



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE  
Together Believe Achieve Ngātahi Whakapono Tutuki

31 July 2024

## Uniform Refresh

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

Thank you for your participation in the recent uniform survey. The level of feedback was outstanding and has been invaluable in helping us understand the needs and preferences of our school community.

### Survey Insights and Decision

Specifically, feedback told us that you wanted improvement, particularly regarding warmth, comfort and fit. Whānau expressed a desire for one uniform for the school, with comments alluding to a cost and 'look' factor coming through in the comments. A notable portion of respondents advocated for a single uniform to maintain consistency and simplify the uniform.

Based on the survey results and the insightful comments we received, we are excited to announce that Whangaparāoa College will be introducing a refreshed school uniform at the start of the 2025 school year. This decision was made to enhance comfort, inclusivity, practicality, and overall satisfaction with our school uniform as well as making the uniform as cost effective as possible for whānau.

### New Uniform Items

The new uniform will include:

- **Warm Jacket:** Well-insulated and water-resistant, providing warmth and comfort in cooler weather.
- **Short-Sleeved Shirts:** Made from breathable and easy-care fabrics.
- **Inclusive Trousers:** Designed to be comfortable and available in a range of sizes and styles for all students.
- **Versatile Shorts:** Designed to be comfortable and available in a range of sizes and styles for all students.
- **Knee-length and ankle-length skirts:** Practical and comfortable, available in various sizes.
- **Blazer and Tie for All Year Levels:** Adding a formal and cohesive element to the uniform.
- **Optional Accessories like Scarves:** For additional comfort and style.

Additionally, from 2025, learners are to wear black, flat-heeled, covered shoes only. Shoes must be entirely black, no coloured soles or logos. Shoes must be below the ankle and no sandals or Crocs are to be worn.

### Overview of the Uniform

For a detailed overview of the new uniform design, please refer to the attached storyboard which also includes confirmed pricing. We believe this uniform design will provide quality and value for money for families with a high resale value, comfort and options for all learners, and ensure a cohesive and school wide adherence to our school's uniform policy and guidelines.

## Implementation Phases

- **2025:** New uniform compulsory for Year 7, and Year 11 learners, and prefects.
- **2026:** Year 7-12 learners will be required to wear the new uniform. The 2026 Year 13 cohort may continue to wear the old uniform for their last year, if they choose to.
- **2027:** All learners will be required to wear the new uniform.

We will keep you updated on the availability of the new uniform through our school website, emails, social media, assemblies, and printed materials.

We are excited about these changes and believe that they will positively impact our students' school life. Thank you once again for your invaluable feedback and support. We look forward to working together to implement these improvements.

Ngā mihi



**Steve McCracken**  
**TUMUAKI | PRINCIPAL**

# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE - UNIFORM OVERVIEW

BLOUSE - \$55



SHIRT - \$55



JERSEY - \$110



JACKET - \$110



CAP - \$20



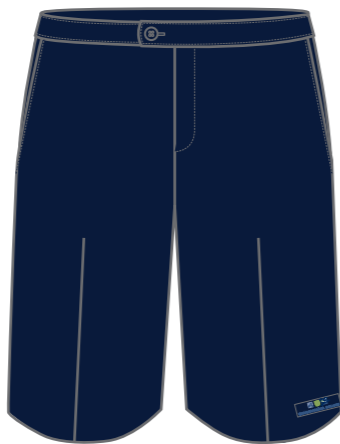
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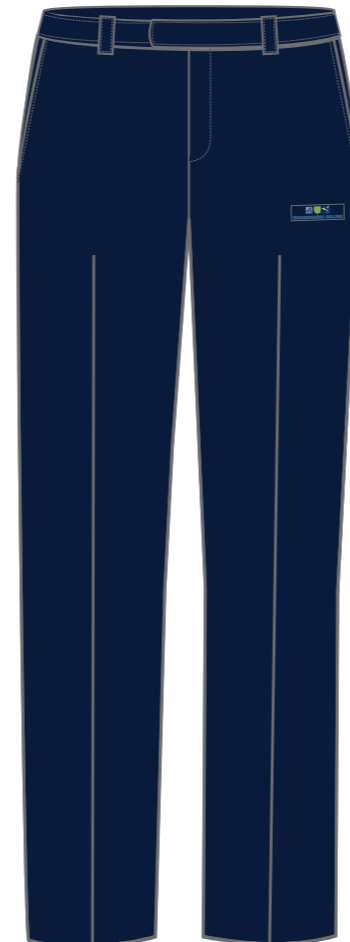
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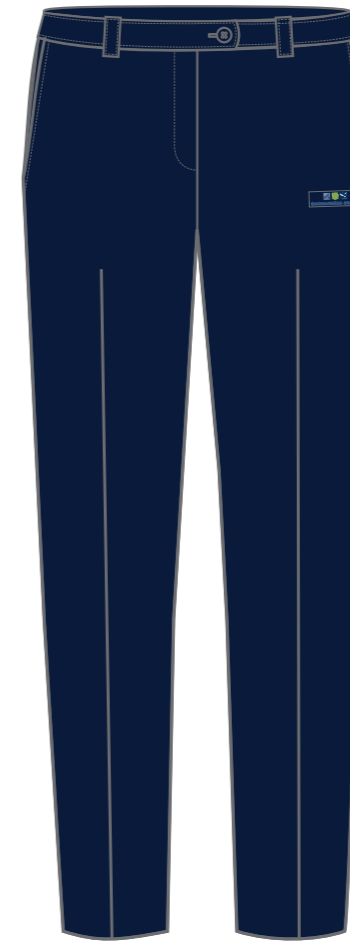
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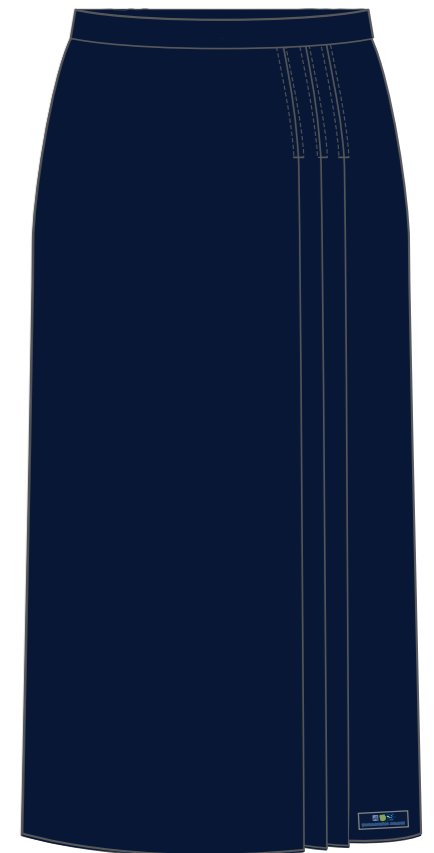
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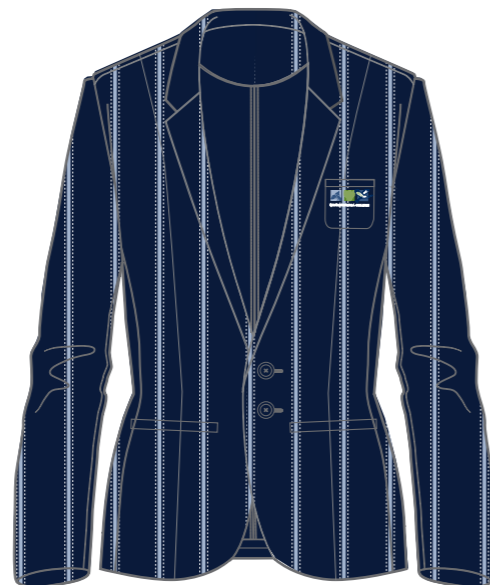
LONG SKIRT - \$85



BLAZER - \$180



FITTED BLAZER - \$180



TIE - \$30

