

Uniform Policy

Introduction

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 the College. As a Christian college we are ambassadors for Christ and as such see ourselves as "... the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5: 14-16

Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims

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

Implementation

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.

The student Dress Code is detailed below and will be made available to parents through the various communication channels, including the College Website, and in the Enrolment Pack.

Regular reminders regarding dress code will be published in the College Newsletter.

Uniform must be kept clean and in good order and staff may request parents to replace excessively worn or untidy items.

Uniform items are to be named, and any unnamed items which remain unclaimed in lost property longer than one term will be donated as second-hand uniform.

The Dress Code has been designed to provide flexibility for students and promote physical activity during break times. The College will maintain a number of second-hand items on site for emergency purposes otherwise parents are able to share and sell items amongst themselves.

College Dress Code

- Students are expected to be neat and tidy at all times and uniform must be clean and in good condition.
- Students are not permitted to wear t-shirts or long sleeve tops, which are visible under their uniform.
- Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears (single earrings in the lobes), and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Body piercings such as eyebrow, nose and other facial piercings are not permitted.
- Additional jewellery items will be required to be removed. These items will then be passed on to the Principal or the relevant staff member, and will be held for one week. If a student is found to be wearing additional items for a second time, the jewellery will then be held by the Principal or the relevant staff member for the remainder of the term.
- Primary girls are not permitted to wear makeup or nail polish.

- Secondary girls may wear light foundation and minimal mascara. No other cosmetics or nail polish are permitted, and all male students must be clean-shaven. Supplies of razors, makeup wipes and nail polish remover are kept in the Sick Bay to assist with compliance.
- Body piercing or tattoos (including henna), tanning, non-natural hair colours (e.g. Green, pink, purple etc.) and/or extreme hairstyles, are not permitted.
- Students should fasten their hair away from their face, and primary students with long hair should have it tied back each day. Secondary students with long hair should have it tied back for Wood Work, Food, PE and Science Practical classes.
- All hair ties should be blue, black or neutral hair colour.
- Prep to Year Ten students are to wear Academic Uniform unless PE is timetabled. Sports Uniform is to be worn the day of timetabled PE or on Sports Days.
- Secondary Students that have a scheduled practical session (MyChoice class) can arrive at school in Physical Education Uniform
- Summer dress/winter skirt must be sitting no shorter than just above the knee.
- Winter trousers are available as an option for all girls.
- The woollen jumper is to be worn with the Academic uniform and the sports jacket is to be worn over the Sports Uniform.
- Shoes are to be formal black lace up or buckle leather shoes with the Academic Uniform or runners with the Sports Uniform. Light canvas, leather boots, work boots and flat slip-on leather shoes are not considered appropriate footwear for school and should not be worn.
- White ankle length plain socks are to be worn with the Summer Academic Uniform; white or black plain socks can be worn with the Sports Uniform or under winter pants. Navy tights are allowed to be worn with the winter skirt.
- Hats must be worn Term One and Term Four, in line with the College's Sunsmart Policy. Hats are available to purchase from WorkLocker

All College uniform items are available to purchase from WorkLocker Echuca.