



24th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2020 school year, in preparation for what we trust will be a fruitful year for our Trinity College community. Thank you for your support and co-operation thus far with regard to the implementation of the College's uniform expectations. The ongoing positive feedback that we get from so many areas of our community is always most encouraging and a further indication of the importance of our students wearing their Trinity College uniform with pride.

As a school, Trinity College believes that the correct wearing of the school uniform has a major impact on the culture of the College. Students who are prepared to wear their uniform with a sense of pride and respect also tend to be more connected with the College and, most importantly, with their studies. In addition, students show their belonging and loyalty to the College by wearing their school and sport uniforms neatly and correctly.

For any uniform policy to work successfully, full co-operation is required of all concerned, so I encourage your ongoing support. It is essential that the following information and **specific** reminders be read and carefully considered:

- a) When your son or daughter is not wearing the correct uniform, please contact the relevant Homeroom teacher by email or the relevant Year Level Coordinator by phone or email.
- b) Should students arrive at school not in correct uniform and without notification from parents, students will receive two demerit points. This will be a new system introduced in 2020. (Six demerit points results in an after-school detention). Students may also be asked to put on the correct laundered uniform from the second-hand uniform stored at the College.
- c) Should students be wearing jewellery that does not comply with the uniform code, the item will be placed in an envelope and will not be returned until the end of the term. I would also like to make it clear that the school will not be held liable for any loss of such items of jewellery. However, all care will be taken.
- d) Trinity sports socks or plain white socks are expected to be worn with the sport uniform.
- e) Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times and will be asked to shave at school if this is not the case.
- f) Exaggerated hair styles or hair colour will be considered a breach of the uniform code. It will be at the discretion of Mr Clohesy, Mrs Pefanis or myself to determine whether or not a particular student is in breach of the code.
- f) Visible body piercings, other than a maximum of 2 per ear, and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- g) The traditional school shoe will be the only accepted school uniform footwear, which includes the shoe having a raised heel. **This does not include black runners, canvas shoes or boots, ballet shoes and the like.** Girls' shoes must be buckled at all times.
- h) It is expected that students do not have a T shirt or long-sleeved top visible underneath their sport polo top.
- i) Please note that **black socks are not acceptable** for either sport uniform or school uniform.
- j) The footwear for sport uniform must be suitable for physical activity. Slip-on shoes, canvas shoes or boots and sporting companies' fashion shoes do not have the required cushioning and support for safe participation in both the short- and longer- term. Therefore, they are not permitted. Parents/carers are asked to be mindful of this safety element when purchasing runners for sport.
- k) Please remember that all students are expected to wear the Trinity College hat during terms 1 and 4. It is thus important that all students have their hat at school.

Should there be any issue regarding the inability to wear full and correct uniform on any occasion, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5233 9200 with your concerns or queries. Should it be necessary for families to purchase new uniform, the Trinity College Uniform Shop's regular opening hours are on Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30am until 12:30pm and 1.00pm until 4.00pm. In addition to these regular hours, the uniform shop will be open on Friday, 24th January, Tuesday, 28th January and Wednesday, 29th January 9:30am until 12:30pm and 1.00pm until 4.00pm for any last-minute uniform requirements. In the event that you are experiencing financial challenges, arrangements can be made with the school: please contact me directly at the College to discuss.

I wish to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support and, most importantly, wish you all well for 2020.

I look forward to seeing all students smartly dressed in full correct uniform (not Sport Uniform) on Thursday, 30th January 2020, ready to commence classes at 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leanne Eastman".

Mrs Leanne Eastman
Director of Students