



## Uniform Policy

### **PURPOSE/RATIONALE:**

The Uniform Policy has been developed to define the standards expected of the clothing worn by all students of this College. The uniform provides for all seasons and for a variety of tastes. Wearing of uniform encourages a sense of belonging, provides ease of identification and projects our high standard to the local community. Operational documents on Student Uniform are published in Student Planners and Ready to Learn booklets each year.

This policy aims to cover the following items:

- Clothing
- School Shoes
- Jewellery and Make-up
- Facial piercings & hair colour

### **BROAD GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

- Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory for all students enrolled at the College
- The school uniform should be worn properly, be clean and neat.
- The uniform clothing range and design will be open to review as the need arises.
- Students are expected to be in complete uniform when coming to school, whilst at school and when going home.
- Students are expected to wear full uniform on school excursions. Students will not be allowed to attend if uniform requirements are not met.
- Sports Uniform is compulsory for Physical Education/Sport.

### **GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF UNIFORM:**

- When students are out of uniform for any legitimate reason a note from a parent/guardian is required.
- Students who come out of uniform without a note from a parent/guardian will have their names recorded and further action will be taken. Further action may range from warnings, detentions, contact with parents or suspension for persistent refusal to follow school rules.
- Teachers will confiscate incorrect items of clothing, such as coats and jackets. These are generally kept for the duration of the school day.

The following situations are deemed to be acceptable reasons for not wearing school uniform.

- School excursions where uniform is inappropriate for the activity
- Outdoor education activities

- Trade related activities where industry or OH&S issues dictate.
- Long term school excursions/camps
- A designated out-of-uniform day.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR APPAREL:**

The wearing of coats or jackets in cold weather is permitted as long as the coat is a plain navy colour. Hooded jackets are not permitted. Approved coats or jackets must be removed when in class. A school approved VCE top may be worn by senior students in class.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP:**

Students wearing jewellery will be asked to consider its appropriateness for school. No visible bangles or necklaces. No multiple rings. No more than two pairs of earrings may be worn in each ear and earrings must be of 5c piece size or smaller. Discreet make-up only is permitted.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR FACIAL PIERCINGS & HAIR COLOUR:**

Facial studs are not permitted at Yarra Hills Secondary College. Earlobe stretchers are not permitted. Visible tattoos are not permitted. Extreme hair styles are not permitted. Students whose hair colour, in the opinion of the Campus Principal, is extreme will be asked to leave the college until the hair has returned to a natural colour.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL SHOES:**

The style of footwear worn should complement the smartness of the school uniform. Shoes should conform with the following aspects:

- Be all black polishable
- Be leather or leather look-a-like
- Be preferably lace up or T-bars
- Have an enclosed toe
- Be cut to fit below the ankle
- Have no metal tips
- Have standard low heels

Boots and platform shoes will not be permitted.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS UNIFORM:**

- All students will be required to change into sports uniform for Physical Education classes
- Physical Education staff are responsible for enforcing this
- At the end of the day students should change into normal uniform.

A more detailed list of Sport Uniform requirements is published in student dairies each year.

### **DUTY OF CARE:**

This Uniform Policy affirms the requirements of the *Sunsmart Policy* for protection from harsh sunlight. There is a hat available in the uniform list.

The College provides protective clothing where appropriate for Technology subjects and Art.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Responsibility for operation of the Uniform Policy is to be shared equally between the student, parent and teachers.

**Students** are responsible for wearing their school uniform and communicating any difficulties to teachers for not meeting uniform requirements.

**Parents** are responsible for providing the uniform items of clothing and footwear, so that their child will be able to comply with College requirements. Communication of family difficulties or other concerns should be to the Student Welfare Coordinator, Year Level Coordinator, Home Group Teacher or Campus Principal.

**Home Group Teachers** are responsible for issuing of uniform passes and consequences for failure to comply with the policy.

The Home Group Teacher will refer students consistently out of uniform to the **Student Management Team** or **Campus Principal**. Where concern exists the parent(s)/guardian will be contacted.