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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

We write to you regarding our concerns about the way the school uniform is currently being worn by students. In particular we have concerns about the length of the school skirt. Hem lines have crept up and there are a significant number of students whose skirt hem sits significantly above the required knee length. The uniform requirements are very clearly set out each year for students and despite reminders and warnings students continue to roll skirts up at the waist or are stitching hems up considerably.

We are writing to ask for your support in checking the length of your daughter’s skirt and to speak with her about keeping the hem at the appropriate length. Our uniform shop is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am to 1.30pm and there has been ample opportunity for students to be proactive about being in the correct uniform.

If skirt lengths continue to be of an inappropriate length, or if students are out of uniform for other reasons, they will be sent home until the matter can be rectified. Obviously this is not our preferred option, however it is important that students represent the school community in the best way possible, while here and outside of the school, and wearing the uniform as specified is one way that this occurs.

The uniform requirements are attached again for your reference. We thank you in anticipation of your support and if you have any issues or concerns please contact your daughter’s homeroom teacher or Year Level Leader.

Yours sincerely

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THE COLLEGE UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Marian College students are to wear the approved uniform. Because the uniform advertises the College, it is essential that it is worn with respect. Parents will be contacted and students will be removed from class and sent home to change if they are not in correct school uniform. Parents will be contacted to assist in providing the correct uniform or collecting their daughters.

1. Correct and full uniform is to be worn to and from school. If students choose to wear their school uniform in public on other occasions, eg. after school, it is to be worn as the complete uniform and students will adhere to the College expectations. On sports days, or at the specific request of staff, students may come in FULL sports uniform. (On other days runners may be worn for lunchtime activities only but are not to be worn in class nor to and from school.)

2. **All students are to wear the College blazer to and from school every day.** On hot days, wearing of the blazer home will be at the discretion of the College. Jumpers are **not** to be worn as the outer garment to and from school.

3. No garment other than those stated in uniform requirements are to be visible, e.g. T-shirts worn under dresses and shirts, socks beneath or over stockings and no leggings. No item of the sports uniform is to be worn with the Marian summer or winter uniform.

4. **The summer dress and the winter skirt are to be at knee length.**

5. School socks are to be white. Knee length. Blue tights (as per the uniform supplier) are **ONLY** to be worn with the winter uniform and are to be free of holes, ladders or visible rips. Stockings or pantyhose are not acceptable.

6. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Blazers, school jumpers, rugby tops and sports jackets are not to be worn around the waist.

7. School tie needs to be worn correctly and not tucked into the winter school skirt.

8. **In keeping with best practice in Work, Health and Safety, school shoes are to be polishable black lace up ONLY. No ballet type shoes or t-bars.**

9. Students in all year levels may wear the full sports uniform only on days designated by the Health and PE teacher for which they are timetabled to participate in **practical** Physical Education classes.

10. Sports runners are to be appropriate supportive footwear with laces only. **Light canvas slip-ons such as volleys or vans are not acceptable.**

11. **If a student in Year 7 – 12 does not have full and correct sports uniform they are to wear their full school uniform to school and change into their alternative sports uniform for physical education classes only. The sports uniform is not to be worn to school if students are not participating in a practical physical education class. When wearing the sports uniform the rugby top/spray jacket is considered the outer garment.**

12. The College polo shirt, rugby top and sports jacket are the only tops permitted when students are required to wear their physical education uniform. All items of clothing other than these specified, for example: skivvies and windcheater, are not permitted to be worn.

13. **The only jewellery permitted is** one pair of plain/small piercing studs or sleepers, in silver or gold and the size of a 5 cent piece in each ear lobe, a simple watch, and/or medical alert identification. **No other jewellery, (including body piercing or clear inserts) is permitted. Use of band-aids, plug or other cover for piercing is not acceptable.**
14. Hair is to be neatly groomed and appropriate to the wearing of a uniform. **Hair must be tied back**, the accessory used must be blue or cherry red in colour, as per College regulations. Unusual fashion modes, as determined by the College, that are not in keeping with the wearing of a school uniform are unacceptable. This includes spiked hair, dreadlocks, unwashed hair or any unnatural hair colour, etc.

15. With the winter uniform students can wear a plain blue or cherry red scarf – as per uniform supplier

16. **No make-up or coloured nail polish is to be worn.** In keeping with best practice in Work, Health and Safety **acrylic, gel shellac or french manicured nails are not acceptable.** Accessories, other than those already stated in 1 - 15 above, are not to be worn.

17. To ensure adequate protection from the sun the wearing of an official Marian College hat/cap is expected for all students in Years 7 to 12 during Physical Education classes during classes in terms 1 and 4.

18. All students are to have a Marian College school bag. All students' bags, books, diary and school equipment are to be free of graffiti and any kind of labels or stickers. Marian Excursion bags can be used for excursion when instructed by the organizing teacher.

19. A Year 12 commemorative hoodie or t-shirt will only be worn in Term 4.

20. Students involved in VET subjects requiring appropriate uniform can only wear that clothing at the specific time designated by the subject teacher.

21. When the uniform cannot be worn for some good reason, parents are asked to notify the Homeroom or Year Level Leader in writing.

**Note:** A second-hand uniform shop is operated by the office staff. Noone Schoolwear is at the College every Wednesday and Friday from 10.00a.m. to 1.30p.m. for those who wish to purchase new items of uniform.