



Uniform

Dear Parents and Carers

I wrote to you last week about many of the significant developments Maidenhill had made in the past 10 weeks. I also mentioned that we were consulting on various aspects of our uniform. This has involved listening to and working with our student council representatives, as well as involving various staff and senior leaders.

Maidenhill's School uniform is designed to look unashamedly smart. I believe it helps create a sense of equality among students and helps foster a sense of belonging. It removes the pressure students often feel to conform to 'fashion trends' and helps summon a collective sense of pride in our school where 'being kind' and belonging to a community, matter.

Furthermore, I believe that by looking smart, that students will foster a greater sense of discipline and focus in their approach to learning. I also believe it will help them establish important standards of self-discipline that are much needed in the professional workplace.

As a result, we have made some small changes to our uniform policy and have revamped the way we convey this to you so that our expectations are clear. Please see our revised uniform statement overleaf. **It is imperative that students return to Maidenhill in September 2023 in FULL CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

To assist students to know if they're meeting the new uniform expectations, we will conduct a 'no blame' audit over the next week or so. Every student's uniform will be checked and you will be advised of any changes that will need to be made ahead of their return in September. Students will NOT receive uniform C3s during this process. This process is designed to be supportive of you and your child to meet our expectations going forwards.

From September only children wearing full correct school uniform will be able to participate in the regular school day. Where students arrive with incorrect uniform, the following process will be followed:

- You will be contacted via phone or text to bring in correct uniform urgently and/or
- Your child will be given replacement uniform to be worn for the day.

Students continuing to wear incorrect school uniform will spend the day on a C4 within our referral room, away from their peers. This will continue until correct uniform is worn.

For the vast majority of students, these small changes will result in no change to their uniform whatsoever and I continue to be exceptionally grateful to the majority of parents who support their children to look smart.

Yours sincerely

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