



Loreto College Crumlin Uniform Policy 2025-2026

Loreto College is very proud of its students and the school uniform which clearly identifies and distinguishes them. Our school uniform is a huge part of our identity as a community of learners. The students of Loreto College wear their uniform with pride and honour. The manner in which students present and conduct themselves while in uniform reflects significantly on the public image of Loreto College.

Therefore, students wearing our uniform should always be conscious that they represent the entire school community, and as such, their conduct, attitude and manners should reflect our school principles and values (school ethos).

Students are expected to wear the full school uniform every day, while travelling to and from school and while on school grounds.

It is worn during the State Examinations Commission exams, and when engaged in school activities. This policy applies to all students attending Loreto College.

Relationship to the school ethos.

A school uniform should reflect school community standards and expectations. Loreto College encourages the pursuit of excellence and strives to create an environment conducive to attaining high standards of teaching and learning. The school uniform is one of the ways in which a positive climate of learning is achieved. Loreto College is an inclusive school, with a caring and respectful ethos. The school uniform plays a crucial role in establishing and maintaining the school identity as a Loreto school with a Catholic ethos. It ensures that pupils of all religions and backgrounds feel welcome, and it protects students from external pressure to dress in a particular way.

The school uniform policy is based on the following values:

1. Establishing an identity, a sense of pride and belonging in the school community.
2. Equality on a social-economics basis.
3. Encouraging high standards in appearance and dress code.
4. Educational benefit as it helps our students to learn better by removing a major source of distraction.
5. Health and safety of the school community. It makes it much easier for staff and the public to recognise a student belonging to Loreto College.

Parents and guardians are expected to show their support by fully co-operating with the school in ensuring that all students wear the full school uniform to and from school every day.

Objectives of the Policy :

- The wearing of the uniform helps to promote a positive image for the school.
- The uniform makes pupils recognisable as members of Loreto College.
- The school uniform creates a sense of equality among all students.
- The wearing of the uniform contributes to better order on the school premises.
- The policy has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Whole School Community

The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of standards and expectations.

Students

The school uniform is a fundamental part of the whole school identity. Students must wear the full school uniform when enrolled and attending Loreto College this includes extracurricular activities, the journey to and from school and during the State Commission Exams.

Parents

Parents/Guardians are expected to support and cooperate with the school by ensuring their child wears the school uniform every day. The support and cooperation of Parents and Guardians in ensuring their child complies fully with the uniform policy is vitally important.

Staff

Staff ensure adherence to the school Uniform Policy.

Uniform Description Junior and Senior Cycle:

All students must wear:

- an open necked white shirt
- green crested jumper or green crested fleece
- official **knee length only green skirt** or **black trousers** (not black jeans/tracksuit bottoms/leggings/palazzo pants or black skirts)
- Green socks or tights must also be worn with the uniform.
- Black shoes or **plain all-black runners** (no white soles/designs), with black laces must be worn in school and on the way to and from school. Black boots /Uggs/Crocs **are not** permitted.
- The school crested jacket or a **plain black padded jacket (waist-length) or black gilet (waist-length)** (no fur trim/leather jackets/denim jackets/macs/trench coats/fur coats may be worn). Non-uniform jackets will be confiscated after a warning has been issued and returned only on condition that they will not be worn again.
- Hijabs must be **black only** and worn neatly tucked inside jumper/fleece with school **crest clearly visible**.
- **Niqabs/Burqas /Abayas are not permitted.**
- **Should a student arrive at school in non- uniform items due to uniform being mislaid or dirty/in washing machine, then spare uniform items may be supplied by the school for the duration of the school day. This also applies if a note has been sent to the school on the app by a parent explaining the reason for the student being out of uniform. If students refuse to wear the uniform items provided, then they may be sent home.**

PE Uniform:

- **Junior Students** must wear the School Tracksuit for PE classes and school sports events. Junior students may wear the school tracksuit only on PE days.
- Students wearing the tracksuit on a **non-PE day** may be asked to go home and change.
- **Senior students** must wear the senior PE **crested hoodie** and black leggings/tracksuit bottoms on PE day (**not long black skirts or jeans**). **TY students** may wear their TY hoodie and black leggings (not long black skirts or jeans) on PE days. School crest must be clearly visible on the **PE crested hoodie**.

- Students who present for school and are missing an item of uniform may be provided with a replacement by their Year Head or Deputy Principal. The item of clothing must be returned by the end of the school day.
- After consultation with parents/guardians, persistent offenders will be sent home to change into their uniform.
- Students are forbidden to come to school in rollers or pinned-up curls in their hair.
- For both health and safety, hygiene and work reasons, acrylic/gel nails prevent students from participating fully in class. Students will be given the opportunity to remove the nails overnight. Refusal to do so is deemed to be an act of defiance.

General Uniform Guidelines

- Students must comply with the uniform policy, promote and represent the school and themselves in a positive manner in the community.
- The wearing of the correct and complete uniform is integral to our code of behaviour.
- Uniforms should be clean and tidy at all times, and only items of uniform should be visible.
- Chains should be worn inside the jumper/fleece
- The Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Head reserves the right to adjudicate on the appropriateness of hair styles, body piercings, jewellery, make-up etc.

Sanctions:

1. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to **ensure that their student is in full school uniform before leaving home each morning.**
2. The school uniform will be monitored and inspected on a regular basis.
3. Any item which is not part of the school uniform may be confiscated and returned at the discretion of school management.
4. Parents/Guardians of students not complying with school uniform policy will be contacted to make arrangements for resolution.
5. Students failing to comply with school uniform policy may be placed in detention.
6. Flagrant and/or persistent breaches of the uniform policy will be treated as a serious breach of school discipline. Management will follow the sanctions of our code of behaviour in these cases.
7. While the school makes every effort to ensure the safe-keeping of student's belongings/property, the Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for items lost/stolen.

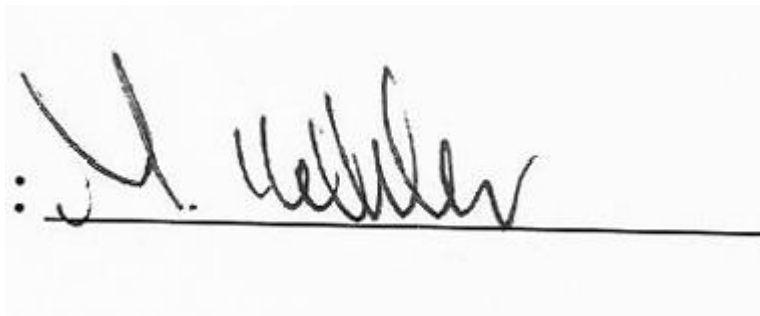
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The final arbitrators of what is acceptable or not in terms of students' appearance is the school Principal or Deputy Principal.

Policy ratified by the Board of Management 26th November 2025

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Chairperson of the Board of Management

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Secretary to the Board of Management