



Launceston College

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Launceston College Uniform Guide 2023-24

The College uniform is a comfortable, practical and easy care alternative to the more formal uniform worn in many colleges. It is worn by all students in Years 7 to 11 when representing the College on their way to and from College, throughout the College day and at important events.

At Launceston College we believe that a smart and tidy appearance is very important for all of our students, particularly in preparing them for the expectations of future employers and the world of work. We would like all our students and parents to appreciate the part that uniform plays in contributing to the ethos and learning environment of the College.

Our uniform promotes a strong, cohesive, College identity that supports high standards and a sense of identity among students: it seeks to support integration, equality and cohesion amongst students.

We review our uniform each year and consult with stakeholders once every 5 years.

We expect all College students to take pride in their appearance and to remember that they are ambassadors for their College.

First impressions are important; ensure your uniform is always correct, clean, tidy and worn with pride. Students must wear their jumpers or sweatshirts at College, however in individual lessons or tutor times may politely request removal, if required. From May half-term, or earlier depending on the weather, students will be allowed to remove their College jumper. Students will be expected to wear their jumpers again at the start of the Autumn term. Clear communication will be made to students and on the College website when this requirement has been relaxed.

The College uniform is:

Plain white polo shirt with collar

When worn the collar must be visible. Shirts must at least be long enough to meet the top of the trousers. Any t-shirt or vest worn underneath the polo shirt must not be visible.

Plain black tailored trousers of a traditional design

Not skinny trousers, jeans, chinos and trousers with pockets on the legs. Trousers should be full length and meet the top of the shoe. Socks should not be visible if trousers are the correct length. If a belt is worn it must be black.

Plain black tailored pleated skirt of a traditional design

Skirts should not be of jersey stretch material.

Skirts must not be rolled up and must be worn at the required length for College. See example directly below for required length.

Plain black tailored shorts of a traditional design – can be worn from May half-term until the start of the new term in September only.

Not chinos, cargo style or shorts with pockets on the legs. Shorts should be on or just above the knee.



College navy blue sweatshirt or jumper

With College logo.

Plain black socks or plain black tights.

Socks should be on or above the ankle.

The hem of the trouser should cover the top of the socks.

No logos, sports socks, low cut trainer socks, knee length socks or shoe liners.

Plain black polishable school shoes

Shoes must be wholly black, with no white or coloured markings and any laces must be black.

Trainers, boots, skate shoes, shoes designed for leisure wear, suede or canvas shoes or shoes with prominent logos are not permitted. See images as a clear guide – none look like or could be considered as trainers or leisurewear.

Shoes should be kept clean and smart.



Please pay particular note to the style of shoe, trouser and skirt that are part of College uniform as some shops sell items in school uniform sections that are not permissible at this College.

Our uniform supplier Price and Buckland provides detailed sizing guidance to help you when purchasing items. We hold a selection of uniform items in stock that can be tried on for size before placing your order. Please contact your child's Pastoral Support Worker (PSW) who can help you.

Please make sure that every item of clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. If your child loses an item they should check at reception and seek help from the Year team as soon as possible.

PE Kit

Navy/Sky blue polo shirt - College logo
 Navy/Sky blue rugby shirt – College logo (optional)
 Sky blue PE sweatshirt – College logo
 Navy/Black shorts (Short Length- shorts need to be loose fitting (not cycling or hot pants) and cut in at middle of upper leg (front and back)
 Black/Navy tracksuit bottoms
 Black/Navy plain sports leggings (small sports logos are acceptable)
 Black/Navy base layer
 Short white socks and long navy socks
 Gym socks (if your child is unwilling to work barefoot for gymnastics)
 Shin pads
 Gum shield

PE footwear

Plastic or moulded stud football boots (not metal) - rugby/field based activities
 Astro Turf Trainers- can be used both on the 3G Astro Turf pitch but also for all other hard surface based activities that students take part in during PE lessons.

Below are types of footwear appropriate for use on the 3G Astro Turf Pitch.

Studs (Moulded)	Plastic Studs - Screw-in Less than 15mm	Astro Turf Trainers	Blades or boots with metal or metal tipped studs	Flat soled e.g. trainers etc
YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	NO ✗	NO ✗
		 Dimpled e.g. Specialist hockey shoes		
		NO ✗		

All students

Outdoor wear

Coats, gloves and scarves may only be worn outside College buildings. We encourage students in inclement weather to wear coats that are practical in design – warm and weatherproof. Warm woollen or fleece hats may be worn outside. Fashion scarves should not be worn.

Jewellery

Excessive jewellery must not be worn but some jewellery is allowed and students may wear no more than a single stud earring in each ear and a wristwatch (not Smartwatch). No finger rings, face piercing (including plastic covers), bracelets, necklaces or other jewellery is allowed. Belts should fit in belt loops and be black.

Where students are entitled to wear additional uniform items such as Sports Leaders or Ten Tors polo shirts, the uniform must be that supplied and worn only by those students entitled to wear it. It is still expected that students wear College jumpers.

Other advice:

Forgotten PE kit procedures

Our expectation and aim in PE is for all students to develop and explore a wide range of practical skills and support their health and wellbeing through raising physical activity levels. To support all students in achieving these aims we have kit procedures in place to support students in being able to access all aspects of lessons on a consistent basis.

Where a student is missing some or all of their PE kit the expectation is for students to borrow spare kit we hold in the department. We have lots of spare kit in a range of sizes which is clean and washed after each use.

If longer term support with kit is required this can be arranged where spare kit can be lent on a longer-term basis.

Hair

Should be a natural colour and worn in a style that does not compromise health or safety.

Hair styles, including Mohican and other non-gradual changes in length, patterned shaving, and grade 1 or below, are examples of unacceptable hair design.

If there is any question over the nature of extreme hair the Principal will decide.

Long hair should be tied back when requested for health and safety reasons.

Hair ornaments should be no larger than a 50p piece. A single, thin hairband may be worn on the wrist.

Make up

Should be discreet; if it is noticeable it is not discreet. Students will be asked to remove excessive make-up.

Nail-polish is not to be worn.

Eyelash or nail extensions are not permitted

Students will be supported to remove nail-polish, false nails and false eyelashes.

Mobile phones

We ask that students do not use their phones or any other smart devices inside or outside the building. Phones should be turned off and in bags. If a student's phone is seen or heard it will be removed and students will need to collect it at the end of the day from their Year office. If this happens a second time then parents will be asked to collect it from Reception.

Ear phones, earbuds and smartwatches

Should not be worn in College

School bags

Should be suitable, preferably a backpack or messenger bag that is big enough to hold an A4 folder.

Chewing gum

Is not allowed.

Drinking water

Is allowed in lessons in clear plastic bottles but is not allowed in science laboratories or areas where

IT equipment is in use. Students are responsible for topping up drinking bottles at breaks and not during lesson times. No other drinks are allowed in class.

College Equipment:

The following items should be brought to College each day in a backpack or messenger bag that is big enough to hold an A4 folder:

- The relevant exercise books, texts books or PE kit for your lessons on that day

The following equipment will be checked on a daily basis so students are ready to learn.

- A calculator
- Copy of timetable
- A **clear pencil case** containing:
 - 3 black pens
 - 2 pencils
 - 1 rubber
 - 1 ruler