NEW POLICY: UNIFORM, BODYPIERCING, JEWELLERY AND HAIR

This policy is endorsed by the College Council and all students enrolled at the College must comply with the following regulations.

UNIFORM

RATIONALE:

The uniform of the College is to be a means of identifying students in the College and in the community. It is designed to create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school; it also promotes individual student safety and group security.

AIMS:
The Uniform Policy of Kooweerup Secondary College aims to:

- Provide a uniform that is simple, practical, economical and accessible to all students.
- Provide an effective means for students to positively identify with their College.
- Develop pride and commitment to the College through the wearing of an attractive uniform.
- Ensure that the College uniform does not restrict or discourage participation in areas of the curriculum.
- Provide a uniform comprised of good quality items.

GUIDELINES:

1. Uniform is compulsory for all students from Years 7 to 12.
2. Parents and students will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the College uniform is worn.
3. The uniform is as detailed on the “Uniform List”.
4. The enforcement procedures are as detailed on the “Uniform Enforcement Procedures”.

THE UNIFORM SHOP
The College has a Uniform Shop which is open each Tuesday from 8am to 2pm. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are only available at the uniform shop.
The Shop is also open in December and January each year at specially advertised times.
**UNIFORM LIST**

**COMPULSORY**

**PANTS**
Grey Melange College pants (boys) or straight leg grey gabardine pants (girls)
Straight leg navy blue gabardine pants (boys or girls). The ‘Face off’ brand of pants is also acceptable.

**SHORTS**
Navy blue tailored gabardine shorts or grey tailored school shorts. Shorts must be above the knee in length. Cargo style is not acceptable. ‘Short’ shorts are not acceptable.

**GIRL’S SKIRT**
Pleated College tartan*, at least knee length

**SUMMER DRESS**
Current College material and pattern*

**SHIRT**
Plain white business/school shirt or white polo with embroidered College logo* or plain white skivvy. Where students choose to wear a shirt out (not tucked in) it must have a straight edge at the bottom of the shirt.

**JUMPER**
Navy blue with embroidered College logo* can be worn by all students from Years 7 to 12.

**RUGBY TOPS**
Years 7 to 9: Navy blue rugby top with embroidered College logo*
Years 10 to 12: Maroon rugby top with embroidered College logo*

**FOOTWEAR**

**Boys:** Totally black lace up school shoes or totally black school boots (not blundstones). Black canvas shoes including black canvas volleys and loafers/slip on shoes are banned. There must be no white/coloured markings on the shoes and shoelaces must also be black.

**Girls:** Totally black lace up school shoes or totally black T-bar shoes. Black canvas shoes including black canvas volleys and loafers/slip on shoes are banned. Any type of ‘ballet shoe’ with or without strap/buckle is banned.

**Examples of acceptable footwear for boys:**

![Boys Footwear Example]

**Examples of acceptable footwear for girls:**

![Girls Footwear Example]
SOCKS
Plain white short/long knee high socks with shorts, skirt or dress.
Black or white socks with pants.
Anklets are not allowed. The height of the socks must be well above the shoes.
Socks must be worn with shoes

FOOTWEAR FOR PRACTICAL CLASSES in HOME ECONOMICS, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, VET HOSPITALITY, AUTOMOTIVE

Students are required to wear fully enclosed shoes (preferably leather) for the practical lessons in these subjects. The joggers students wear for PE activities are acceptable providing they do not have mesh over the insole. They only need to wear them for the practical sessions in these subjects.

BOYS AND GIRLS
Please note that thongs are NEVER acceptable as footwear at school – even when it is 38 degrees or we have a free dress day. If a student cannot wear school shoes and has an acceptable note to explain this, he/she must wear alternative shoes which have a closed in toe.

STUDENTS WHO WEAR THONGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CLASS. THIS IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE.

PE/SPORT-COMPULSORY

SHORTS
Plain navy blue. No bike shorts. No stripes or logos

TRACK PANTS
Plain Navy. No stripes or logos

SKIRT
Navy blue (sports briefs – navy or black)

SHIRT
Plain light blue polo with embroidered College logo*

FOOTWEAR
Sneakers with non-marking sole

SOCKS
Plain short white socks

JACKET
To be purchased from the Uniform Shop (optional)

CAP/HAT
Plain navy blue, must be worn for PE & Sport classes in terms 1 and 4

OPTIONAL

TIE
College design* Tie must be worn correctly and may only be worn with a white shirt with a stiff collar (e.g. white business/school shirt)

BLAZER
College design*

JACKET
Plain navy blue jacket OR College sports jacket (also available as a lined jacket)*

TIGHTS
Navy blue (NB: Socks are not to be worn with tights)

SCARF
Plain navy or white or cream

CAP/HAT/BEANIE
Plain navy blue

SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS
Year 12 students also have the option of a Year 12 polo shirt with their own logo.
UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

The procedures for uniform will be in line with Directorate Policy.
All students at Kooweerup Secondary College are expected to wear the College uniform. Student should be well groomed and their clothes should be neat and clean. Students should have a change of clothing so that they are always able to wear the College uniform.
No child should be out of uniform because of financial reasons. We are more than happy to assist if there are problems in this area. Contact the Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator where necessary.
If a student is out of uniform on a particular day, a signed and dated note is required explaining the reason. Long term passes are not appropriate as the College is a uniform school. It is not acceptable for students to be out of uniform because they were at someone else’s place the night before or they intend to go away at the end of the school day. Whatever their arrangements, students must remember to have their uniform. Students who wear orthotics should take them with them when they purchase school shoes. Orthotics can fit in school shoes.

Students who come to school out of uniform without an acceptable note will be given detention at lunchtime. If the problem persists, students may be given afterschool detention or suspended for failing to follow school rules.

There are a number of students who seek to include the latest fashions into the College uniform. To avoid confusion we would like to draw your attention to the following:
- Cargo pants, either short or long, and three quarter length pants are not acceptable. (note: girls’ long pants are not to be rolled up to three quarter length).
- If T-shirts are worn underneath the regulation white polo shirt, they must not be visible. Therefore strong colours and particularly shirts with highly visible writing and logos are not acceptable.
- Socks must be white or black. Very short ankle socks (eg; anklets which cannot be seen above a shoe) are not acceptable.
- Underwear (eg; boxer shorts) should not be on view.
- We would like all students to wear caps or other suitable headgear in summer when they are outside – but the colour must be navy blue with no logo or decoration. Caps are available from the Uniform Shop.

PE UNIFORM
1. PE Uniform – student must wear the appropriate PE uniform to class.
2. The first two times per semester that a student does not wear the uniform, the student will not be allowed to participate in practical activities. The third time, the teacher will send a letter to the parent. Fourth time = phone call home. Fifth and subsequent occasions = afterschool detention.
BODY PIERCING, JEWELLERY AND HAIR

RATIONALE:

This Policy has been developed to protect students in reasonable circumstances, from personal injury, and to promote generally accepted community expectations regarding a student’s physical presentation.

AIMS:

1. Students are to be encouraged to regard the College environment as their workplace. As such, generally accepted community expectations regarding one’s physical presentation should be met – particularly in terms of jewellery and hairstyle/colour.
2. As far as can be reasonably expected, students should be protected from injury.

GUIDELINES:

1. Visible body piercing is only acceptable through the ear. Earrings should be small and discrete. The following types of earrings are banned: large fancy earrings, earrings which hang down, tapers, plugs, spacers and earrings with large parts which stick out behind the ear.
2. Earrings/studs pierced through the eyebrow, nose, lips, tongue, etc., are not allowed. Students may wear clear, transparent plastic studs where they have had a piercing provided that the stud does not stick out and is flush with the skin. This does not apply to practical PE/Sport classes, Food Technology classes or any other practical classes where the school deems that the possibility of a stud falling out poses a health and safety risk.
3. Jewellery considered dangerous must be removed or taped up during all sporting and practical activities.
4. Exemptions (nose piercing) will only be considered on demonstrated and proven cultural grounds.
5. Hair dyes that have the appearance of a natural colour are accepted, however, it is not appropriate for College students to dye their hair an unnatural colour (e.g.: orange, green, pink, purple) which draws unnecessary attention.
6. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed e.g. Mohawks