



POLICY:	UNIFORM /DRESS CODE POLICY
DATE:	2021
ENDORSED BY COLLEGE COUNCIL:	10 June 2021
TO BE REVIEWED:	2024

A. RATIONALE

School Council develops and reviews their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring our dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Council will properly consult with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code.

B. AIMS / PURPOSE

The school believes that the wearing of school uniform by students:

- Promotes a sense of cohesion, citizenship and school spirit
- Supports the maintenance of a safe and secure environment by making it easier for staff to identify outsiders [particularly on excursions]
- Raises the esteem of the college, its students and graduates in the broader 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.

IMPLEMENTATION

The wearing of the uniform is compulsory for all students of the college in Years 7 to 11. Students must wear 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.

Families experiencing financial hardship will be provided with assistance to acquire uniforms. State Schools Relief offers a service providing vouchers and uniform items. Applications are made on behalf of the family, by the Principal or Wellbeing Coordinator. The school also operates a second-hand uniform service.

C. THE COLLEGE WARDROBE

Students may choose items from the following uniform list.

All students in Years 7 to 11 attending the College are expected to wear the school uniform. For current students, a phase in period of 3 years will begin from Term 4 2018 for the new items. The Year 7 cohort of 2019 will wear the new college uniform.

Jacket	Strathmore Secondary College [SSC] black soft shell jacket with College crest (or black blazer)
Jumper	Black with College crest
Dress	Green, black grey chequered trans-seasonal dress
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
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 back pack (optional)

PE & Sports Uniform

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

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.
- Make-up is not to be worn.
- No jacket, other than the Strathmore Secondary College jacket or black blazer is to be worn.

All Strathmore Secondary College specific uniform items available from:

NOONE IMAGEWEAR

543 Keilor Road, Niddrie

Phone: 9379-5037

Website:

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

Fax:

9379-8446

Email:

niddrie@noone.com.au

D. HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM PRACTICE

1. Every student participating in Physical Education [PE] and Sport must wear the correct PE/Sport uniform.
2. The PE/Sport uniform is to be worn during PE and Sport classes only. Students must change into correct school uniform after every class unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher and/or faculty.
3. Students who have PE or Sport over consecutive periods which include recess or lunch time [ie periods 1, 2, recess, periods 3 and 4] are allowed to stay in their PE/Sport uniform.
4. The PE/Sport uniform may be worn to school on the days when students have timetabled PE/Sport in period 1 and worn home from school on days when students have PE/Sport class in period 6.

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.
- **Goggles** –Goggles are required for all swimming activities in the pool.
- **Hat** – Students should have an appropriate hat for participation in activities in terms 1 and 4.
- **Sunscreen** – students should apply sunscreen 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.

E. EXEMPTIONS

We recognize 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/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate 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.

F. INCORRECT UNIFORM PROTOCOL

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/guardian 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 / guardian notification
3. Third Offence – The student is required to attend a meeting with their teacher /Team Coordinator. Parent/guardians are notified of this.

G. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Students are expected to be clean and tidy in appearance.
- All uniform items must be clean and in good repair.
- For safety reasons, jewellery, other adornments and hair arrangements should be appropriate to the activities undertaken:
 - a. In general, jewellery other than watches is not permitted. Inconspicuous sleepers/studs are allowed.
 - b. Long hair must be tied back when working with machinery.
 - c. 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 or green.
 - d. Strongly coloured nail polish or makeup is not permitted.
- Parents are expected to take responsibility for ensuring that all uniform items are labelled with the student's name.

H. FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

I. REVIEW CYCLE

This policy is scheduled for review in 2024.