

**St. Cuan's College,
Castleblakney
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.**



Uniform and Appearance Policy

Ratified & Adopted by The Board of Management: June 22nd 2017.

Signed:

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Chairperson

Signed:

Collette Kennedy Walsh
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cuan's College is a Catholic Diocesan Co-Educational College.

St. Cuan's College is dedicated to the academic, social, cultural and spiritual growth of its students. In this pursuit, we are devoted to achieving the highest attainable level of education and promoting the development of young men and women of strong moral character consistent with the school's Christian tradition.

We endeavour to create a stimulating, respectful and supportive environment for staff, students and families in which all are valued and encouraged to develop and share their unique talents. St. Cuan's College promotes further education beyond Leaving Certificate, inviting the local community to join us in our pursuit of personal development - mind, body and spirit.

Uniform and Appearance

Policy Rationale

Our uniform identifies each student as a member of St. Cuan's College. All students must wear the correct and complete uniform while travelling to and from school, within the school building and grounds, on school trips, during state exams, unless otherwise stated. Students in uniform are expected to comply with the school's Code of Behaviour.

Scope and Responsibilities

This policy pertains to all students enrolled in St Cuan's College with the exception of Post Leaving Cert students.

The onus is on parents/guardians to ensure that students come to school dressed in full uniform and in compliance with appearance regulations.

The Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Heads, class teachers and sport trainers are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Uniform

The following uniform items are compulsory for all students and are available from **Briggs , Mountbellew**

Girls Uniform

School Jumper (with crest)
Navy skirt or Navy Pinstripe Trousers
Red Blouse
Black Shoes/Plain Black Runners
or Navy Dubarry Dubs

Boys Uniform

School Jumper (with crest)
Navy Trousers
Light Blue Shirt
Black Shoes/Plain Black Runners
or Navy Dubarry Dubs

Games/ Sport uniform

The following items of uniform are acceptable for participation at games for boys and girls: **Tracksuit, Shorts, T- shirts, Polo shirts, Sweatshirt, Jerseys, Football boots and Runners.**

Protective sports equipment is required as follows: helmets must be worn while playing hurling and camogie. Gum shields are required for football.

All uniform items should be marked with identity labels.

Appearance

Students are expected to present themselves in a manner that shows respect to the school community. Proper hygiene and cleanliness are important aspects of self development and are supported by the school through the Junior Cycle Well-being curriculum.

In relation to appearance, students should keep hair neat and tidy. Natural hair colours only will be allowed. No shaved hair designs are allowed.

Only the following items of jewelry may be worn in school: a watch, one neat hand ring and one neat stud in the lobe of each ear. No other visible jewelry, body piercing, or body art will be allowed.

Make-up is not allowed for Junior (1-3rd yrs) cycle students. TY and Leaving Cert cycle students are permitted to wear a moderate amount of make-up.

Outer wear such as jackets, hats and gloves may be worn to and from school, but are not permitted to be worn in the school or around the school grounds.

Solid red or navy scarves are permitted but must be removed in classrooms.

Procedures for non-compliant students

Students who arrive at the school in breach of the uniform and appearance policy will not be allowed to attend class. In exceptional circumstances, a student presenting in incomplete uniform may be allowed to attend class if a written note, signed by a parent or guardian, in the School Journal, is shown to school authorities upon arrival to school. A signed note will not guarantee admission to class. School authorities reserve the right to make a final decision in relation to pupils who do not conform to the uniform and appearance policy.

Students without a signed note will not be allowed to attend class unless an alternative arrangement, satisfactory to the school authorities, is agreed. This may include wearing spare items of uniform and paying for their dry cleaning, bringing in the missing item(s), or parents/guardians (or their nominees) bringing the pupil home to change. Jewelry and/or body art will need to be covered. Alternatively, the parents/guardians may arrange to have the pupil brought home.

Policy Links:

This policy is linked to other school policies including, but not limited to: Code of Behaviour, Discipline, Attendance, Enrolment and Admissions.

Review

This policy is subject to review in May of each school year.