Excellere College
Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

## Excellere College Uniform Update – 2027

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The Excellere College School Board has finalised the uniform requirements for 2027. Following the change of uniform supplier last year, we have been working to finalise the uniform range and provide families with clear information about the available options.

Some previous fabrics and styles are no longer manufactured or are only available through expensive custom production, such as sand-coloured long pants, which were too expensive and didn't fulfil the size range. Availability, affordability, reliable supply and feedback from our school community have guided our decisions as we finalise the uniform range with our supplier.

The updated uniform provides families with some new options and greater choice. Families do not need to replace existing uniform items simply because new options are available, provided those items meet the requirements for their child's year level.

All new tops, jackets and jumpers will feature the full Excellere College logo rather than just the school emblem. Existing items that meet the uniform requirements do not need to be replaced and can continue to be worn.

The updated requirements will take effect from Term 1, 2027, unless otherwise stated below.

### Junior College: Years 0–6

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Skorts | Navy blue skorts (girls) |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys) |
| Pants | Navy pants with elastic waist (unisex) – NEW |
| Polo shirt | Navy short-sleeved polo (unisex) |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper OR<br>Navy fleece top<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. Compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. |

### Middle College: Years 7–9

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Skort | Navy skort (girls, Years 7–8) – NEW |
| Box skirt | Navy box skirt (girls, Years 7–9) |
| Long skirt | Navy long skirt (girls, Year 9) – NEW |
| Trousers | Tailored navy pants (boys and girls, Years 7–9) – NEW |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys, Years 7–9) |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper OR<br>Navy V-neck sweatshirt (boys and girls) – NEW<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Shirt | Navy shirt (boys, Years 7–9) |
| Blouse | White blouse (girls, Years 7–9) |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. |

# Senior College

Students must wear the uniform items specified for their year level. Where alternatives are listed, students may choose their preferred option.

## Year 10

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Shirts | Navy shirt (boys); white blouse (girls) |
| Skirts | Navy box skirt or navy long skirt (girls). Long skirt – NEW |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys) |
| Trousers | Tailored navy pants (boys and girls) – NEW |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper OR<br>Navy V-neck sweatshirt (boys and girls) – NEW<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. |

## Year 11

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Blazer (Optional) | Navy blazer: Girls and Boys- NEW. |
| Shirts | Boys: Navy shirt OR<br>Boys: White shirt (to be worn with trousers) - NEW<br>Girls: White blouse. |
| Skirts | Navy box skirt OR<br>Navy long skirt (girls). Long skirt – NEW |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys) |
| Trousers | Tailored Navy pants (boys and girls) – NEW |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper (boys and girls) OR<br>Navy sweatshirt (boys and girls) - NEW<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. |

## Year 12

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Blazer (Optional) | Navy blazer: Girls and Boys- NEW. |
| Shirts | Boys: Navy shirt OR<br>Boys: White shirt (to be worn with trousers)- NEW<br>Girls: White blouse. |
| Skirts | Navy box skirt (girls) OR<br>Navy long skirt (girls) – NEW |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys) |
| Trousers | Tailored Navy (boys and girls) – NEW |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper (boys and girls) OR<br>Navy sweatshirt (boys and girls) - NEW<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. |

## Year 13

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Blazer (Optional) | Navy blazer: Girls and Boys - NEW |
| Shirts | Boys: Navy shirt OR<br>Boys: White shirt (to be worn with trousers) - NEW<br>Girls: white blouse. |
| Skirts | Navy box skirt OR<br>Navy long skirt (girls). Long skirt – NEW |
| Shorts | Sand shorts (boys) |
| Trousers | Tailored Navy (boys and girls) – NEW |
| Outerwear | Navy woollen jumper (boys and girls) OR<br>Navy sweatshirt (boys and girls) - NEW<br>Black Soft-shell jacket (boys and girls) - NEW |
| Hats | Navy bucket hat or cap available. |

## Year 11-13 Formal Uniform (Optional unless student is a Head Prefect or Prefect - see note below)

| Uniform item | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Blazer | Navy blazer – Girls and Boys- NEW. |
| Shirts | Boys: White shirt, available in short-sleeved and long-sleeved options - NEW<br>Girls: White blouse or White long-sleeved blouse - NEW |
| Skirts | Navy box skirt or navy long skirt (girls). Long skirt – NEW |
| Trousers | Tailored navy pants (boys and girls) – NEW |
| Tie | Navy tie with logo - NEW |
| Shoes | Black, polishable |

## Puffer Jackets – Year 13 Grace Period

As the College introduces the Navy blazer and Soft-shell jacket, the wearing of puffer jackets is being phased out. A one-off grace period will apply to Year 13s who may continue wearing a plain black puffer jacket for 2027 only. This concession does not apply to any other year levels, as a soft-shell jacket is offered instead.

## General Uniform Expectations

- All students are expected to wear their full school uniform from Monday to Friday, except on designated mufti days.
- No mufti Fridays for Year 13s from Term 1, 2027.
- Year 13 Leavers' jackets and/or hoodies are only to be worn on designated mufti days. They are not part of the official uniform from 2027.
- Tan/Sand/Beige coloured skirts are no longer an approved uniform item. They have been phased out over several years and will no longer be allowed from Term 1, 2027. Girls must wear the approved navy skirt options (skort, box or long skirt) or pants for their year level.
- **Head Prefects/ Prefects for 2027:** *Blazers are compulsory for formal school ceremonies such as Pōwhiri, Assemblies, Prizegivings, etc and any off-site formal school events. Blazers for Head Prefects will have a gold-coloured piped edging on the collar/ lapel area (which is paid for by the school). Bethells Uniforms are aware of this cost and will charge the school.*

## PE Uniform – Years 0–13

The current PE uniform was introduced several years ago. Older-style black PE tops have been permitted during a transition period. From the beginning of 2028, older-style black PE tops (with house colour on each side) will no longer be permitted. All students must wear the current approved PE uniform.

## Uniform Supplier

All official uniform items will have the school logo/emblem and are only available from:

**Bethells Uniforms,** Vine Street, Whangārei

Samples of the new uniform items will be displayed in the foyer at the school office for families to view. We thank Bethells Uniforms for their partnership as we finalise the uniform range and provide options for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students represent Excellere College with pride and *mana.*

**Ngā mihi nui,**
**Excellere College School Board**