



SURF COAST SECONDARY COLLEGE

Uniform Policy

Overview

The College believes that the image of the College is reflected in the appearance of students and that a uniform encourages a sense of pride and belonging to a group. All students must wear the correct uniform in a neat and clean manner. The uniform is to be worn during school hours, on the way to and from school, and on excursions, unless permission is given for 'casual' dress. Surf Coast Secondary College is proud to support gender diversity within our community and as such our uniform policy is a reflection of this.

Rights and Responsibilities

Staff Rights

- To expect all students to wear correct school uniform unless specified otherwise
- To expect students to be correctly attired for Physical Education and Sports sessions
- To expect appropriate uniform or clothing for excursions as communicated

Staff Responsibilities

- To ensure all students are in correct uniform
- To ensure that when a student is not in the appropriate school uniform, a "Uniform Pass" has been obtained from the mentor teacher, Learning Community Leader or Administration office

Student Rights

- To have input into the nature of the uniform
- To expect all students to wear the appropriate school uniform
- To expect that staff support school policy on school uniform

Student Responsibilities

- To be attired in correct school uniform at all times unless otherwise specified e.g. some excursions
- To provide the mentor teacher or Learning Community Leader with a note from parents/ guardians explaining any change from correct uniform

Parent Rights

- To expect support from teachers in the wearing of correct school uniform
- To have input into the nature of the uniform
- To expect that the uniform be practical, readily available and reasonably priced

Parent Responsibilities

- To provide the correct uniform for their child
- To make sure their child is attired in correct school uniform unless otherwise specified e.g. some excursions
- To supply a written explanation if their child is out of uniform
- To support school policy on the wearing of school uniform

Uniform Items

Students must own one full **Formal Uniform** and one full **Active Uniform**. All uniform items are permitted to be worn on a daily basis. However, at times Formal or Active Uniform will be an expectation for students to wear.

Examples where **Formal Uniform** would be expected include School photo Day, some excursions, days when students are representing the college at a formal event.

Examples where **Active Uniform** would be expected include Sport Days, some active excursions e.g. Outdoor Education excursions.

All uniform items are available for purchase from "Surfcoast School Stuff" (Shop12/ 61 Surfcoast Hwy, Torquay – Located opposite the Library within the Surf Shop Precinct - 5261 5665) or from "PSW Geelong" – Located at 164 Malop Street, Geelong.

Formal Uniform

- Grey Shorts or Pants (To be purchased from Surfcoast School Stuff)
- White Shirt Long or Short Sleeve with College Logo
- Skirt or Kilt – must be approximately kneelength
- School Dress – must be approximately kneelength
- Outer Garment one of or combination of:
 - School Jumper
 - College Hooded Jumper
 - College Jacket
 - College Blazer
- Long Grey, Black or White Socks
- Black Polishable School shoes (Pictures of examples of appropriate shoes are provided at the end of this document)

Note:

- The College blazer and tie have both been deemed optional uniform items.
- Navy and grey pants and shorts included in the College Uniform are to be PSW Brand and are available from Surfcoast School Stuff. Please note that brands such as 'Dickies' are not accepted as school pants.

Active Uniform

- Blue Shorts with logo and / or
- Blue Track Pants with logo (To be purchased from Surfcoast School Stuff or PSW Geelong)
- Polo Shirt with logo
- College Hooded Jumper
- College Jacket
- Appropriate Sports Shoes

School Bag

The only permissible school bag for use by all students is the College School Bag. This Bag is available from Surf Coast School Stuff or PSW Geelong.

Outer Garments

A Navy Blue, White or Teal scarf may be worn with the school uniform in cold weather.

It is recommended that College branded hats should be worn outdoors by all students during Terms 1 and 4. Additional or replacement hats are available for purchase from the Administration Office.

If a further garment is to be worn under the school shirt, it should be a plain white t shirt or singlet and must be tucked in.

Student Appearance (Jewelry & Make-Up)

As part of the College Uniform Policy, there is an expectation that students will present themselves in a neat and orderly manner when wearing the College Uniform as per guidelines established by the College.

The guidelines which relate to student appearance have been reviewed and clarified. Parents and students should note the following requirements:

Jewelry / Piercings

Whilst the College does not prohibit the wearing of piercings and jewelry, the following considerations should be adhered to:

- The jewelry / piercings do not cause a safety issue
- The jewelry / piercings are respectful and not offensive
- The jewelry / piercings do not prohibit the student from participating in normal learning activities

Students should note the following consequences if they do not follow these guidelines:

- Students wearing unacceptable jewelry items will be asked to remove them
- The items will be kept by staff for the remainder of the day
- Further offences will result in articles being held until a parent/guardian can collect them

Hair

Whilst the College does not prohibit any specific hair styles the following considerations should be adhered to:

- The hair style does not cause a safety issue
- The hair style is respectful and not offensive
- The hair style does not prohibit the student from participating in normal learning activities

Dress Code for Casual Dress Days & Camps

Dress standards must be non-offensive.

Normal rules apply to the wearing of jewelry and make-up as stated above.

Footwear: closed in shoes must be worn. No thongs or sandals. This is a safety issue.

Tops/Blouses/Shirts: must be of a suitable length to have no midriff showing and must have sleeves. Slogans, Logos, etc. must be in line with the image of the College.

Shorts: must be “longshorts” –i.e. $\frac{3}{4}$ length to knee length. No frayed or torn shorts or jeans. Skirts/Dresses: must be approximately knee length and not cause offence.

PE classes: If you have a PE class or sport training on a casual dress day, you must have appropriate clothing to complete the expected activities set in the PE Class; change into sports uniform as described above.

PLEASE NOTE that students may expect to be sent home or be given another consequence if clothing does not comply with these College rules.

Implementation

The wearing of correct uniform is an expectation that will be made of all students at SCSC. Students who attend school in the incorrect uniform can expect to be followed up by any staff member they encounter.

Students who do not have the correct uniform available on a particular day should arrive at school with a note from their parents stating the issue with uniform.

Serious and or ongoing uniform breaches will result in the student not attending class until a parent teacher conference occurs where the Uniform Policy and expectations will be reiterated, and an agreed plan forward is made.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

Any items for discussion regarding any aspect of the Uniform Policy should be raised with School Council and will be made an agenda item for a School Council meeting.

Ratified by the College Council: 2022

Evaluation Due: