

2022 Uniform Launch



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We are a school that challenges outdated norms and assumptions about schooling, and instead, has developed school structures and curriculums which are more responsive to the modern world, in order to make a difference for our young people's futures.

Nicola Forrest
Principal



A reflection of who we are and how we learn

Beginning in 2019, a team of Cornish College community members including students, staff, parents and board members, commenced a project to better understand and articulate the Cornish College brand; our philosophy and who we are becoming.

Last year we launched our new branding which represents the forward thinking, caring and innovative school that we have always been and will continue to strive to be. We are explorers - with the commitment and courage to redefine schooling for a sustainable future.

Now, as a natural extension of our brand, we are proud to launch the new Cornish College uniform. This new uniform draws on the work of many people from our community over the past 18 months to ensure we move forward to continue to make a difference today for the futures of our young people and broader community.

A wardrobe for belonging

With a proud reputation for innovation and a strong belief in the capability of all students, we seek to honour student agency in every aspect of their schooling. Our new 'uniform wardrobe' recognises that all our young people can make informed and independent choices about what to wear to school each day. Whilst they can choose their own combination of clothing, the wardrobe builds on the strong sense of belonging that Cornish College nurtures and offers a range of items that proudly identify students as part of our community.

The wardrobe includes some elements of tradition and formality for students who feel that is what suits them best, together with a range of casual and activewear choices to meet other preferences. There are no gender-specific requirements and students can choose from either tailored or relaxed fittings for some items. The range is trans-seasonal which means that items are no longer linked to particular times of the year and each item can be worn all year-around.

In keeping with the College's values and underpinning ethos, we have utilised sustainable fabrics in key garments such as the polo shirt, shorts and trousers. We also acknowledge that this needs to be 'in balance' with affordability, wearability and durability.





Uniform Collection



Tops



Dress
Prep – Year 12



Pullover
Years 7 – 12



Long Sleeve Shirt
Relaxed & Tailored Fit
Years 7 – 12

Short Sleeve Shirt
Relaxed & Tailored Fit
Years 7 – 12



Bottoms



Skirt
Years 7 – 12



Tailored Fit Pant
Years 5 – 12



Relaxed Fit Pant
Years 5 – 12



Tailored Fit Short
Years 5 – 12



Relaxed Fit Short
Years 5 – 12



Early Learning Centre - Year 6



Active Tops



Polo Dress
Early Learning Centre – Year 6



Polo Top
Early Learning Centre – Year 6



Polo Dress
Years 7 – 12



Polo Top
Years 7 – 12



Rugby Top
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



1/4 Zip Top
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Long Sleeve Tee
Early Learning Centre – Year 12

Active Pants



Endurance Pant
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Endurance Pant - Double Knee
Early Learning Centre – Year 6



Elastic Waist Pant
Early Learning Centre – Year 6



Leggings
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Active Shorts



Speed Short

Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Skort

Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Elastic Waist Short

Early Learning Centre – Year 6





Quality design and manufacture

In developing a new uniform wardrobe, we were very pleased to work with one of Australia's most prominent designers, Jonathan Ward. Jonathan was previously the Executive Designer for RM Williams and has worked with a number of independent schools in designing school uniforms. His knowledge, experience and attention to detail has resulted in a wardrobe that is both stylish and easy to wear.

We have also worked closely with our uniform suppliers Noone and OnTrack to deliver an affordable and durable new uniform wardrobe, which includes, where possible, the latest technology in fabric design.





Years 7 - 12

Outer Wear



Soft Shell Jacket
Years 7 – 12



Puffer Jacket
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Spray Jacket
Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Bags



School Bag



Sport Gearsack





Accessories



Cap



Bucket Hat



Beanie

Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Socks



Scarf

Early Learning Centre – Year 12



Sports



Multi Sport Top



Netball



Basketball Top



Football Top

Water Sports



Maxback Bathers



Jammer Bathers



Swim Cap



House Tops



House Polo Baany
Years 3 – 12

House Polo Wiiny
Years 3 – 12

House Polo Biik
Years 3 – 12

House Polo Murnmut
Years 3 – 12

FAQ's

What is a 'uniform wardrobe'?

A wardrobe of uniform items provides a range of garments from which individual choices can be made. A wardrobe does not include a prescriptive list of items but rather, allows students to choose their own uniform preferences from the range available.

Not all items in the wardrobe will necessarily appeal to all students, but all are available and many of the items have tailored and relaxed fitting options.

Do I need to purchase everything from the range?

There is no expectation that all items in the wardrobe be purchased - just the items that each student would like to wear, along with the compulsory items identified below.

Are there compulsory items?

The following updated Cornish branded items are compulsory:

- Sport uniform, including bathers, if required
- Hat (bucket for primary and cap for secondary)
- School bag
- Library bag (Early Learning Centre – Year 6)
- Lab coat (Year 7 onwards)
- House polo top (Year 3 onwards)

When do I need to purchase the new uniform?

The new uniform will be on sale for the beginning of the 2023 school year. There is a two-year transition period where the old and new uniforms can be worn (2023 and 2024), but only the new uniform can be worn from the beginning of 2025.

Can my child wear the old uniform with the new uniform?

From the beginning of 2023 through to the end of 2024, students can wear either the old or the new uniform. However, items of each uniform cannot be worn together and students should either wear **all new** uniform items or **all old** uniform.

Are the Early Learning Centre, primary and secondary wardrobe items different?

Whilst some of the uniform items are consistent across the whole College, there are also items that are unique to the Early Learning Centre, primary and secondary schools (see illustration pages for details).

In addition, students entering Years 5 and 6, may also begin to wear items that are generally worn in the secondary school. This is a way in which the College can support families to reduce the cost of the uniform.

What will the new uniform cost?

We expect that families will save \$150-\$200 on their first year uniform purchase cost, as there is no longer a requirement to purchase both academic and sport, summer and winter uniforms.

As the new uniform range is trans-seasonal, families can purchase uniform based on personal choice, student growth and layering requirements at any time, rather than specific requirements based on summer/winter uniforms and year level requirements.

When will the new uniform be available for purchase?

The new uniform will be available for purchase from mid-late December 2022.

How durable are the fabrics used in the new wardrobe?

All garments are machine washable and most can be tumble dried. Many of the fabrics use updated technologies from those used in the old uniform.



Will there be a specific uniform for formal occasions?

When students come together wearing the full range of items, our wardrobe will look great at any event or occasion.

Therefore, we honour students' choices to wear their preferred uniform items but do expect them to ensure the items chosen are clean, well-fitting and worn appropriately.

Can students wear sports uniform all day when they have sport or physical education classes?

Students can wear sport uniform all day when they have sport or physical education classes, or they can bring a change of clothes from the wardrobe if they wish.

If the polo-shirt and sports shorts, skirt or trackpants are a student's preferred choice of coordinates, they can wear these on any day, regardless of whether or not they have sport or physical education.

Are there special uniforms for Houses, sports teams and other representative teams or groups?

Yes, every student from Year 3 to Year 12 will need to purchase a House polo top to be worn at nominated House events.

In addition, the College will supply appropriate, branded sport uniforms for interschool/other competitive sporting events. Students may also choose to purchase these items, if they wish.

What are the rules about wearing the uniform?

The updated Uniform Policy and uniform guidelines will be available on The Hive.

What footwear is required?

Students should wear navy or white socks and must wear closed-toe shoes that cover the whole foot. College-style black leather shoes or comfortable runners are appropriate choices.

What will happen to the old uniform items when the new uniform is fully introduced?

Where possible, we will seek to support partnerships with other schools/organisations that may benefit from acquiring items of our surplus old uniform. This will always be done in an ethical and sustainable way.

Will the old uniform still be available for purchase?

We expect that limited supplies of the old uniform will be available for sale until the end of 2024.

Special thanks

We are most grateful to the many people from the Cornish College community who provided ideas and feedback, as we developed our new uniform wardrobe.

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Current students

During the development phase of the new uniform, over 60 students from Prep to Year 12 focus groups have met with our Principal to discuss their requests, ideas and opinions about the College uniform and to review the sample items as they arrived. The critical feedback provided by these students, along with their genuine enthusiasm for change has, to a large extent, guided the outcomes for our new uniform. We are very proud of our students for being the critical and creative thinkers they are and for having the confidence to share their voice with us throughout this process.

Alumni

Thank you to the alumni who have met with the Principal for critical discussions over the years about uniforms and our branding. Many of these Cornish graduates have paved the way for student agency that has resulted in a strong element of student voice in the development of the new Cornish wardrobe.



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