

New Student Information Handbook

(Some important things you need to know)



Kennedy
Baptist College

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Welcome to the Kennedy Community

Kennedy Baptist College provides an environment where each student is able to see life's opportunities as theirs to seize and obstacles as challenges to overcome.

At Kennedy Baptist College, students are expected to strive for personal excellence in all that they do. This translates to a positive learning environment where students are required to display high standards of behaviour which are reinforced by an exceptional Pastoral Care Program.

Kennedy students are part of a caring Christian community. It is our aim to instill within the student a life long love of learning, to enable each student to grow as an individual through understanding social responsibilities and global citizenship. That they will foster the creative, critical and cognitive faculties so that they may continually strive to achieve their best.

We hope you have an enjoyable journey at Kennedy!

Mr Mark Ashby
Principal

About the College

College Values

Kennedy Baptist College upholds core values which form the framework of our pastoral care, discipline and learning programs. The values are:

- Faith • Integrity • Boldness • Growth • Service

Motto

The College motto is "Strive today, Conquer tomorrow" What drives one to boldly step where no one has gone before, to overcome obstacles and achieve great things against all odds?

The story of WA pioneer Baptist Minister, William Kennedy inspires the answers to these questions and more. His passion and determination saw him overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to establish churches along WA's Great Southern Railway, the Goldfields and the Eastern Hills. Kennedy was renowned as a man of integrity and audacity, by the communities he served.

In today's fast paced world of instant gratification, it is our hope that Kennedy's remarkable qualities of focused determination and persistence will inspire our young people. Informed by Christian values, we aim to encourage our students to live passionately and persevere to overcome obstacles they may face in making the most of life's opportunities.

It is the spirit of Kennedy's story that underpins our College values and will inspire our students to fulfil our College motto of 'strive today, conquer tomorrow'.

Executive Team

We believe a strong leadership team improves the educational outcomes of our students. Our Executive Team shares a common purpose based on our College's vision and values. Our Executive Team includes:

Principal	Mr Mark Ashby
Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care	Mr Wendell Pether
Deputy Principal - Curriculum	Miss Jennifer Lamet
Director of Students	Mr Andrew Dunn
Director of Studies	Mr Timothy Jiow
Director of Finance and Resources	Mr Warren Hodges

Student Leadership

Kennedy Baptist College recognises the vital role of student leadership in developing the life of the community as well as allowing students the opportunity to develop their skills and experience.

Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles enabling them to:

- Develop their leadership skills.
- Act as effective role models for the student community.
- Offer responsible service to their College

This prepares students to become confident, well-organised, responsible and creative young adults who are valued members of their professional and social communities.

Student Councillors

The role of a student councillor is to provide leadership through responsible service to the College and to act as effective role models for the student body.

House Captains

The role of a house captain is to build, develop, lead and support the Kennedy Baptist College House System and to promote a positive and enthusiastic spirit within their House.

Kennedy House System

Our House System is designed to enable students to further develop a sense of identity and belonging at Kennedy. Our four Houses are:

- Eyre
- Forrest
- King
- Stirling



Each student belongs to a House and participates in various activities and College events including the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, Public Speaking, Champions Reading and Arts Cup competition. Students can also earn individual house points through their daily efforts at the College through correct uniform, positive behaviour, cultural and academic contributions.

These individual house points are collected each term and go into a draw for students to win a major prize for the term. Collective house points for each House are tallied at the end of Term 3 where the winner of the Kennedy Cup will be announced.

The Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct sets out Kennedy Baptist College's expectations of students with respect to their academic and personal conduct.

Students are to commit themselves to uphold:

- the values of the College and respect the Christian ethos of the College
- the spirit of the Code of Conduct and accept that their conduct reflects on the College.

Students have an obligation to inform themselves of the College policies affecting them, such as the:

- Attendance policy
- Digital citizenship college agreement
- Discipline policy
- Bullying prevention policy
- Uniform policy
- Homework and assessment policy
- Complaints policy
- Privacy policy
- Mobile phone policy.

Above mentioned policies are currently available on our website.

The Code

This Code relates to student behaviours and sets expectations that the College has for its students in the following key areas:

- Academic conduct
- Attendance
- Equity, respect and fairness
- Use and care of College resources
- College reputation.

1. Academic Conduct

Students are expected to:

- Conduct themselves honestly and in compliance with College policies.
- Not engage in plagiarism or other academic misconduct.
- Actively participate in the learning process.
- Refrain from behaviour which would interrupt the work of any class or hinder the learning opportunities of other students.
- Submit assessment tasks on time, unless unforeseen or exceptional circumstances arise.
- Avoid any action or behaviour that would unfairly advantage or disadvantage either themselves or another student.
- Ensure the proper use of copyright material.

- Ensure their activities are conducted safely and do not place others at risk of harm.

2. Attendance

Students are expected to:

- Be punctual and present at all lessons.
- Remain at the College during the school day unless otherwise approved or permitted.
- Attend compulsory College functions and events such as the Easter Services, Interhouse carnivals, Award Nights, Camps and Work Experience.

3. Equity, Respect and Fairness

Students are expected to:

- Treat all College staff, other students, and visitors to the College with courtesy, tolerance and respect.
- Respect the rights of others to be treated equitably, free from all forms of discrimination, bullying, harassment and abuse, including sexual harassment.
- Respect the rights of others to express their views and not engage in behaviour that could reasonably be considered to be offensive to others.
- Not engage in any form of cyberbullying or cyberabuse.
- Not send inappropriate, offensive or explicit text messages, photos or videos.
- Respect the privacy and confidentiality of others by not sharing personal information without their consent or agreement.

4. Use and Care of College Resources

Students are expected to:

- Use and care for all College resources, such as buildings, equipment and grounds, information and communication technology resources, in a responsible manner.
- Not engage in behaviour that causes damage to College property.

5. College Reputation

Students are expected to:

- Show pride in the achievement of themselves and the College.
- Uphold the reputation of the College by demonstrating appropriate standards of behaviour in transit to and from the College and when wearing College uniform.
- Ensure their actions or inactions as a student do not harm, or bring into disrepute, the College's reputation or good standing.
- Dress neatly in accordance with the College's Uniform policy.

Discipline

Behaviour contrary to the Student Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action including (but not limited to) suspension or exclusion. Students should appreciate that serious offences such as assault, theft, wilful damage and other unlawful activities are highly likely to attract exclusion. For minor breaches of the Code of Conduct, students will receive a warning asking them to rectify their behaviour. This warning may take the form of a verbal reminder of the expected behaviour, send outs or demerits. Suspension is likely for consistent minor breaches of the Code of Conduct. Students should be aware that where a student's conduct breaks the law, the matter will be reported to the Police, in addition to any action taken by the College.

Reporting Concerns

If you are concerned about the health, safety and wellbeing of another student please have a conversation with your Head of Year.

Complaints

If you have a complaint, please have a conversation with your Teacher or Head of Year. If your Teacher or Head of Year is unable to resolve your issue, then you may lodge a complaint with the College. We commit to dealing with this complaint according to our Complaints handling policy.

Communicating with Families

Regular communication is an essential part of working positively and connecting with our teachers, students and families to build our community.

To maintain an ongoing and genuine dialogue with our College community, we have established a number of ways to share information, foster close relationships, and provide opportunities for families to partner with us in their child's learning. This is done through the following means:

- **College Newsletters** - Published fortnightly on Thursdays during school terms. The newsletter will be emailed to all parents and posted on the College website.
- **SEQTA at Kennedy** - Parents and students will be provided with information about how to access SEQTA Engage (for parents) and SEQTA Learn (for students) and which is our web portal, to view your child/ren's timetables, pastoral care overview, attendance history, homework, school notices, etc.
- **Consent2Go** - For excursions and medical updates.
- **Student Diary**
- **Correspondence, Telephone, SMS or Email**

Student Services

Absent from College

Due to sickness: Parents are asked to notify the College before 9.00am on the morning of absence by email: absent@kennedy.wa.edu.au, or by ringing 6188 0698 stating your child's full name and Form (if known). Parents will be contacted by SMS if a child is absent and the College has not been notified.

Due to other reasons: For planned leave, parents are asked to notify the Principal at least 10 days prior to the leave by obtaining a Leave of Absence form from Student Services or parent's SEQTA Engage.

Late for Class

The College day starts at 8.15am and finishes at 3.15pm. Students should arrive by 8.10am for 8.15am Form time.

Students arriving late must report to Student Services and present a note with an explanation for their lateness. Students are reminded that punctuality is expected at all times including co-curricular and extra-curricular commitments. Late arrivals will be recorded and can result in a demerit.

Leaving Early

Students are only permitted to leave the College grounds during the day if they are signed out by a parent, have a note signed or email from their parent giving a valid reason. Students must present to Student Services to be signed out.

Lost Property or Confiscated Items

All lost property or confiscated items are kept at Student Services. Named items are returned to students and unnamed items at the end of each semester are donated to second hand uniform sales or a local charity.

Uniform Pass

If students are not in correct uniform, they are to present to Student Services to obtain a uniform pass.

Lockers

A lock and locker will be provided for all students. Replacement cost for lost/damaged locks is \$25 per lock.

Student Support Services

The purpose of Student Support Services is to provide unwell or distressed students with a quiet place, where they can rest and recuperate before returning to the classroom setting. Students requiring basic first aid or assistance in the event of injury or illness where our Nurse or Medical Officer are present to provide the highest quality care whilst at College.

When students are assessed to be too unwell for school, the Student Support staff will contact parents/guardians to arrange collection as soon as practicable.

It is also where our College Chaplain, School Psychologist and Counseling team are located to provide the relevant support to our College community.

Medication

The College is very conscious of its responsibilities when a student requires medication. In accordance with legal and safety requirements, students are not permitted to keep medication on their person or to administer any medication to other students. Parents/guardians must undertake the following in relation to the administration of medication and/or management of health conditions:

- Notify the College in writing of a health condition requiring medication during the day.
- Request in writing for the College to administer prescribed medication or to assist in the management of a health condition.
- Notify the College in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container clearly stating the name of the student, name of medication, dose and time to be administered. It is also necessary to complete the College Medication Information form (located in SEQTA Engage). The medication and form must be handed to the nominated staff member.
- Ensure the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken.
- Notify the College in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner.
- Advise the College in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required during the day.

Extra Curricular Activities and Tutoring Sessions

After school tutoring information will be available in our newsletter and on our website. Keep a look out for *clubs and sporting events throughout the year.

* Please note that clubs and events may change from the above, depending on popularity or availability. See <http://kennedyrasc.weebly.com> for current information on clubs held in the Research and Study Centre or SEQTA notices.

Breakfast, Lunch and Recess

Beedawong Cafeteria

Students may purchase breakfast, recess and lunch at Beedawong. The menu can be found on our website.

Ordering Lunch Online via QuickCliq

Beedawong uses QuickCliq system to provide an easy and convenient way of ordering lunch. Orders can be taken up to two weeks in advance.

To get started, you will need to know your child's Form class. This will be issued at the Pre-Start Day.

Visit the site: <https://quickcliq.com.au/>
Hotline: 1300 11 66 37.

Second Hand Uniform and Textbook information

Second-hand Textbook/Uniform Trading

The Sustainable School Shop provides families with the opportunity to buy and sell second-hand student resources including textbooks, calculators, stationery, and musical equipment all year round. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools.

Simply register on the Sustainable School Shop website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

P&F secondhand uniform & textbooks Facebook page

P&F have a Facebook page for the sale of Kennedy second-hand uniforms and textbooks. Please visit the following page for more information:

<https://www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/kennedy-community/parents-friends-association/>

Getting to and from Kennedy

SmartRider

New students will be receiving their SmartRider card in approximately 3rd week of Term 1. Students will still be able to use their SmartRider from their previous school, whilst waiting for their Kennedy SmartRider, provided there is sufficient credit on the card.

The first SmartRider card is free through the College on enrolment. Replacement SmartRider cards may be reordered through the College Student Services. Please bring a note accompanied with \$5.00.

Kennedy SmartRider cards contain an additional chip linked to our cafeteria which enables students to load credit for use in the cafeteria. For further information please refer to our website.

Kennedy Bus Transport

Kennedy operates a bus service (independent to Transperth) providing an option for families in the suburbs of East Fremantle, Bicton, Attadale and Melville. Use of this service is by arrangement with Kennedy Administration.

Bicycles

All bike riders are required by law to wear a helmet. Bikes must be left secured with a strong padlock, at the rear of the College. The College takes no responsibility for their safety.

Carpool

For families who are interested in car pooling, we are happy to put a request in the newsletter on your behalf. Please contact Ms Linda Ang, our Public Relations Officer, or email: news@kennedy.wa.edu.au for its inclusion.

Transperth

Transperth Buses & Trains

Transperth buses stop at Kennedy Baptist College from Murdoch & Cockburn Central Train Stations. (Route 512 and 514) There are also frequent buses to Murdoch University via Discovery Way. The closest bus stops to Kennedy are 26787 or 26628. It is approximately a 5 minute walk to the College. Information about the bus/train service is found on www.transperth.wa.gov.au

Students using public transport are required to behave in a dignified and courteous manner. Failure to comply with the above may result in Transperth banning the student from bus or train travel

You can check bus times using the Transperth Mobile app or use Transperth Journey Planner to plan the best route to the College.

<http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Journey-Planner>

Drop-off / Pick-up and Parking

Before and after school pick up traffic congestion



The pick-up and drop off areas become very congested in the morning and afternoon and this may cause frustration for parents. This situation can be eased if parents are able to come a few minutes later to pick-up their child. Traffic seems to flow more easily after about 3.30pm and students are supervised by staff while waiting to be picked up.

No Parking Zone:

Parents are also reminded that cars may not park in the pick-up zone for any reason. If you need to leave your car, please be considerate of others and park in an allocated parking area. A little courtesy and consideration makes the process stress free for everyone.

Do not park in the 'Keep Clear' or 'Bus Only' zone. Cars queuing for a spot create a gridlock preventing buses from entering the College.

Getting around the College

Opening hours:

Beedawong Cafeteria:

6.30am to 1.40pm Monday to Friday

Research & Study Centre and ICT Support:

7.45am to 4.15pm Monday to Friday
(closed at recess 11.00am-11.25am on Fridays)

Student Services:

7.45am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Reception/Administration:

7.45am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Fitness Centre:

Before school:

7.00am-8.00am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

After school:

3.30pm- 4.30pm Monday and Friday

Uniform Shop:

Please refer to our website for Uniform Shop opening hours.



Please use this entrance for:

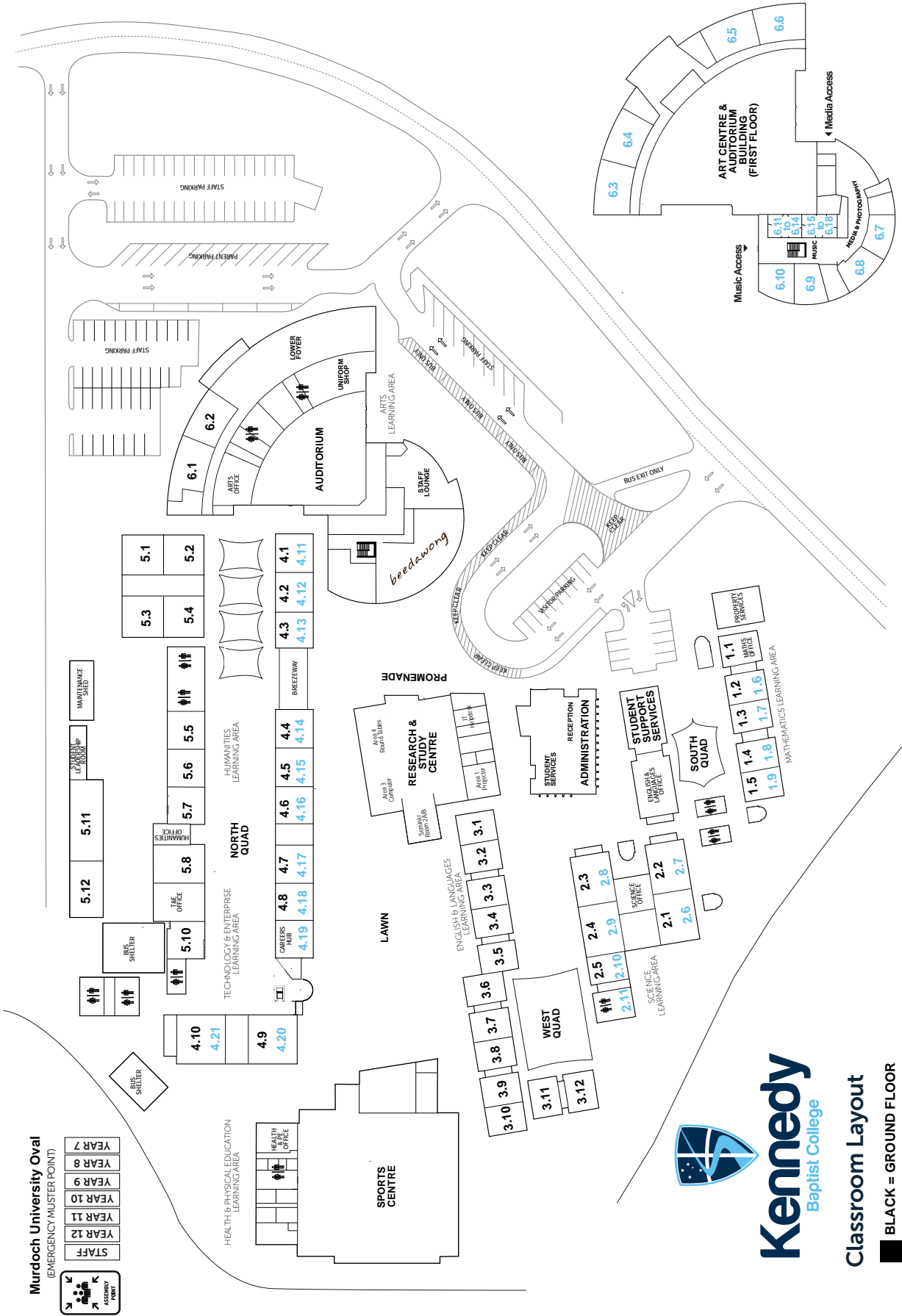
Dropping off your child's lunch, equipment, uniforms, sports equipment, homework, permission slips or note when a uniform pass is required.

Picking up homework* or your child for appointments. *by prior arrangement with teacher
To sign your child in/out if your child is late, needs to leave early or has an appointment.
Lost Property : All lost property is kept at Student Services

Please use this entrance to:

Pick up your sick child or to visit our College's Psychologist, Counsellor and College Chaplain.

College Map



Kennedy Baptist College
Classroom Layout
 BLACK = GROUND FLOOR
 BLUE = FIRST FLOOR

Uniform Policy

GENERAL

The uniform is to be worn with pride at all times, reflecting the values of the College.

Uniform and Presentation Standards for Students

Dress and grooming are of particular importance at all times.

Parents should ensure that their children meet all of the following:

- Boys' shorts and trousers must be worn in a neat and professional manner with shirts tucked in.
- Shoes must be clean and polished.
- Clothes must be clean and ironed.
- Students who are not in correct school uniform must produce a note signed by a parent or guardian and collect a uniform pass from Student Services.
- Parents are asked to ensure that their children are properly and neatly dressed as they drop them off or as they leave home. This is regarded by the College as an expectation for families, as part of your support of the College ethos.

Uniform

No student is to write on any part of the College uniform: however, all items of clothing are to be clearly and discreetly marked with the student's name. Untidy items of clothing will need to be replaced if required by the College. Breaches of uniform rules can result in demerits, suspension, and possible exclusion from the College.

Jumper if worn, must not have sleeves pushed back and is not to be tied around the waist.

Shoes must be black, polishable leather, lace-up, school shoes with a small heel. Note: Black sneakers and "ballet flats" are not permissible.

College hats or caps are to be worn at recess and lunch during Terms 1 and 4. They must also be worn during Sport lessons in the sun.

College Bag or back pack is compulsory for each student. They should be in good condition and

not spoiled by graffiti. Unsatisfactory bags will need to be replaced. Files and books are not to have graffiti on them.

All books, bags and items of clothing must be clearly labelled. Failure to do this will result in very little chance of recovery of lost or misplaced items.

Sports/Arts uniform is to be worn for all Physical Education/ Arts Department practical sessions. Students change into Sports/Arts uniform at the break prior to the session and change back at the first available break at the completion of the session. Sports uniform is not to be worn to College in the morning or home from College in the afternoon. An exception is made for those training, rehearsing or competing after school. These students may travel home in the appropriate College Sports or Arts uniform. College bathers and track suits are to be worn for sports lessons and competitions.

Physical Education Uniform Information

The correct College Uniform is to be worn to all classes of Physical Education and includes the following:

- College wide brim hat or cap: Worn Term 1 and Term 4.
- College Physical Education socks, shorts and House shirt.
- Shoes which are recognised running shoes, that are laced up and provide adequate support for students during running and other physical activities.
- All swimming classes students are required to wear full College swim uniform. This includes the skins for the males and the full piece for the females. Note: No bikinis are to be worn under the female uniform.
- Students who do not comply with the College rules may be issued with a demerit.
- Note: The Health and Physical Education Learning Area may be loaning out uniforms and equipment to students at Kennedy Baptist College. Should any student damage or lose these items, they will be charged the full replacement cost, and this will

be added to the fee statement.

- Students representing the College are expected to wear the correct Physical Education uniform for the sports they are representing and at times it may need to be purchased depending on the sport.
- Sports uniform may only be worn to the College if the student has Physical Education in Periods 1,2 or 3. Following this, students must then get changed into formal uniform at recess.

Helmets must be worn by cyclists when riding to or from the College.

Scarves can be worn in colder weather but must be College issue.

Tattoos are not permitted.

Jewellery: Boys and girls are permitted to wear a wristwatch. Additionally, girls are permitted to wear one pair of plain, small, gold or silver sleepers or studs, in the lower lobe of each ear. Sleepers should be no more than 15mm in diameter with a consistent thickness that can be rotated through the ear. No coloured earrings, ones with stones or additional designs are permitted. No other jewellery or piercings, including clear spacers, are allowed.

Make-up: When students are in uniform, no make-up is to be worn. Nail polish is not permitted.

Girls hair, if shoulder length or longer, all hair must be tied up and away from the face. College issue hair accessories should be used. Hair clips if used should match hair colour. Extremes of hair colouring or hair style, including long fringes, are not permitted.

Boys hair is to be cut no shorter than a No. 2 and no longer than the top collar and should be neat in appearance. Extremes of hair colouring or hair style, including long fringes, shaven sides, dreadlocks or shaven heads are not permitted. Boys need to be clean shaven. Side burns are not to be longer than the middle of the ears.

SUMMER UNIFORM

(worn in Terms 1 and 4)

BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM

Their **College shirt** should be tucked in at all times.

The **College shorts** should be properly fitted so that they don't fall down. Shorts should be worn at the waist and reach above the knees. Boxer shorts and undergarments must not be visible.



GIRLS' SUMMER UNIFORM

College dress is to be worn at knee length or below. Top button of dress needs to be fastened.

Girls have the option to wear **College formal shorts** with grey socks.

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Students must wear the **College socks**. Socks must not be worn lower than the ankle. The stripes must be visible.

Shoes must be black, polishable leather, lace-up, school shoes with a small heel. Note: Black sneakers and "ballet flats" are not permissible.

WINTER UNIFORM

(worn in Terms 2 and 3)

GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM

The **College tie** must be worn with the College blouse.

The **College blazer** is to be worn at College functions, when representing the College and in public during Terms 2 and 3.

Students must wear their blazer on arrival at the College, during morning Form and again when leaving at the end of the day. The blazer sleeves must not be rolled or pushed back.

The **College skirt** is to be worn at knee length or below and must not be rolled. Girls have the option to wear **College trousers** with grey socks.

Correct **College socks** or **tights** may be worn in winter. The tights must be black 70 denier in thickness.

It is a good idea for girls to have a spare pair of College tights in her school bag should the need for them arise. Otherwise a pair will be issued from Student Services and the cost added to your school fees.

Please note that socks and tights must not be worn together.



BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM

College ties are to be worn adjusted to the collar and not worn loosely. They must also be regulation length. The top button must be done up when the tie is worn.

The **College blazer** is to be worn at College functions, when representing the College, during morning Form and in public during Terms 2 and 3. Students must wear their blazer on arrival at the College and again when leaving at the end of the day. The blazer sleeves must not be rolled or pushed back.

The **College trousers** must be worn at the waist and must have a plain, black **College leather belt** with a simple buckle.

Shoes must be black, polishable leather, lace-up, school shoes with a small heel. Black sneakers and 'ballet flats' are not permissible.

For boys: College socks are to be worn.



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