not wear a long sleeve top of any colour top under their short sleeve polo.



Rugby Jumper

- Years 7-9 are required to wear the Junior purple rugby jumper.
- Years 10-12 are required to wear the Senior grey rugby jumper.

Polo Shirt Requirement

- The College polo, either long-sleeved or short-sleeved, is a required component of the sports uniform and must be worn at all times when the sports uniform is required.
- Students may **not** wear a long sleeve top of **any** colour under their short sleeve polo.

Bottom Options

- Students have the choice between the College shorts and tracksuit pants as part of their sport uniform.
- Shorts should be of appropriate length and fit for a school and activity setting.

Socks

- When wearing the sports uniform students must wear school white sports socks.

Additional Attire

- Students may opt to wear the College (Junior or Senior) rugby jumper and / or the “puffa” jacket for added warmth during sports activities.
- The “puffa jacket” is not to be worn over the blazer during formal occasions.
- The Year 12 jumper can be worn during the Year 12 academic year, but not during formal occasions.

Footwear

- Sports / athletic runners with laces are a prerequisite ensuring proper support during high-intensity exercise to minimize the risk of injury or long-term damage.

Unacceptable footwear

- Shoes with flat soles, slip-ons or skate shoes such as Converse or Vans are not permitted. (Please refer to unacceptable shoe types for examples)

Jewellery

Please note: students may wear up to two plain earrings in the lower lobe. Any other piercings will need to be removed.

Earrings

- Plain silver or gold sleepers or stud earrings are permitted. Studs that are 5.0mm or smaller are acceptable.
- Small crosses or diamonds on the earring are also acceptable.
- A maximum of two earrings are allowed in the lower lobe only
- Clear spaces/ plugs/ stretchers are not permitted.

Acceptable Earrings



Unacceptable Earrings



Studs that are larger than 5.0mm are unacceptable.

Nose rings

- Nose rings are not permitted.
- The use of tape over any piercing is not permitted.
- Clear spaces are not permitted.

Bracelets, rings and necklaces

- Bracelets, rings and necklaces are not permitted.

Miscellaneous Uniform Guidelines

Hair

- All hair must be tied back and kept off the shoulders for all occasions, in line with the College's standards and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements.
- Distinct patterns, including long dreadlocks and shave patterns are not permitted. There should not be a significant contrast between long and short shaved hair.
- Haircuts should not be shorter than a Number 1, unless for medical reasons.
- Hair colour should be kept natural – extreme styles and colours are not permitted.
- Hair ribbons in the Iona College colours are permitted.
- **The College reserves the right to ask students to adjust hair styles deemed unsuitable.**

Facial Hair

- Neat and well-groomed (regularly trimmed and maintained) facial hair is permitted, ensuring it does not distract from the learning environment.
- Extreme styles or unconventional grooming are not permitted.
- Hygiene practices must be maintained at all times.

The College Principal holds the authority to determine the appropriateness of facial hair.

Make up, Eyelashes and Nails

- Obvious make-up or self-tanning is not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Fake eyelashes are not permitted.
- Students will be directed to remove excessive make up or coloured nail polish using College supplies, upon their arrival at school.

Bag

- Only the College backpack is permitted.

Hats / Beanies

- Hats (bucket, cap or beanies) are not to be worn in classrooms.
- When the UV rating is 3 and higher, students are encouraged to wear the College hat (bucket or cap) during breaks 1 and 2 (generally occurring in Terms 1 and 4).
- Students are required to wear the College hat (bucket or cap) for HPE/ Outdoor Ed/ Camps and College sporting events during Terms 1 and 4.

Tattoos

- Parents/carers are reminded that young people under the age of 18 cannot receive a tattoo without parental permission. It is important that parents/carers carefully consider the decision to get a tattoo as it is a permanent body modification. Tattoos must not be visible when students are in school uniform or representing the College at events and activities.

Scarves

- Scarves are only permitted with long sleeved garments and should not be worn during classes or on formal occasions. no cellular watches

Miscellaneous Uniform Guidelines cont'd

Smart Watches

- The wearing of a cellular-enabled smart watch is not allowed and other smart watches (e.g. GPS-only) are also highly discouraged to be worn by students.

Definition of a Cellular-enabled and a GPS-only smart watch

A Cellular-enabled watch adds a mobile data connection (with a carrier plan), allowing it to function independently of your phone for these tasks, acting like a mini-phone on your wrist. A GPS-only watch requires your paired iPhone to be nearby to make calls, send texts, receive notifications, and stream music, connecting via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi.



Cellular-enabled watch



GPS-only watch

It is essential to acknowledge that this uniform policy will undergo periodic review and updates. Additionally, the Principal retains the authority to make determinations regarding the Iona College uniform policy, with the possibility of delegation to other leadership members.



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Our community of Iona College, acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and learn. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future. We recognise their continuing connection to Country, waters, culture and community.

