



Ringwood Secondary College

Student Uniform Policy

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Committee: Policy and Education

Rationale:

The Student Uniform Policy endorses the identity and image of the College in the wider community whilst ensuring equity amongst the student cohort.

Aims:

The College supports the Student Uniform Policy which:

- Promotes a sense of individual and collective pride amongst the student body.
- Instils a sense of parity and equity in student dress and avoids discrimination.
- Promotes a cohesive medium of identification.
- Ensures a practical and identifiable standard of dress.
- Promotes group security and enhances student safety.
- Represents the values of the College community.
- Maintains and enhances the positive image of the College in the community.

Implementation Guidelines:

- The Student Uniform Policy is the responsibility of College Council and takes precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress.
- The Student Uniform Policy will be enforced by the College.
- Review of the Student Uniform Policy is undertaken by Policy and Education Committee. Each year the uniform will be considered to determine if amendments or a full review are required. When changes are proposed to the uniform, consultation will occur with members of the college community.
- A condition of enrolment at Ringwood Secondary College is that the correct uniform be worn by all students in Years 7-12.
- The Student Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.
- Students are encouraged to wear a sun protective hat outside from September to April.
- Publication of the Student Uniform Policy is to be available to all present and prospective members of our school community.
- The Student Uniform Policy will be published on the College website
- In the day-to-day enforcement of the Student Uniform Policy, consideration will be given to medical and health issues, and particular religious practices. Parents seeking ongoing exemption to the Uniform Policy due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, gender identity or health conditions may apply to the Principal by the beginning of the school year for consideration.
- The Principal will advise the College Council of the application, his decision and, in the event of the application for exemption being supported, the Principal will outline to the Council the support structures and actions (where required) for the student involved.

- The best possible supply of uniform is to be resourced. The College will liaise with the supplier to ensure the availability, quality and value of all uniform requirements.
- Assistance is available to families unable to meet the cost of providing the uniform. Families in need should contact the College Wellbeing team.

This policy will be reviewed on a three year cycle, or earlier if required.