

COLLEGE UNIFORM

Rationale

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the college community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the uniform dress code.

Aim

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and 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 school in the community.

Implementation

- In consultation with the college community, the College Council endorses the South Oakleigh College regulation uniform as its dress code. This provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied college activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families
- Students are expected to keep a neat and tidy appearance at all times
- The uniform code applies during College hours, while travelling to and from the College, and when students are on College excursions
- The South Oakleigh College regulation maroon blazer must be worn as the outer garment when travelling to and from school and also on all excursions. The College jumper is not permitted to be worn as the outer garment when travelling to and from the College at any time
- South Oakleigh College regulation summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn. No additional items of clothing are permitted to be worn.

Note that the prescribed summer uniform is required to be worn from the start of the College year until the end of term 1, and for term 4. Winter uniform is to be worn for terms 3 & 4. Note that students are not permitted to combine winter and summer uniforms

- Length of girls' summer dress and winter skirt should be between knee length and no more than 6 cms above the knee
- Year 12 students may wear the approved Year 12 commemorative garment during casual dress days and interschool sporting days only. Note: the approved Year 12 commemorative garment is of a design chosen by student vote and embroidered with appropriate names for each Year 12 student, as approved by the Uniform Committee. Please note, the Year 12 Commemorative garment is to be worn in conjunction with South Oakleigh College Academic Uniform.
- School blazers and ties are expected to be worn during the school photo day.

Physical Education and Sport Uniform

The approved College Physical Education uniform must be worn by students at every Physical Education lesson and Interschool Sport Event. Note the following requirements:

a) students in Years 7-10 may wear the College's regulation sport uniform to and from school on the days where core practical Physical Education classes are taught in place of the academic uniform. This does NOT include electives.

b) The College Green/Maroon Pullover is not to be worn with the PE/Sport uniform

c) Mouthguards: The purchase and wearing of mouthguards for Physical Education and Interschool Sport is strongly recommended. Students should have these with them at all times when scheduled to participate in these activities

d) It is preferred that studs/sleepers not be worn for contact sport but at the very least they must be taped.

- The College regulation softshell jacket or Rugby Jumper may be worn for Physical Education and Interschool Sport Events only and not with the Academic Uniform

- Students who are representing the school in sport must wear the College Physical Education uniform or the official sport uniform provided by the College. Casual clothes are not permitted under any circumstance.

Note:

- Plain white t-shirts or singlets only, may be worn under any College uniform and not in place of a Shirt
- A long sleeved shirt/skivvy may not be worn under a short sleeved shirt
- Neat, casual and appropriate clothing should be worn on 'out of uniform' fund raising days when the arm is held against the body, skirts, shorts and dresses should be no shorter than the extended fingertips. The Principal reserves the right to decide what is permissible
- Two small studs or plain sleepers in the ears, AND/OR one stud discreetly worn on the nose, plus a watch worn on the wrist, are the only acceptable items of jewellery. Necklaces of symbolic faith must be worn inside the collar of the College shirt or summer dress
- Eyebrow, Lip and Tongue Piercings are not permitted during school hours, free dress days or when on excursions. Students who have these piercings must have them replaced with a clear plastic stud
- Hair style and colour is to be unremarkable (extreme hair colours, e.g. green, pink or purple rinses, and/or extreme hairstyles, e.g. spikes or Mohawks, are not permitted)
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- The College uniform policy, including details of uniform items, will be published on the College web page. The College Council requires college staff be responsible for the implementation of the uniform dress code in a manner consistent with the college rules • Parents/ guardians seeking exemptions to the regulation College uniform due to religious beliefs or student disability must apply in writing to the Principal
- Families experiencing economic hardship are asked to contact the Wellbeing officer in regards to support with uniform

The following is a list of **unacceptable** reasons for students being out of uniform:

1. Uniform in the wash during the week is not an adequate reason
2. Uniform left at a friend's (or relative's) house is not an adequate reason
3. Medical, dental, job interviews etc are not adequate reasons
4. Not being able to find uniform at home is not an adequate reason
5. In classes where uniforms are likely to be soiled, students are to bring appropriate protective clothing

(eg Art)

Consequences for breaches:

- Students who are unable to be in complete uniform on any given day must bring a note to their appropriate sub school leader explaining the reason. Students will be issued with a uniform pass and these should be obtained prior to their first scheduled class for the school day. There is also provision online, through Compass, for notes to be recorded by parents/ guardians

- If there is an ongoing uniform breach, the College will offer a one week period in which the parent/ guardian is required to provide the required uniform item/s
 - Students without a note will be required to attend a Friday after school Detention (3:15-4pm). Repeated failure to attend after school detentions will result in further Consequences
 - Senior students may be sent home to change before returning to class
 - Middle School Students may be temporarily removed from class
 - Students may not be permitted to participate in practical sessions should appropriate safety clothing not be worn
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- If students attend school dressed inappropriately, parents or guardians will be contacted and students may be required to remain at home until the dress code is adhered to. E.g. if hair is considered 'extreme' students will be asked to return home until the hair is considered 'unremarkable'
 - If uniform items are not able to be provided by the student, alternative uniform may be given from the sub school leaders. Some items, such as school ties, may be provided on loan from the sub school leaders on a temporary basis
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- If there is a need for support due to financial reasons, the wellbeing team may provide uniform items on a loan basis
 - If extra earrings/ studs are worn, these will be removed and confiscated. Other items of jewellery will also be confiscated. Parents may be required to collect the confiscated items from the College reception
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- If there are continued uniform breaches by a student, detentions and suspension will result. Further consequences may include the offer of counselling, loss of privileges including leadership positions and not being permitted to attend excursions and incursions
In regards to breaches of the regulation South Oakleigh College PE uniform, the Physical Education staff enforce a 2 strike policy. Strike 1 is a warning; Strike 2, a consequence is given. Note the following:
 - Students require a note from their parent/ guardian if their child is unable to participate in the PE activity
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- If the PE uniform is unavailable to be worn, students are to wear their academic uniform to school and change into appropriate athletic attire at the beginning of the lesson in the College Gymnasium change rooms. Students will be
 - Expected to change back into their academic uniform at the end of the lesson. A note outlining the reason for the PE uniform not available needs to be presented to the PE teacher at the beginning of the lesson.