



Uniform Policy

TARNEIT
P-9COLLEGE

Rationale

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

Aims

- To promote equality and **inclusiveness** for all students.
- To further develop a sense of **pride**, connectedness and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To develop a sense of **responsibility** for personal belongings and appearance.

Implementation

- The College uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the school.
- Our College uniform, including sports uniform are prescribed, and are required to be worn at all times. This includes black school shoes or runners (on sports day). Coloured or fluoro shoe laces are not permitted.
- Clothing items such as stockings, socks and long sleeve under garments can be worn (navy blue, black only).
- The only headwear acceptable is headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons (navy blue or black only) and a Sun Smart hat, consistent with our Sun Smart policy. Hats must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Beanies can also be worn during winter months, but must be plain navy blue or black with no label.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Cultural or religious jewellery can be worn under clothing.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes) are not permitted. All hair accessories (hair ties, scrunches, bows or headbands) must be navy blue or black.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The College uniform policy, details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the College newsletter at the start of each year and in new student enrolment information packs.
- Arrangements can be made through our College Welfare team to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief and through College initiatives (e.g. second hand uniform) for families requiring support.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the College uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal and School Council for consideration.
- Any changes to the College uniform will only be made after community consultation and approval from School Council.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the College uniform, in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.