

Trinity Academy School Uniform and Grooming Policy

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1. Introduction

Trinity Academy recognizes the significance of school uniforms in fostering a sense of identity, pride, and unity among students. This School Uniform Policy outlines the guidelines and expectations regarding the wearing of school uniforms by students, ensuring consistency, professionalism, and adherence to school values and standards.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Establish clear guidelines for the wearing of school uniforms by students at Trinity Academy.
- Promote a sense of belonging, equality, and discipline within the school community through the adoption of a school uniform.
- Ensure that school uniforms are practical, comfortable, and suitable for the school environment while reflecting the values and ethos of Trinity Academy.
- Provide guidance on uniform procurement, maintenance, and care to ensure that uniforms are worn with pride and respect.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all students of Trinity Academy, encompassing both day students and boarding students. It outlines the requirements for school uniforms, including attire, accessories, grooming standards, and acceptable practices regarding jewellery, hair, and makeup.

4. General Principles

The school uniform serves as an emblem of Trinity Academy's identity and values, promoting a sense of equality, pride, and professionalism among students. It is based on the belief that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school and has a positive impact on behavior and expectations in school.
- Develops a sense of community and belonging within our school.
- Identifies children with our school when taking part in out-of-school educational activities and visits.
- Is practical and looks smart.
- Makes children feel equal to others in terms of appearance.
- Is not distracting in class, as fashion clothes and hairstyles can be.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and considered by most parents as good value for money.
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

5A. Uniform Requirements for Junior Students (Academic Day Period)

To be worn at all times during the Academic Day (classes, breakfast and lunch) and other designated occasions as directed by the Deans' Office.

- 5.1 Shirt/Blouse: Plain white short-sleeved stripped collared shirt.
- 5.2 Trousers/Skirt: Black trousers, or skirt of appropriate length and fit. Skirts are to be no higher than the top of the knee while trousers are to be no higher than the bottom ankle. This ensures modesty and adherence to school standards.
- 5.3 Blazer: Beige V-neck blazer with the school logo on the breast pocket.
- 5.4 Tie: Black School tie with the emblem or the school badge on it.
- 5.5 Footwear: Plain black shoes with no logos or decorations.
- 5.6 Socks/Tights: Plain black socks. Varieties in size are accepted except socks lower than ankles or not visible above the shoes.

Figure 1.

An Image of the prospective Junior Uniform for Boys (N/B: School uniforms for girls are styles in the same manner except for the inclusion of a skirt



5B. Uniform Requirements for Senior Students (Academic Day Period)

To be worn at all times during the Academic Day (classes, breakfast and lunch) and other designated occasions as directed by the Deans' Office.

- 5.1 Shirt/Blouse: Plain white short-sleeved stripped collared shirt.
- 5.2 Trousers/Skirt: Black trousers, or skirt of appropriate length and fit. Skirts are to be no higher than the top of the knee while trousers are to be no higher than the bottom ankle. This ensures modesty and adherence to school standards.

- 5.3 Blazer: Dark Grey Checkered V-neck blazer with the school logo on the breast pocket.
- 5.4 Tie: Black School tie with the emblem or the school badge on it.
- 5.5 Footwear: Plain black shoes with no logos or decorations.
- 5.6 Socks/Tights: Plain black socks. Varieties in size are accepted except socks lower than ankles or not visible above the shoes.

Figure 2.

An Image of the prospective Senior Uniform for Boys (N/B: School uniforms for girls are styles in the same manner except for the inclusion of a skirt



6. Uniform Variations

Trinity Academy will not allow or accept variations to the standard school uniform under any circumstances whatsoever.

7. Uniform Procurement

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child has the appropriate school uniform attire in accordance with the school's requirements. Uniform items can only be purchased from the school store on campus during working hours, Monday to Friday: 8:00am to 2pm (Excluding public and school holidays).

8. Dress Codes for Boarding Houses and Out-of-School Periods

In addition to the school uniform requirements outlined above, Trinity Academy establishes dress codes for boarding houses and out-of-school periods, such as-the weekends etc. These dress codes aim to ensure appropriateness, modesty, and safety while maintaining a sense of identity and discipline.

Boarding Houses:

- Students are expected to wear comfortable and appropriate attire within boarding houses, adhering to standards set by the school.
- Tattooing while under the jurisdiction of the school is strictly prohibited.
- Hats may not be worn inside buildings other than in the dormitory or during outof-school hours, promoting indoor etiquette and respect.
- Apparel that is ripped, torn, or contains profane, liquor/drug, or sexual references is not permitted, maintaining a dignified and appropriate atmosphere.
- Shoes are required in all public areas, ensuring safety and hygiene standards are upheld.
- To uphold standards of modesty and professionalism, certain attire is not permitted in the school premises at any time. This includes bare midriffs, halter and tube tops, short shorts, sleeveless tops.

- Pyjamas, tank tops and singlets, 'spaghetti strap''' shirts and Visible underwear/undergarments including sports bras are not permitted when students are outside the dormitory, ensuring modesty and professionalism.
- Students are required to always wear shirts when outside their dormitory room,
 fostering a sense of decorum and respect for communal spaces.
- Casual wear for relaxation and leisure activities should be modest and respectful of others.

School Spirit Attire:

Parents are encouraged to purchase 'School Spirit' attires in varieties of colours from the school shop for their children/ward. These are a variety of casual wear that could range from sweaters, t shirts & shirts (Long sleeve or Shortsleeve), skirts, hoodies etc. With the school logo, trinity Spartans emblem and other trinity logos embroidered on them. These are crucial as various activities during out-of-school periods may require them.

9. Student ID Policy

Student identification (ID) cards must be worn around the neck at all times when students are not wearing their school uniform. This ensures easy identification and access to school facilities and resources. Student IDs are essential for security purposes and must be produced upon request by school staff.

10. Maintenance and Care

Trinity Academy emphasizes the importance of personal hygiene and grooming standards for students residing in boarding houses. To maintain a healthy living environment and promote individual well-being, the following guidelines apply:

- Showering: Students are required to shower at least twice a day, with additional showers on days of physical education activities.
- Oral Hygiene: Students must brush their teeth thoroughly at least twice daily, preferably after meals, and are encouraged to use dental floss and mouthwash for comprehensive oral care.

- Deodorant: It is mandatory for students to apply deodorant daily to maintain personal freshness and minimize body odour.
- Haircare: Students are expected to maintain clean and well-groomed hair.
 Regular shampooing and conditioning are essential, and hairstyles should be neat and manageable.
- Shaving: Male students are encouraged to maintain facial hair in a tidy manner and shave regularly as needed to uphold a neat appearance.
- Nail Care: Students should keep their nails clean and trimmed, with no excessive length or decorations that may pose hygiene concerns.

House Matrons' Role: House matrons play a crucial role in supervising and supporting students in adhering to personal grooming standards. They will provide guidance, conduct inspections, offer advice, and ensure compliance with grooming expectations. House matrons are available to address any concerns or queries regarding personal hygiene and grooming practices, fostering a hygienic and respectful living environment within the boarding houses.

Students are expected to maintain their school uniforms and other clothes in a clean, tidy, and presentable condition always. Clothes should be laundered regularly in the boarding houses.

11. Jewellery and Grooming Standards

For health and safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear jewellery in school except for one pair of plain earring studs in pierced ears (for girls only) and a watch. Stud earrings should be removed, or recently pierced ears should be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents) for PE and swimming, and watches removed to prevent injury.

Hairstyles should be reasonable, easy for children to manage, and appropriate for the school environment. Extreme fashion hairstyles, including unnaturally coloured dyes or bleached styles, are not permitted. For health and safety reasons, all children are required to have their hair tied back, if long enough, for school, particularly for PE & cookery lessons.

Make-up, including nail varnish, is not acceptable under any circumstances. Extended eyelashes are also prohibited.

12. Non-Compliance and Consequences

Non-compliance with the school uniform policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's behavior policy and code of conduct. Students who repeatedly fail to adhere to uniform requirements may face sanctions, including warnings, detention, or parental involvement. **Uniforms procured from any vendor, retailor or seller other than trinity academy will not be accepted for use or wear in school premises**

13. Review and Revision

Trinity Academy will periodically review and revise its School Uniform Policy to ensure its effectiveness and relevance to the school community. Feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff will be considered during policy reviews, and amendments or revisions will be communicated to all stakeholders, director's, staff, parents and students in a timely manner.
