

Uniform Policy

Purpose

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of quality, health and safety and expense are also factors which contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Aim

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms and sports uniform as listed in appendix I are required to be worn. Sports Uniform is only to be worn during Physical Education and when representing the College at sporting events.
- Studs or sleepers (maximum 2 earrings per ear) and watches are the only jewellery to be worn, safety must be considered in all instances. Exemption on religious or medical grounds will be considered on an individual basis by the principal. Jewellery will need to be removed in sport and practical subjects or where requested by the teacher.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Extreme hair colours, extreme hairstyles and excessively long fingernails are not permitted. Hair must be tied in an appropriate manner for practical subjects or when requested by the teacher.
- Minimal natural makeup is permitted but fake eyelashes are not.
- Finger nails must be short and nail polish is not permitted. Fake nails are not allowed at school.
- Tattoos must not be visible.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is the school uniform hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Exemption on religious or medical grounds will be considered on an individual basis by the Principal.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the student diary each year.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's review cycle

Related policies: School Policy Advisory Guide – <http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

This policy was endorsed by the College Council in June, 2016