



NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE

THE COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

The image of the college is reflected in the appearance of students and the school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging to the North Geelong SC community. 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 extracurricular activities and excursions unless permission has been granted for 'mufti/casual' dress. [Please refer to the dress code for extracurricular activities; excursions, camps and mufti days.] The School Council is responsible for approving any changes to the uniform after consultation with parents, teachers and students.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

TEACHER 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 clothing for excursions when permitted.

TEACHER 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 Year Level Coordinator/Home Group teacher

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 eg. some excursions or extracurricular activities
- To provide the Year Level Coordinator/Home Group Teacher 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 eg. some excursions and extracurricular activities
- To supply a written explanation if their child is out of uniform
- To fully support school policy on the wearing of school uniform.

Students and parents/guardians should communicate the need and gain permission for a variation to the uniform based on extenuating circumstances, eg. family occasions such as weddings, culturally significant occasions such as participation in festivals etc.

BOYS' UNIFORM

Winter

- Trousers - grey (not corduroy or jeans)
- White shirt or plain white polo shirt
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks – black or grey
- Plain black leather school shoes
- Black School Blazer (Optional)

Summer

- Shorts - grey
- White shirt or plain white polo shirt
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks - white or grey or black
- Plain black leather school shoes

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Winter

- School skirt – to be worn approximately knee length
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks- Black knee high
- Tights/stockings - Black
- Plain black leather school shoes or black T-bars
- Slacks – Grey
- Black School Blazer (Optional)

Summer

- School dress – length to be no shorter than 8 cm above the knee
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks - white or black
- Plain black leather school shoes or black T-bars

For cultural reasons the following alterations to the uniform policy apply:

- A head scarf is to be plain black, white or grey
- A long sleeved top (black or white) may be worn under the school dress or short-sleeved shirt.
- Plain black leggings and black socks may be worn with the school summer dress, school winter skirt.

SPORT / PE

- Black track pants with logo
- Black shorts with logo
- Polo shirt with logo
- School sport zip up jacket with logo (Can also be worn with regular school uniform)
- School jumper may be worn with the sport / PE uniform
- School cap (optional)

The school sports uniform can be worn for the whole day when SPORT/PE is a timetabled class. It must be correctly worn with no alternative items of clothing as Uniform passes will not be given whilst wearing the sports uniform. Correct sports runners must be worn; preferably in school colours.

If students do not/cannot wear the full school sports uniform then they are required to attend school in the normal uniform and bring a change of sports appropriate clothing to be worn ONLY during SPORTS/PE

classes. (E.g. wearing skins or leggings may be acceptable during Sports/PE but not for the rest of the school day)

OUTER GARMENTS

- A scarf may be worn with the school jumper in cold weather. It must be a plain solid school colour – white, black, red or grey.
- The only outer garment permitted is either the school blazer or the sport zip up jacket. Either item may be worn with the school uniform.
- Hats/beanies must not be worn indoors.
- For students with a medical condition precluding them from wearing woollen jumpers, a lined jumper can be ordered from our uniform suppliers.

STUDENT APPEARANCE (JEWELLERY, MAKE-UP, HAIR)

As part of the College Uniform Policy, it is expected that students will present themselves in a neat and orderly manner to, from and at school within guidelines established by the College.

Jewellery

The only acceptable items of jewellery are as follows:

- A wrist watch
- Simple studs or sleepers (maximum of two in each ear)
- A plain necklace that aligns with the image of the college and the expectations for Occupational Health and Safety. It must be of an appropriate length and worn under the shirt.

Make up

Only minimal and natural looking make up is permitted. Students deemed to have excessive make-up will be asked to remove it.

Hair

Hair colour at school must be natural looking; no bold colours e.g. purple, blue, pink or green.

Boys: There is an expectation that boys will be clean shaven. Beards and moustaches are not permitted

Girls: Hair restraints (bows, clips, headbands etc.) should be simple and in school colours
Hair additions /extensions must also follow the hair colour guidelines.

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

- Students wearing unacceptable jewellery 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.
- Boys who need to shave will be given a warning. If this is ignored, they will be sent home to shave and come back to school
- Parent/guardian communication to determine a plan that will address their child's inappropriate appearance at school
- If students continue to ignore the school uniform expectations parents will be asked to keep them at home until they comply with the policy. If students persist they could be asked to leave the school

General Appearance

Items which are **not acceptable** include the following:

- No coloured nail polish (Clear nail polish may be worn). Nails must be of a respectable length so that students can perform learning tasks and are not an OHS concern.
- Tattoos (real or fake) must remain covered at school
- Other forms of visible body jewellery. E.g. no facial piercing (any existing piercing jewellery must be removed, covered with tape or replaced with clear studs). A maximum of two sleepers/studs per ear are permitted.

DRESS CODE FOR MUFTI DAYS, EXCURSIONS and CAMPS

Dress standards must be non-offensive.

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

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

T-shirts/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. Singlet tops or tank tops are not acceptable.

Shorts – must be “long shorts” – i.e. $\frac{3}{4}$ length to knee length. No frayed or torn shorts.

Pants/Jeans/Trousers - No frayed or torn pants. Leggings/skins are not to be worn as pants.

Skirts/Dresses - must be approximately knee length and not cause offence.

PE classes - if you have a PE class or sport training on a mufti day or excursion day, you must 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 policy

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

Ratified by School Council on 18 March 2014