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Emmanuel College frequently receives very positive feedback from parents about the neat and tidy appearance of our students. The Emmanuel College uniform that our students wear today was introduced in 1987/1988. After the amalgamation of the two schools in 1988, the girls initially remained in their green St Ann's uniforms and the boys in their maroon CBC uniforms. It soon became apparent that a single uniform was needed as an outward expression of the fact that the new College was now a single, united entity.

The College Executive, Parents and Friends and Student Leaders worked together to create a shortlist of uniform designs including a combination of black and red and gold and blue along with the style that was ultimately chosen. The shortlisted designs were then modeled to the student body in a fashion parade at a special whole school assembly where the students were given ballots, papers and asked to cast their votes. Emmanuel College is one of the few schools with a uniform that has been determined democratically.

What are the benefits of school uniforms in general?

School uniforms are appreciated by parents as they eliminate arguments about what is appropriate to wear and take pressure to buy expensive brand clothing. Uniforms add with a professional feel that is more conducive to focusing on school, rather than appearance. It certainly eliminates the frustration of a student spending 30 minutes searching the wardrobe and then saying, “But I have nothing to wear!” Research has shown that both students and teachers believe that students behave better and achieve more when they wear uniforms. This is called the “ Halo Effect.” It refers to the fact that when we see one positive feature about a person, we tend to infer others. Therefore, if someone is well-dressed, we make additional positive assumptions about them—e.g., that they are conscientious and respectful.

Why is our College uniform important to us?

Our uniform shows our unity as a College community and is a visual reminder of the equal worth of all students in our school. The way we wear the uniform is an important outward expression of our school pride. It is important to note that the word uniform itself means ‘not varying’ and we require our parents and guardians to formally agree (by signing the agreement on each student’s enrolment form) that they will support the College in maintaining the dress standards we require of all students.

Boys' Summer Uniform

- White Emmanuel College Logo polo shirt
- College jumper
- College Blazer
- Navy Blue College shorts
- Navy blue ankle socks
- Black lace-up leather school shoes or black lace-up casual shoes

Variation

The summer uniform may be worn within the College with:
- the polo shirt alone
- the polo shirt and jumper
- the polo shirt and blazer

On the way to or from school or on excursions, the blazer (with or without the jumper) must be the outer garment.

Girls' Summer Uniform

- Emmanuel College dress
- College jumper
- College Blazer
- White ankle socks, visible above the shoe
- Black lace-up or Trainer shoes

Variation

Within the College the dress may be worn alone, or with the blazer or with the jumper and blazer jumper.

On the way to or from school or on excursions, the blazer (with or without the jumper) must be the outer garment.

Dress Length

The dress must be touching the knee cap - no shorter.
Boys' Winter Uniform

- White, long or short sleeved Victor shirt with pointed collar
- College tie - Navy blue with red and navy blue
- College jumper
- College Blazer
- Grey Yale's trousers
- Black, lace-up, leather school shoes or black, laced-up formal ankle boots

Girls' Winter Uniform

- Emmanuel College shirt
- White, long or short sleeved mid-sleeve with pointed collar
- College tie - Navy blue with red and navy blue
- College jumper
- College Blazer
- Grey Yale's trousers
- Black, laced-up, leather school shoes or black, laced-up formal ankle boots

Winter Accessories

- During Terms 2 and 3 those approved College scarves, gloves and scarves may be worn when outside (not in the classroom). These items are ordered by the student leaders from Tikapou - a project begun by the Sisters of Mercy for the benefit of Peruvian people, who suffer significant unemployment, poor education and inequality. Tikapou helps those involved to care for themselves and their families. We other scarves, beanie or gloves may be worn with the uniform.

Spray Jackets

- Emmanuel College spray jackets are an optional uniform item. Great for waiting home or between campuses in wet weather.

Boys & Girls Hats

- Highly recommended
- During Terms 1 and 4 hats must be worn when outdoors. The College provides two styles to choose from - the broad brimmed hat and the bucket hat.

Boys & Girls Sports Uniform

- A House sports polo shirt will be introduced for Year 7 in 2015 and phased in for other year levels.
- An image is not yet available.

In cooler weather, additional items are:
- Emmanuel College rugby top
- Emmanuel College navy track pants

School Bags

- Students may wear a pair of stud or sleeper earrings and one small ring, no other jewellery of any kind may be worn to school.

Jewellery

- Makeup

- Hair should be tidy and well-groomed. Shoulder-length hair must be tied back at all times. While it is difficult to define 'acceptable hairstyles' or 'extreme hairstiles', most parents and students are sensitive to their judgement. The College reserves the right to label a hairstyle as 'extreme and unacceptable'. Hair colour should appear as natural and excessive tints should be avoided.

Uniform sales and questions

- The Emmanuel College school bag is the Chiropractic back pack in navy blue. It comes with a lifetime warranty and is endorsed by Chiropractor's Association of Australia. This bag is compulsory for students in Years 7 to 13.
- The College Uniform Department may be contacted at the College on school days between 8:50 am and 4:30 pm at the McAvoy Campus Administration Office.