

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

The College believes that the school uniform is an important part of the school's identity, and that students should wear it with pride and distinction.

The following policy statements apply:

- All students of Mercedes College are required to wear the approved school uniform to school and school events
- All students of Mercedes College are expected to show pride in themselves and their school by meeting requirements relating to grooming and presentation.

Parents are asked to support the College Uniform Policy by ensuring that their child (children) has the required uniform, and that they wear the uniform neatly and correctly. The Mercedes College Uniform Policy is endorsed by the College Council and enforced by the Principal, Heads of Schools and teaching staff.

Agreement to adhere to the College Uniform Policy is a condition of enrolment.

### **Uniform Suppliers**

- **The College Shop**  
Phone: 8372 3229  
Map reference F4
- **Second Hand Uniform Shop**  
The Parents and Friends Association operates a second hand clothing service, located upstairs in Strathspey. This is available every Tuesday morning from 8:30am-10:30am.

### **Grooming and Presentation**

Students are expected to present themselves in their school uniform in a neat, smart and well-groomed way. Clothing is to be clean, well pressed and in a good state of repair. The following guidelines are set:

#### **Hair**

In order to keep hair neat and tidy the following will apply:

- Hair is to be natural in colour and style
- Hair is to be well groomed and off the face
- Girls' hair is to be tied back if longer than shoulder length
- Ribbons, elastic and headbands are to be plain dark green or College fabric only
- Hair clips are to be tortoiseshell or dark green only
- Boys' hair is to be off the collar and no shorter than a No. 2 cut
- Hair products, such as gel, are only to be used to assist with natural styling and care
- Boys need to be clean shaven
- Boys' side burns cannot be lower than the ear lobe.

### **Jewellery**

- Watches are to be conservative in both colour and style
- Girls' earrings are to be either plain sleepers or studs in gold or silver – one in each earlobe only
- A fine gold or silver chain may be worn, but only if it carries a small religious symbol
- No other jewellery is permitted, except that Year 12 students may wear one plain ring.

### **Make-up and Nail Polish**

Students are not permitted to wear make-up, face glitter or nail polish to school.

### **Uniform Presentation**

- The school blazer is to be worn as the outer garment in winter and summer outside the College. This applies regardless of the mode of transport to and from school
- The Mercedes College approved school bag is compulsory
- Winter gloves and scarves are to be plain dark green only
- Girls skirts and dresses are to be mid-calf length
- Shirts are to be tucked in
- Ties are to cover the top button (done up) on the shirt collar
- Blazer OR jumper can be worn in summer
- Belts must be worn.

### **What to Wear and When: PE/Sport**

Students may wear the PE uniform all day on occasions when they have PE lessons. However, all items of attire must be in accordance with the uniform policy and must be clean and neat.

Where students have a training session before or after school, they must ensure they are in school uniform during lesson time. Change times are before morning administration or after afternoon administration.

Students must wear the College PE uniform for all training. It is acceptable for a student who has training both before and after school on the same day to wear their PE uniform all day. It must be noted though, that the College PE uniform is only to be worn for official College training.

During occasions when assemblies of a formal nature fall on the day of a PE lesson, students must ensure they attend the assembly in their full formal uniform.

### **PE/Sports Uniforms**

Sporting clothing is only available from The College Shop, as this complies with College colour and style. All students must have the approved PE uniform, including the Mercedes school cap.

Sports shoes must be predominantly white, low cut; very little colour is allowed. Skate shoes are not permitted.

Socks must be Mercedes College sports/PE socks.

### **Tracksuit Requirements**

All students playing school sport in Terms 2 & 3 (winter sports) must wear the Mercedes College tracksuit. Students playing sport in Terms 1 & 4 (summer sports) must wear the tracksuit if requiring an outer garment.

The polar fleece windcheater is not to be worn as the outer garment for any representative team.

### **Physical Education Uniform**

#### **R-12**

#### **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College dark green shorts

Mercedes College PE top

Mercedes College polar fleece windcheater (optional)

Mercedes College track pants

Mercedes College PE socks

Mercedes College tracksuit jacket (optional)

Mercedes College sports cap (compulsory)

Predominantly white shoes with non-marking soles

Students must have either the polar fleece wind cheater or tracksuit jacket

School blazer and jumper are not to be worn with PE uniform

### **Sports Uniforms**

#### **Athletics R-Year 7**

**Boys & Girls**

Approved PE uniform

#### **Athletics Years 8-12**

**Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College athletic singlet

Field events: PE shorts

Track events: dark green bike pants, athletics shorts, Mercedes College PE socks

Mercedes College sports cap

Mercedes College tracksuit

#### **Basketball Years 3-12**

**Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College basketball uniform

Basketball boots or track shoes – predominantly white

Mercedes College tracksuit jacket and tracksuit pants, Mercedes College PE socks

#### **Cricket Years 3-4**

**Boys**

Mercedes PE uniform

Kanga Cricket Years 2-3

**Boys &**

Girls

#### **Cricket Years 4-7**

White shorts or long pants  
White Mercedes cricket shirt, ¾ sleeve  
White footwear  
Mercedes College sports cap or wide brimmed white hat

**Cricket Years 11-12** **Boys**

Long white trousers  
White Mercedes College cricket shirt, ¾ sleeve  
White footwear  
Mercedes College sports tracksuit jacket  
Mercedes College sports cap or wide brimmed white hat

**Cross Country Years 3-7** **Boys & Girls**

PE uniform  
Approved dark green bike pants may be worn – available only through The College Shop  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Cross Country Years 8-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College athletics uniform  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Football Years 3-12** **Boys**

Mercedes College guernsey  
Mercedes College football shorts  
Mercedes College football socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit  
Football boots

**Hockey Years 4-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College PE shorts  
Mercedes College PE top  
Green and gold socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Netball Years 3-7** **Girls**

Mercedes PE shirt  
Mercedes netball skirt  
Black/dark green sports briefs  
Mercedes College PE socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Netball Years 8-12** **Girls**

Mercedes netball uniform  
Black/dark green sports briefs  
Mercedes College PE socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Sailing Years 6-12** **Boys & Girls**

PE uniform is to be worn to and from the venue

**Soccer Years 3-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College soccer top  
Mercedes College soccer shorts  
Mercedes College green and gold socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit  
Soccer boots

**Softball Years 3-7** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College PE uniform

**Softball Years 8-12** **Girls**

Mercedes College softball top  
Mercedes College softball shorts  
Mercedes College softball socks  
Mercedes College cap  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Swimming Years 3-7** **Boys & Girls**

Bathers – not two-piece or long bathers  
Mercedes College PE uniform

**Swimming Years 8-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College bathers  
Mercedes College PE uniform  
Mercedes College gold swimming cap

**Table Tennis Years 8-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College PE top and shorts  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Tennis Years 3-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College tennis shirt  
Mercedes College PE shorts  
Mercedes College sports cap  
Mercedes College tracksuit  
Shoes – predominantly white with non-marking soles  
Mercedes College PE Socks

**Volleyball Years 8-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College volleyball top  
Mercedes College volleyball shorts  
Mercedes College PE socks  
Mercedes College tracksuit

**Beach Volleyball Years 8-12** **Girls**

Mercedes College PE shirt  
Mercedes College PE shorts  
Mercedes College PE socks

**Water Polo Years 8-12** **Boys & Girls**

Mercedes College bathers  
Mercedes College PE uniform