



POLICY: UNIFORM, BODYPIERCING, JEWELLERY AND HAIR

Revised August 2018 to take effect from 2019

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 and develop a connection with the College through the wearing of a distinctive 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. Implementation is explained in the "Uniform Implementation Procedures".

THE UNIFORM SHOP

The College has a Uniform Shop located at 1/311 Rossiter Road, Kooweerup. Ring 0417888611

HOURS: Tuesday 8am to 12noon, Thursday 12.30 to 4pm, Friday 12.30 to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 12noon
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 listed on the College website under PARENTS.

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 the College white polo with embroidered College logo* or the College navy blue polo with embroidered College logo*. 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	<p>Boys: Totally black leather lace up shoes that must take polish and must have a heel. (Boots, desert boots, black runners and platform shoes are not acceptable. 'Runner style' shoes are not acceptable.)</p> <p>Girls: Totally black T-bar shoes or totally black leather lace up shoes that must take polish and must have a heel. (Boots, desert boots, black runners and platform shoes are not acceptable. 'Ballet' style shoes and 'Runner style' shoes are not acceptable.)</p>

Examples of acceptable footwear:



Shoes for boys and girls



Shoes for girls

SOCKS

Totally black or white socks. No logos or words are allowed.

Anklets are not allowed. The height of the socks must be well above the shoes.
Socks must be worn with shoes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT FOOTWEAR:

1. Footwear for practical classes in Food Technology, VET Hospitality, Woodwork and Automotive subjects.
 - Students are required to wear fully enclosed shoes (preferably leather) for the practical lessons in these subjects.
2. Please note that **thongs (or similar shoes)** are NEVER acceptable as footwear at school – even when it is 38 degrees or we have a casual 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 (or similar shoes) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CLASS. THIS IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE.**

PE/SPORT-COMPULSORY unless stated as optional

SHORTS	College navy blue shorts with a gold stripe*.
TRACK PANTS	College navy blue tracksuit pants with a gold stripe*. (optional)
SKIRT	Navy blue (sports briefs – navy or black)
SPORTS POLO SHIRT	College navy blue with gold trim and College logo*
FOOTWEAR	Sneakers with non-marking sole
SOCKS	Plain short white or black socks
JACKET	College jacket with logo* (optional)
CAP/HAT	Plain navy blue, must be worn for PE & Sport classes in terms 1 and 4

OPTIONAL

TIE	College design to be purchased from the Uniform Shop*. Tie must be worn correctly and may only be worn with a white shirt with a stiff collar (e.g. white business/school shirt)
JACKET	College jacket with logo* or plain navy blue jacket
SLEEVELESS JACKET	Plain navy blue with the College logo*
TIGHTS	Navy blue (NB: Socks are not to be worn with tights)
SCARF	Plain navy or white or cream or in one of the House colours (red, blue, green, yellow)
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 and a Year 12 varsity jacket.

UNIFORM IMPLEMENTATION 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 persistently 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. Pants and shorts with pockets on the outside or cuffs on the bottom are not acceptable.
- Shorts must be the regulation school shorts – not 'short' shorts or casual wear.
- 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 totally white or totally black. Very short ankle socks (e.g. anklets which cannot be seen above a shoe) are not acceptable.
- 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

Correct uniform and participation are both work requirements needed for the satisfactory completion of this subject. In addition to this, it is College policy that all students must be in uniform unless they have a note from home.

If a student continues to be out of uniform in PE without a note then the following action will be taken:

STEP ONE – the student is allowed two occasions each term to be unprepared for class without further action being taken.

STEP TWO – on the third occasion the student is unprepared for class they will receive either a lunchtime detention with their HPE teacher or will be given yard duty by their teacher at lunchtime.

STEP THREE – Where there are ongoing persistent problems, the matter will be referred to the Learning Community Leaders and/or Student Wellbeing.

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 acceptable through the ear. Earrings should be small and discrete. The following types of earrings are banned: large fancy earrings, earrings which hang down, tapes, plugs, spacers and earrings with large parts which stick out behind the ear.
2. Students are allowed to wear one tiny (no wider than 2mm) stud in their nose – all other forms of facial piercing are banned. If they have a banned type of piercing, they either have to remove it while at school or wear a clear plastic stud in its place while at school. 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. Please note that if A student gets any form of banned piercing during term time, they will not be allowed to keep it in while the hole settles.
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. This also applies to coloured hair spray.
6. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed e.g. Mohawks

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Each year we have a number of casual dress days where the SRC raises money for causes by asking students to make a gold coin donation in exchange for not wearing school uniform. There is normally one day per term and they are well advertised in advance of the day. If students choose to wear casual dress, they must follow these guidelines:

- Thongs or similar footwear are never acceptable
- T shirts or tops with offensive messages or images are banned
- The body piercing and hair colour guidelines still must be followed