

Early Learning Centre Uniform Requirements

It is compulsory for all Early Learning Centre children to wear the Junior School Sports Uniform on a daily basis. Early Learning Centre children are not required to wear the formal day uniform. An MCC legionnaire peaked hat and closed in shoes are required. Children must wear joggers with Velcro straps instead of shoe laces. **NO THONGS or SANDALS ALLOWED.**

The uniform gives the Early Learning Centre child a sense of belonging to the program. For security reasons, a uniform identifies a student immediately. The uniform eliminates the 'clothing competition' between children and is sun safe. The Early Learning Centre Uniform is the same as the Junior School Sports Uniform.

Support of Mackay Christian College's Uniform Policy is a condition of enrolment. Parents are asked to make an appointment with the Head of Early Learning Centre or the Head of Junior School to discuss any problems with meeting uniform standards.

- Shirt:** MCC Junior Polo Shirt with embroidered MCC logo
- Shorts:** MCC Sports Shorts midnight navy blue with embroidered MCC logo
- Hat:** MCC Legionnaire Hat (peaked cap) midnight navy blue with embroidered MCC logo outside. Must be worn for all outdoor activities
- Shoes:** Closed in or Track shoes with Velcro straps instead of shoe laces. **NO THONGS or SANDALS ALLOWED**
- Socks:** MCC Sports socks with embroidered MCC logo preferred or short white socks visible above shoes

Optional uniform items for winter:

- Jacket:** MCC Jacket zip front microfibre midnight navy blue with embroidered MCC logo or MCC Junior School fleecy jacket, midnight navy blue with embroidered MCC logo may be worn
- Track Pants:** MCC Track pants microfibre midnight navy blue with embroidered MCC logo or plain navy blue track pants may be worn over the sports shorts

Uniforms can be purchased from:

THE SCHOOL LOCKER

Online www.theschoollocker.com.au or at King's Park Campus: 9 Quarry Street, North Mackay
 Uniform Shop hours are advertised on the School Locker Website www.theschoollocker.com.au, the College App or contact the College Office for opening hours.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE

HAIR

The MCC Hair Policy is part of the uniform standard.

Boys' Hair must be cut above the collar and neatly groomed at all times. Hair should be cut to not fall across the eyes. The emphasis is placed on neat and tidy presentation. Some minor variations in length will be tolerated if hair is neatly groomed at all times. No 'razor cuts' or severe variations in hair levels are permitted. **STUDENTS MAY BE SENT HOME** and asked to alter excessive hairstyles before being allowed back to the Early Learning Centre. However, we need to further clarify that:

1. Cuts which include differences in the length of sections of the hair must be moderate differences. Generally **HAIR SHOULD BE EVENLY LAYERED**. Some minor variations will be tolerated, but stark contrasts of hair length will not.
2. Where 'blades' are used to trim hair **NO CUT BELOW A NUMBER 3 BLADE** is acceptable OR the scalp should not be easily visible through the short section.
3. Hair should be of **ONE NATURAL COLOUR**.
4. Boys' hair should be cut above their collar and not need to be tied back.

Girls' Hair must be cut in a moderate style and be neatly groomed at all times. Hair should be groomed to not fall across the eyes. The emphasis is placed on neat and tidy presentation. **STUDENTS MAY BE SENT HOME** and asked to alter excessive hairstyles before being allowed back to the Early Learning Centre. However we need to further clarify that:

1. Shoulder length and longer hair should be tied using ribbon or hair ties.
2. Hair ties and accessories must match the colours of the uniform being worn. They must fit comfortably under the student's hat.
3. Hair should be of **ONE NATURAL COLOUR**.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is always difficult for parents to judge what is extreme and what is not. An extremely short haircut can be as extreme as a long one. However, as a general rule **IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO LET YOUR CHILDREN GIVE THE HAIRDRESSER INSTRUCTIONS THEMSELVES**. Taking a copy of these guidelines to the hairdresser may be a good idea.

The college will ask parents to adjust students' hair styles where they do not comply with the above guidelines before allowing them to return to the Early Learning Centre. An email will be sent home to parents to advise of non-compliance.

Finally, if you or your child notices another student at the Early Learning Centre with a haircut which does not comply with the above guidelines, (particularly a hard-to-remedy style) please do not presume that the matter has been ignored by the teachers or the Early Learning Centre Director. Penalties imposed may not be obvious to observers. Non-compliance by any particular student does not mean that the college has changed its standards.

A 'NATURAL COLOUR' refers to a colour/rinse that is generally accepted as being a naturally occurring colour. It does not need to be the student's original hair colour.

IN ALL CASES THE DISCRETION OF THE COLLEGE IS FINAL.