



Presbyterian Ladies' College

MELBOURNE

New PLC School Uniform

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the uniform changing?

Our school uniform is evolving to meet the needs of our students from the Early Learning Centre through to Year 12 as they pursue an active and diverse educational program. As the role of women, particularly in the workplace, has changed over time, our uniform must mirror these changes. Our new uniform reflects the exciting choices that our girls now have as they grow to live and work beyond school whilst still maintaining the historical and defining elements of our PLC school colours and distinctive tartan.

2. What is changing with PLC's uniform?

With the full adoption of the new uniform in Term 1, 2025, the College will celebrate its 150th anniversary with every student wearing school attire that is practical, comfortable and offers personal choice for their individual daily requirements.

3. How did the College decide on the new uniform collection?

The College has engaged leading uniform designer Jonathan Ward to produce a new uniform that has been carefully designed as a contemporary wardrobe approach offering choice and comfort all-year round. Emphasis has been placed on developing new signature fabrics in checks and plain weaves to accommodate comfort and durability in the new styles and shapes.

4. What is different about the new uniform collection?

The most defining aspect of the new uniform is individual student choice. There will no longer be a summer and winter uniform. The new uniform will be transeasonal and has been designed to be worn all-year round. It features a range of compulsory items as well as an extensive range of optional clothing pieces to complement each students' individual preferences, style and comfort. With these choices the new academic uniform offers the introduction of a College hat, shorts, pants, long sleeve and short sleeve shirts and a cardigan. The sports uniform is designed with alternate layering transeasonal garment options to extend the wardrobe experience.

5. How long is the transition period between the current and new uniforms?

The transition period is two years. It begins at the start of Term 1, 2023 and concludes at the end of Term 4, 2024. In the lead-up to the full transition, students may wear either the current uniform or the new uniform but not a mix of both on any given day. **The current uniform will be phased out by the end of Term 4, 2024. All students must wear the new uniform from Term 1, 2025.**

6. Which uniform should new students starting at PLC in 2023 wear?

New PLC students commencing from 2023 are highly encouraged to wear the new uniform. However, if they have existing uniform items or wish to purchase second-hand uniforms, they may wear those items up until Term 4, 2024.

7. Are students allowed to wear their current uniform items with the new uniform items?

No. Students must either wear the current uniform or the new uniform - Not a mix of both uniforms on any given day.

8. Are students allowed to use their existing school bags with the new uniform?

Yes. However, by Term 1, 2025, all students must have a new school bag.

9. Can students still buy the current school uniform items?

Yes. The PLC Shop has limited stock of the current school uniform available. Starting from this term, Term 4, 2022, these items will be available to purchase at a discounted rate to help families with the transition period. For more details, please see in-store or [online](#)

10. Will there be a new sports uniform?

Yes. The College has designed a new sports uniform collection to complement the academic uniform. This includes game day sports uniforms, which the College will continue to provide for students' use.

The new sports uniform will be available at the start of 2023.

11. Will the new uniform offer a specific summer and winter option?

No. The new PLC uniform has been designed to be fully transeasonal.

With some exceptions, students may wear uniform items that they feel most comfortable in and that are appropriate to the weather or school activities on any given day. Some uniform items will remain mandatory for wear, whilst other items may not be worn at certain times or in certain combinations. The complete guide to wearing the new uniform will be available after the official launch in late November, 2022.

12. Can I purchase or sell second-hand uniform items?

Yes. Second-hand uniform items can be purchased and sold at the PLC Shop during the transition period. Families wishing to sell their good quality second-hand uniforms are required to complete a Second-Hand Uniform Form application and email this [form](#) to the Uniform Shop via plcshop@plc.vic.edu.au. The Uniform Shop will contact families as second-hand stock is required to be replenished. From the end of 2023, the PLC Shop will stop offering second-hand items from the current uniform for sale. The College anticipates that there will be limited second-hand items of the new uniform available in 2024 with additional stock available from 2025 onwards.

13. What will happen to the old PLC uniform items once they can no longer be used?

The College is working with our uniform manufacturer Noone Imagewear, to provide appropriate recycling solutions for the current uniform once it ceases to be available for use at the end of 2024.

14. How will I know what I can wear with the new uniform collection?

A complete guide to the new uniform collection, will be shared with the College community following its official launch in late November, 2022.

15. Where can I purchase the new uniform?

The new uniform will be available exclusively at the PLC Shop. The PLC Shop will have extended trading hours to assist with the demand for uniform appointments while transitioning to the new uniform. For further details, please visit the [PLC Website](#).

16. When will I be able to see and purchase the new uniform collection?

The new uniform will be officially launched in late November, 2022. Full details regarding the launch and the full range of uniform items and their look and style will be shared with the College community at that time. The launch day date will be announced shortly.