



<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	October 2023
<b>CONSULTATION:</b>	School Council, School Council Policy Subcommittee, Student Leadership Council
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#### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Strathmore Secondary College on phone number 9379 7999.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Strathmore Secondary College (SSC) requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by SSC School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support SSC commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

### THE COLLEGE WARDROBE

*All Students in Years 7 to 11 attending the College are expected to wear the school uniform while travelling to or from school, at school and on all excursions and school activities.*

**Students may choose items from the following uniform list.**

Jacket	Black soft-shell jacket with College crest (or black blazer) 'Puffer' style black jacket with College crest
Vest	'Puffer' style black vest with College crest
Jumper	Black with College crest
Dress	Green, black, grey chequered trans-seasonal dress. <i>A black or white long sleeved tshirt top may be worn under the dress.</i>
Pants	Plain charcoal grey
Skirt	Dark grey, black and green tartan skirt
Shorts	Plain charcoal grey
Shirt	White shirt with collar, short or long sleeved, (not a polo shirt) or white high roll neck skivvy. <i>A black or white long sleeved tshirt top may be worn under the shirt.</i>
Shoes	Plain black leather lace-up school shoes or black t-bars eg. Clarks
Tights	Plain black tights
Socks	Plain white/dark grey/black socks
Accessories	Black scarf (optional) School Beanie (optional) School backpack (optional) Where a student's religious beliefs require them to wear a head covering, it should be one of the school colours.

### PE & Sport Uniform

*To be worn in all Physical Education & Sport Classes and at all Interschool and House Sporting Events*

Shirt	SSC polo top with College crest
Shorts	SSC Sports shorts or plain black shorts
Footwear	Runners
Optional -	SSC rugby top SSC Sports Track pants or plain black track pants

*If students have Physical Education and/or Sport during the day they will be permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school. Only the full school sports uniform, as described above, will be acceptable.*

At no time are students allowed to wear a **combination of normal and sports uniform** (e.g. runners or black shorts with normal school uniform; white shirt with sports uniform). Students are responsible for ensuring that they have the correct uniform on at all times.

## **Other uniform requirements**

- **Mouthguards** – It is **highly recommended** that students taking part in hockey and other contact sports activities should wear a correctly fitted mouth guard at all times.
- **Hat** – Students should have an appropriate hat for participation in outdoor activities in terms 1 and 4.
- **Sunscreen** – students should have sunscreen put on prior to activities outside in terms 1 and 4. There will be sunscreen available for student use in the gym.
- **Water** – Students should have a water bottle that contains only water with them for all PE and Sport classes throughout the year.
- **Free Dress Days** – Students should wear clothing that allows them to participate in PE/Sport classes.

## **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, SSC students must comply with the following:

- Students are expected to be clean and tidy in appearance
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked/labelled with the student's name
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.  
*A black or white long or short sleeved tshirt top may be worn under the dress or shirt.*

## **Please note:**

- Sunhat – or a plain black peaked cap should be worn for all outside activities in Terms 1 & 4 by all students
- Runners are not to be worn at school except during Physical Education or Sport periods.
- No jacket or vest, other than the Strathmore Secondary College jacket or vest is to be worn.

## **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Boldly coloured nail polish or noticeable makeup is not permitted.

## **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is recommended to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Long hair must be tied back in all practical classes and when working with machinery.

Where students choose to wear ribbons or other ties or clasps in their hair these must be simple in style and in the school colours of black, green or white.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a sunhat or a plain black peaked cap during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items are available for purchase from:

### **NOONE IMAGEWEAR**

543 Keilor Road, Niddrie

Phone: 9379-5037

Website: <https://www.noone.com.au/>

Fax: 9379-8446

Email: [niddrie@noone.com.au](mailto:niddrie@noone.com.au)

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the relevant Team Leader or Wellbeing Coordinator to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

SSC also has second hand uniforms available for families to purchase.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The wearing of the uniform is compulsory for all students at the college in Years 7 to 11. Students must wear the appropriate uniform on all excursions and school activities unless the nature of the activity renders other clothing more appropriate and the Principal has approved the wearing of other clothing.

SSC will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students in Years 7 to 11 who attend school without uniform or fail to wear the correct uniform must provide a dated and signed note from their parent or carer to their coordinator who will issue a temporary uniform pass for the day. The note should indicate the reason for the student being out of uniform and the period for which this will be the case.

If a student fails to provide a note:

1. First offence – Warning
2. Second offence – Parent or Carer notification
3. Third Offence – The student is required to attend a meeting with their teacher /Team Coordinator. Parent or Carer are notified of this.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents or carers by the coordinator. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by SSC to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## Year 12

Although there is no set uniform for Year 12 students, certain standards of dress are expected. The main principle is 'function over fashion' and a student's choice of clothing should not interfere with learning.

Clothing, which is considered unacceptable includes, but is not limited to:

- Overly revealing clothing (undergarments should not be visible).
- Clothing which displays slogans that may offend others.
- Clothing which advertises or promotes the consumption of cigarettes, drugs, or alcohol.
- Footwear that is not covered.

Senior School Coordinators reserve the right to determine what is or is not acceptable clothing. In some circumstances, students may be prevented from attending class until they are appropriately attired, particularly if safety is of concern.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents or carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents or carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents or carers to support their application with evidence

The principal will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

SSC welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's [Parent Complaint Policy](#).

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter

- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request
- Student Diary

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- SSC Parent Complaint Policy
- SSC Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by School Council to confirm/enhance internal control procedures.

Proposed amendments to this policy will be discussed with the School Council Policy Subcommittee, School Council and Student Leadership Council.

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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# Strathmore SC – School Uniform

A guide to what you can and can't wear at school



Jacket



Dress



Jumper



Skirt



White shirt (short or long sleeve)



Grey Trousers



Leather school shoes



Grey Shorts



Puffer Jacket



Puffer Vest

## Sport / Physical Education Uniform (only to be worn for Sport/PE classes)



Polo top



Sport Shorts



Rugby Top



SSC Trackpants



No Hoodies



No 'short shorts'



No visible logos