

UNIFORM & GROOMING POLICY

Students are expected to be well-groomed and take pride in their appearance. College uniform expectations apply to all students when travelling to and from school, during school hours and for designated school functions. Students are expected to look clean, neat and tidy. Uniforms are to be well-laundered and ironed.

During Terms One and Four students wear the Summer Academic Uniform and during Terms Two and Three the Winter Academic Uniform as detailed below.

SUMMER ACADEMIC UNIFORM: TERMS 1 & 4		WINTER ACADEMIC UNIFORM: TERMS 2 & 3	
GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ White over blouse bearing the Aranmore emblem. A long sleeve version is optional ➔ Blue checked skirt ➔ Aranmore blue trousers (optional) ➔ White crew socks banded with Aranmore colours ➔ Blazer (optional Terms 1 & 4) ➔ Aranmore royal blue jumper (optional Terms 1 & 4) ➔ Aranmore navy blue Leavers' jumper (optional for Yr 12 students) ➔ Black, leather lace up school shoes ➔ College bag bearing the Aranmore emblem ➔ Aranmore hat or cap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Pale blue tailored shirt bearing the Aranmore emblem (worn untucked in summer) ➔ Aranmore blue shorts worn at the waist, not the hips ➔ Aranmore grey school socks with red and blue stripes ➔ Blazer (optional Terms 1 & 4) ➔ Aranmore royal blue jumper (optional Terms 1 & 4) ➔ Aranmore navy blue Leavers' jumper (optional for Yr 12 students) ➔ Black, leather lace up school shoes ➔ College bag bearing the Aranmore emblem ➔ Aranmore hat or cap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ White over blouse bearing the Aranmore emblem. A long sleeve version is optional. Both are to be worn with the top button fastened ➔ Aranmore tie ➔ Blue checked skirt ➔ Aranmore blue trousers (optional) ➔ Blazer - compulsory ➔ Aranmore royal blue jumper or Aranmore navy blue Leavers' jumper for Yr 12 students ➔ Navy blue stockings or winter weight tights (not black) ➔ Black, leather lace up school shoes ➔ College bag bearing the Aranmore emblem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Pale blue tailored shirt bearing the Aranmore emblem worn tucked into the trouser waistband in Terms 2 & 3 and to be worn with the top button fastened ➔ Aranmore tie ➔ Aranmore grey trousers worn at the waist, not the hips ➔ A black belt with an undecorated buckle ➔ Blazer - compulsory ➔ Aranmore royal blue jumper or Aranmore navy blue Leavers' jumper for Yr 12 students ➔ Aranmore grey school socks with red and blue stripes ➔ Black, leather lace up school shoes ➔ College bag bearing the Aranmore emblem
ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED			

NOTES

Undergarments must not be visible beneath blouses or shirts. Brightly coloured underclothing and visible under-shirts or T-shirts are not acceptable.

Girls skirts are not to be rolled-up and to be worn at knee-length.

Shoes must be a black leather lace-up school dress shoe. No flat soles, joggers, sneakers, boot style, platform shoes, high heels, buckled shoes, steel-plated shoes, slip-on shoes, casual (street) shoes or pumps. Sandals, thongs and bare feet are expressly forbidden. The College reserves the right to decide on the acceptability of shoes.

Blazers must be worn to school and up until the end of Form Room, as well as on the way home from school, and on formal occasions (e.g. school assemblies, liturgies and excursions).

All students must wear Academic Uniform daily to and from school. They are required to change into Sports Uniform at the appropriate times.

Sports uniform must not be worn to formal occasions such as a whole-school assembly or masses.

In sport specialist classes, substitute uniform items may be worn if necessary (e.g. rugby shirts) but this is at the discretion of the teacher concerned.

The College tracksuit jacket is not to be worn in place of the College jumper or blazer. The tracksuit jacket is part of the sports uniform and may only be worn with the sports uniform.

The College jumper is not to be worn in place of the College tracksuit jacket with tracksuit trousers.

An Aranmore hat or cap is to be worn whenever a student is engaged in activities in unshaded locations.

GROOMING

Students are expected to be well-groomed and to have a sense of pride in their appearance. College uniform expectations apply to all students when travelling to and from school, during school hours and for designated school functions.

HAIR COLOUR AND STYLE

Hair must be clean, brushed and kept off the face.

Hair must be one natural colour only. Extremes in hair colour and styles are not acceptable. Students with extremes of hair colour and / or style will be sent home to remedy the situation.

Excessive use of hair products is unacceptable.

Cuts or styles which, in the opinion of the College, are extreme are not acceptable. Dreadlocks, coloured beading, "Bali-style" braiding (unless culturally appropriate), under-cut hairstyles, 'rats tails' and 'patterns' or lines cut into the hair are examples of some prohibited hairstyles.

The College will exercise discretion in determining whether or not a hairstyle is acceptable.

Hair that is collar length or longer must be tied up. Hair which is not tied up must not extend below the top of the collar, hang down over the eyebrows or be closely shaven (no shorter than an electric comb setting of No. 2). Faces must be clean-shaven and sideburns are not to extend below mid-ear.

Headscarves worn for cultural reasons must be a single Aranmore colour (navy or white) and must be unadorned and undecorated.

If in doubt consult the College before making radical changes to hair. It is to be noted that, in matters of hairstyle, the College Principal reserves the right to decide on the acceptability of hairstyles. The following hairstyles are acceptable.

Please refer to photos of hair and grooming below:



The following hair styles are not acceptable:



PERMITTED ACCESSORIES

- A maximum of **one** plain silver or gold small stud or small sleeper per **lower** ear lobe. Additional piercing or ‘taping over’ is not permitted. Additional plastic studs are not permitted. Diamantes and/or coloured stones are not permitted.
- One wristwatch
- One fine metal neck chain bearing a Christian symbol.
- Face piercing and/or face jewellery is prohibited.
- Hand or other visible body piercing is prohibited.

MAKEUP, NAIL VARNISH, FACIAL HAIR, TATTOOS

Coloured nail polish “fake” or acrylic nails are not permitted.

Visible or obvious make-up is not permitted.

Boys’ faces are required to be clean-shaven. Beards, moustaches and overly-long sideburns are not permitted.

Visible tattoos are not permitted.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Students are encouraged to use roll-on deodorant, particularly after vigorous exercise during recess and lunch breaks

Spray deodorants are prohibited. They are not to be used during school hours.

MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

- Students with a valid reason for not wearing the correct and complete College uniform are required to bring a note of explanation to school signed by a parent and present the note to their Dean of Students. The note must indicate the period of time for which the uniform variation is valid. Students must carry the note with them for the duration of time they are unable to wear the appropriate uniform.
- Where a student is found to be wearing jewellery which contravenes the permitted accessories the teacher will confiscate the jewellery, place it in an envelope with student's name and form. The envelope will be taken to Student Services on that day. The item will be held until the end of the term unless a letter from the child's parent/guardian requests return earlier.
- If a student's hair or grooming does not meet the College's expectations, then they will be asked to adjust it in a negotiated time frame and the parents/guardians will be contacted. If the breach is not adjusted in the negotiated time frame, then the student will be suspended internally if they cannot be collected by their parents/guardians to make the required adjustments. Students are not to return to school until the breach is rectified. Parents/guardians will be contacted by the Dean and a note made in SEQTA. In extreme cases of repeated behaviour, which demonstrates that the student's values are not aligning with the College Values, parents/guardians and the student will be invited in to discuss their commitment to the College's Values. A Dean of Students will conduct the interview.

GRAFFITI

Graffiti is not permitted on College uniform items, on College bags or on the Student Diary. Items which are graffitied must be replaced at a cost to the student.