

HPE Uniform Update

The College will implement an exciting change regarding our current College HPE uniform from our Early Years students - to Year 10 following feedback from students, staff and parents/carers regarding durability, fit and suitability for exercise and physical activities.

This change will have a two-year phase-in period from the commencement of 2024 to the conclusion of 2025, with both uniforms being able to be worn during this transition period. All new students to the College in 2024 will commence wearing the new HPE uniform, and from 2026, all students will have transitioned into the new HPE uniform. Additionally, as the colours/designs are not too dissimilar, during this period students can pair the old-style and new-style items as your daughter grows - essentially 'mixing and matching' items.

The new HPE uniform supplied by Ontrack Sportswear will include:

- A soft shell jacket (replacing current tracksuit top)
- ¹/₄ zip jacket (replacing current rugby top and current Kinder/Prep top)
- New tracksuit pants and sports shorts

College long-length leggings and a skort (replacing sports skirt), which can be worn instead of sports shorts for HPE/Dance lessons, have been introduced. The soft shell jacket, tracksuit pants and House polo top are the only compulsory HPE items for Years 1-10; all other items can be purchased and worn at the College or representative sporting events depending on SATIS uniform requirements for that sport.

Compulsory Items: Soft Shell Jacket - \$110





Trackpant - \$60



House Polo (current item - no change)



Non-compulsory items:

Short - \$40

Skort - \$49





Leggings - \$60



1/4 zip jacket - \$98

All families/students *starting new with us next year* will **not** need to order these new sports items via QKR, as students will be fitted in-store at their fitting appointment at the Uniform Shop.

All *existing* families/students wishing to purchase the new style sports uniform items **will** need to order these through the QKR app by the end of October. There are sample sizes to try on at the shop, but no orders will be taken there; orders must go through QKR. These orders should be ready for collection in late January, but they may get distributed to students via the College office part way through Term One, depending on delivery schedules.

I understand that changes like these can be challenging, and we wanted to ensure you were aware of this development in a timely manner. The cost to Parents/Carers was a significant consideration in this process. Items have been selected and designed with this as a key factor, and the phase-in approach also assists with this impact. If you have any questions or concerns about the new uniform, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school directly.

I wish to thank the members of the College Uniform Committee, both staff and students who have given their time to ensuring that our uniform is responsive to student needs while maintaining a high standard of personal presentation at the College. The next phase of our Uniform Review will be our Representative sports uniform which will be introduced in 2025 and communication regarding this will be published to parents/carers as soon as this is finalised, early in 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we adapt to this new uniform change. I value your feedback and input as we respond to our uniform requirements and needs.

Kind regards

Lyndal Tewes Deputy Principal (College Uniform Committee - Chair)

Sizing details for new HPE uniform:

Jacket

Chest width (A) refers to the measurement from underarm to underarm, across the front of the jacket when it is zipped up and resting on a **flat surface**. This measurement style is best used when compared with an already owned item of a comfortable size.



When compared to the existing, and familiar, sizes of the MCC tracksuit jacket, the sizing of this new style could best be described as **labelled two sizes larger** than what your child currently wears.

For instance, if your daughter is currently wearing the MCC tracksuit jacket in a 10C, in order to buy this same size in the new style, you would need to **order two sizes up**, which would be the 14C. If your daughter wears a S currently, you would need to order a L, and so on.

There will also be sample sizes for your daughter to try on at the Uniform shop. <u>All orders for these new</u> items will need to be placed through the QKR ordering system, which will also have photos.



• Size guide for new style tracksuit jacket (in cm)

	4C	6C	8C	10C	12C	14C	xs	S	М	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
(A)	37.8	39.8	41.9	44.0	47.1	50.2	51.5	54.5	57.5	60.5	63.5	67.5	71.5	75.5	79.5	83.5
(B)	45.4	49.4	53.4	57.4	61.4	65.4	69.4	71.4	73.4	75.4	77.4	79.4	81.4	81.4	81.4	81.4

• Tracksuit pants / sport shorts / leggings / 1/4 zip jacket

The sizing for these items is largely unchanged. The length of each size will remain a near match to existing sizes, with waistband measurements made slightly larger. Our existing sizes in these items have always had disproportionately small waistbands, so this small change should actually improve the fit.