



UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

Wearing a uniform with pride:

- creates a sense of identity for our college in the community
- encourages feelings of belonging for students to our college which enhances protective factors for students' well-being
- contributes to building our core value of respect
- reduces social and peer pressures for clothing choice and may reduce bullying
- enables students to concentrate on studies rather than clothes, improving learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on learning
- instils a spirit of teamwork and pride in school representation
- is cost-effective for families
- promotes physical activity among students when it is comfortable and appropriate for physical activity
- increases the safety of the school by making visitors or non-school personnel more noticeable and identifiable
- increases safety by allowing easier recognition of all students when on excursion
- allow students to fulfill the physical daily tasks and functions
- provides an opportunity for staff to make their first daily contact with students a positive interaction about learning and building relationships

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Wedderburn College. Staff uniform is governed by the Department's Policy and school-based expectations and practices.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, 'uniform' is defined by a type of clothing worn by members of an organisation while participating in that organization's activity. It is worn during school hours, travelling to and from school and during school activities that are outside school hours.

POLICY

If a student arrives to school out of school uniform, every endeavour should be made to assist the student into wearing full school uniform. These steps are:

- Contact the parent, guardian or carer to gain a greater understanding as to the child's personal circumstances
- Contact the parent, guardian or carer to bring the missing uniform / item to school
- Borrow the missing uniform / item from the school uniform borrowing system. This is to be washed and returned the next day
- Purchase another uniform / item from the uniform shop

A note from the parent, guardian or carer may not be an acceptable excuse for the student to be out of school uniform; the above three dot points still apply.

If a student is out of school uniform and arrives at school these consequences will apply:

- **First Offence** - contact is made to the parents, guardians or carers by homeroom / grade teacher to bring the missing uniform / item to school or student borrows from the school uniform borrowing system or a new uniform / item is purchased from the uniform shop and the student will do a lunchtime detention as a consequence
- **Second Offence** - the consequence for first offence is applied
- **Third Offence** - the consequence for first offence is applied with the detention being an afterschool detention.
- **Fourth and subsequent offences** - the consequence for first offence is applied with the detention being an afterschool detention and the student, parent, guardian or carer has an interview with the Assistant Principal or Principal.
- **All offences are recorded on compass**

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was created on 10 December 2018 and is scheduled for review in August 2019

Garment/Item	Uniform details
Beanie	Navy beanie with school logo (Terms 2 & 3 only)
Body art	Body art will not be visible
Chewing gum	Chewing gum is not permitted at school
Dress	School Dress Tracksuit pants or tights are not permitted to be worn underneath
Footwear	Runners or sneakers to be predominantly one colour Boots or appropriate safety shoes to be worn during certain classes (required by OHS regulations)
Hair	All hair below shoulder length to be tied back All hair (whether above or below shoulder length) to be off the face Gold, burgundy or navy plain ribbons or clips only
Hat	Navy broad-brimmed hat with school logo Navy bucket hat with school logo (Terms 1 & 4 only)
Jewellery	Earrings - gold or silver, sleepers or studs only, no larger than small finger nail No more than two earrings per ear be worn (plastic stoppers are acceptable) Only medical bracelets are acceptable Rings are not to be worn Facial and/or body piercings will not be visible
Jumpers / Jackets	Champion jacket with gold piping and school logo Padded vest with school logo Polar fleece vest with school logo Polar fleece jacket with school logo Polar fleece half zip jumper with school logo VCE rugby jumper (Year 12 only)
Pants	Preferred - microfibre tracksuit pants with school logo Alternative - plain navy blue tracksuit pants with no visible commercial logo
Shirt	Long or short sleeve navy polo shirt with gold piping and school logo
Short	Preferred - drill shorts with school logo microfiber shorts with school logo Alternative - plain navy shorts with no visible commercial logo box pleat skort with school logo
Socks	Navy blue only