

UNIFORM POLICY

Marrara Christian College is a learning community where parents and staff partner together. Students are nurtured through a loving, biblically-based school curriculum and structure to build their faith, character and desire to serve.

PREAMBLE

The Uniform Policy is based on a response to the God-given injunction to build community, present ourselves in an appropriate wholesome way and to be good stewards with the resources that God has given us. Staff work closely with students and their parents, explaining and enforcing this policy.

Uniforms were chosen by the college community because they:

- ✓ reduce peer pressure
- ✓ are a visual expression of students belonging to Marrara
- ✓ are cost effective
- ✓ promote modesty as a norm
- ✓ are an expected part of Australian non-government school culture
- ✓ give students an opportunity to individually choose to accept the authority of the college and be part of the college student community

This policy is supported by the NT Christian Schools' Sun Safety Guidelines and the Marrara Christian College Uniform Code.

POLICY

Full school uniform must be worn every day unless parents and students are notified otherwise by the college (eg a free dress day, camps and curriculum related theme dress days).

Full school uniform is required on all excursions unless the excursion note specifically states other apparel.

If a student is not able to be in full school uniform for some reason they should carry a note from their parent or guardian explaining:

- the reason why they are not in full uniform; and,
- when they will be expected to be back in full uniform.

Students who present at the college out of uniform and without a note are failing to follow reasonable instructions of college staff and will experience the consequences of that behaviour.

SCOPE

The policy applies to all students, staff and parents/guardians on Marrara Christian College campus.

PROCEDURES

How we encourage adherence to the Uniform Code

- ✓ Staff thank students for their compliance
- ✓ Consistent enforcement
- ✓ Clear communication to parents about expectations
- ✓ Encouraging students to honour the Lord in the little things
- ✓ Explaining how uniform compliance is a small reflection of compliance to authority in life
- ✓ By seeking the help and support of students
- ✓ By seeking the help and support of parents

How we discourage students from being out-of-uniform

First Line of Enforcement

Teachers will check students for adherence to the Uniform Code at every lesson. This is especially important for the roll-call teacher. Teachers are to discuss with students the expected dress code and request they comply.

Consequence of non-compliance:

- Primary direct communication with parents by classroom teacher
- Middle direct communication with parents by PCG/subject teacher
- Senior direct communication with parents by PCG teacher

Heads of School are to support staff by carrying out spot checks.

Second Line of Enforcement (Continuing Non-compliance)

- Primary Escalation to Head of School. Continued communication with parents and suspension of privileges for student
- Middle Policy detentions are held at designated lunchtimes during the week. Continued communication with parents
- Senior Policy detentions are held at designated lunchtimes during the week. Continued communication with parents

Continued Non-Compliance

- Continuing to attend college out-of-uniform without explanation is a serious issue. Such behaviour reflects a failure to follow reasonable instructions of college staff. This behaviour may result in an external suspension. Senior School students may be sent home once parents have been informed. Middle and Primary students may be given an internal suspension on the day followed by the external suspension.
- If an external suspension is given, students will be required to participate in the re-entry process.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The College Leadership Team is responsible for:

- ✓ Widely promoting the policy to the Marrara community, especially new staff, new students and their parents
- ✓ Encouraging and supporting staff in the implementation of the policy
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluating the policy every two years to assess progress on implementing objectives and action plans

Staff are responsible for:

- ✓ Being familiar with the policy and their role in implementing it

Parents are responsible for:

- ✓ Being familiar with and supporting the policy
- ✓ Ensuring that their children are supplied with the appropriate uniform
- ✓ Supplying their children with a note if necessary

Students are responsible for:

- ✓ Being familiar with the policy and complying with its requirements

REVIEW

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