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Uniform Handbook

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Introduction

St Margaret's College offers a uniform that is attractive, easy to wear and offers choice. Students choose from

a range of options that can be worn throughout the year, with a number of special events requiring formal uniform.

Maggie's Shop

Maggie's Uniform Shop is situated at the Winchester Street entrance to the College. The shop is open 10:00am–4:00pm during term time and at times during term breaks (as notified).

The shop stocks all new school and sports uniforms, pre-loved uniform items of high quality, stationery, toiletries, sundries, and more. Maggie's Shop also handles items of lost property (see page 8).

The shop accepts EFTPOS or cash as preferred payment options. Students may charge items to parents' accounts, using their student ID card.

Booking a uniform fitting

Before your daughter joins St Margaret's, you will be invited to visit Maggie's Uniform Shop for a fitting. Fitting appointments can be booked throughout the school year for incoming and current students. The main fitting season runs from September to December.

Parents are encouraged to book fittings online, and our Admission team will provide further details once you have accepted your daughter's offer of place. If a booking needs to be changed, please notify Kylie Douglass via email on **kylie.douglass@stmargarets.school.nz** or by phone on **03 379 2000**.



Junior School Day Uniform

Year 0 to Year 6

*Compulsory

Our day uniform offers students a number of uniform options for everyday wear.

- › **Blazer***
must be worn to and from school every day
- › **Rain jacket***
may be worn over the blazer on rainy days
- › **Cardigan**
- › **Merino top**
- › **Navy tunic and/or navy tailored shorts**
- › **White school blouse***
(short- or long-sleeved) or
White SMC T-shirt
(short- or long-sleeved)
- › **Tie***
- › **Regulation SMC sunhat***
(compulsory in Terms 1 and 4)
- › **Socks and Tights:***
White ankle socks
(Terms 1 and 4 only)
Black tights
(Terms 2 and 3 only) or
Navy under or over the knee socks
(Terms 2 and 3 only)
- › **Black shoes***
(see page 6).



Middle School Day Uniform

Year 7 to Year 10

*Compulsory

Our day uniform offers Middle School students a number of uniform choices for day-to-day wear.

- › **Blazer***
must be worn to and from school every day
- › **Rain jacket***
may be worn over the blazer on rainy days
- › **Cardigan**
- › **Navy tunic*, navy tailored shorts, navy trousers or navy skirt****
(*permitted from Year 9 onwards, worn to the knee).
- › **White school blouse***
(short- or long-sleeved) or
White SMC T-shirt
(short- or long-sleeved)
- › **Tie***
- › **Socks and Tights.***
Navy ankle socks or black tights or navy under or over the knee socks.
- › **Black shoes***
(see page 6).



Senior School Day Uniform

Year 11 to Year 13

*Compulsory

Our day uniform offers Senior students a number of uniform options for everyday wear.

- › **Blazer***
must be worn to and from school every day
- › **Rain jacket***
may be worn over the blazer on rainy days
- › **Cardigan**
- › **Navy tunic, navy tailored shorts, navy skirt** (worn to the knee) or **navy tailored trousers**
- › **White school blouse***
(short- or long-sleeved) or **White SMC T-shirt**
(short- or long-sleeved)
- › **Tie***
- › **Socks and Tights:***
Navy ankle socks or **black tights** or **navy under or over the knee socks**
- › **Black shoes***
(see page 6).



Formal/Compulsory Uniform

Formal uniform is worn on special occasions, including, but not limited to, prizegivings, award ceremonies, and formal chapel and assembly services. You or your daughter will be told in advance when formal uniform is required through the College newsletter, SchoolBridge or Student Notices.

Junior School (Year 1 to 6)

- › **Blazer**
- › **Tie**
- › **White school blouse**
- › **Navy tailored shorts** or **navy tunic**
- › **White socks** in summer
- › **Navy socks** or **black tights** in winter.



Middle School (Year 7 to 10)

- › **Blazer**
- › **Navy tunic**
- › **White school blouse**
- › **Tie**
- › **Navy socks** or **black tights**.



Senior School (Year 11 to 13)

- › **Blazer**
- › **Cream tussore**
- › **White school blouse** and **tie**
- › **Navy socks** or **blush coloured panty hose**.



Accessories

Jewellery

- › **Earrings**
one silver or gold stud or small shape may be worn in the earlobe of each ear
- › Rings, nose studs, and other visible piercings are not permitted
- › No other jewellery may be worn. Special consideration may be given by the Heads of School for **taonga** – please contact your Head of School
- › **Year 13 Leavers' Ring**
may only be worn after it has been officially presented in Year 13.

Hair and make-up

- › Hair is to be tied up if touching the collar
- › Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Badges

Badges are optional and available from Maggie's Shop:

- › St Margaret's College Badge
- › House Badge
- › SMOGA Crest Badge
- › Academic Bars (awarded only)
- › **Other badges**
Eg. Speech and Drama, Science badges are permitted.

Shoes

- › Black lace-up, U-bar, or T-bar sturdy leather school shoes
- › Fashion or canvas shoes are not acceptable.

Ties

- › **Loop tie**
for Years 0–6
- › **School tie**
for Years 7–12
- › **Year 13 tie**
compulsory for all Year 13 students
- › **Silver Scholar tie**
presented by the school
- › **Colours/Honours tie.**

Hoodies

- › **SMC hoodie**
may be worn from Year 7 onwards and can be worn with PE/sports' uniform only
- › **Year 13 Leavers' hoodie**
not to be worn during school time.

Other uniform items

- › **School scarf**
- › **School beanie**
may only be worn outdoors.

Physical Education Uniform

Year 0 to 3

*Compulsory

- › **Full tracksuit***
on PE days, students may come to school in their full tracksuit instead of their day uniform
- › **PE top and shorts***
can be worn underneath the tracksuit
- › **Suitable sports shoes** (non marking).



Year 4 to 13

From Year 4 onwards, students are required to wear their day uniform to school and change into PE gear during their designated class.

- › **Full tracksuit***
may be worn during practical PE classes if preferred
- › **PE top and shorts***
- › **Running shorts**
optional and only permitted from Year 7
- › **Suitable sports shoes** (non marking).



Swimming

- › **One-piece swimsuit**
any colour
- › **Swim cap***
House or any colour (can be purchased at Maggie's Shop).



Sports

Girls participating in co-curricular sports are required to purchase their own sports uniform from Maggie's Shop. All girls must wear correct uniform for the specific code and full tracksuit is to be worn to and from venues, or formal uniform for travel (the Sport Office will notify your daughter in advance). Jewellery must NOT be worn at any trainings or games. Tops requiring numbers will have an additional charge. Some second-hand uniforms will be available from Maggie's.

A mixture of day and sports' uniform is not permitted.

For further information about extracurricular sport uniforms, please refer to the Sport Handbook.



Uniform compliance

It is expected that all girls will wear clean uniforms, correctly and with pride. For persistent non-compliance with uniform requirements, parents will be contacted, girls will be sent home to change and required to make up class time missed after school in detention.

Lost property

Lost property is placed into the school lost property at Maggie's Shop. This is available Monday – Friday between 10:00am – 4:00pm during term time. A list of named gear held in Lost Property is published regularly on Student Notices. Any items still unclaimed at the end of the term are donated to charity or disposed of. Small items of value (e.g. watches, glasses, jewellery) are held in the School Office.

Parents are asked to encourage their daughter to take every precaution to keep her belongings safe. All personal belongings and equipment including clothing, sports shoes, laptops, bike helmets and sports bags must be named.

Maggie's Shop sells iron-on and sew-on labels.

Uniform Exchange

Maggie's staff are experienced at fitting uniforms. New uniform items may be exchanged if they are unnamed and the original tags are still attached.

Key contacts

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact the following:



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