



NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE

UNIFORM POLICY

The image of the school 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 wear the 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 wears the 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, medical reasons etc.

WINTER UNIFORM

- Trousers or slacks - grey (tailored, business style))
- School skirt – to be worn approximately knee length
- White collared shirt or white polo shirt (plain, long or short sleeved)
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks – plain white, black or grey (i.e. no logos, words, patterns)
- Black tights or stockings
- Plain black leather school shoes – lace up or T-bars (NO boots or branded shoes)
- Black School Blazer (Optional)

SUMMER UNIFORM

- School dress – length to be no shorter than 8 cm above the knee
- Shorts - grey (not corduroy or cargo shorts)
- White collared shirt or white polo shirt (plain, long or short sleeved)
- Jumper – Junior (Years 7-9) Red with black trim
– Senior (Years 10-12) Black with red trim
- Socks - plain white, black or grey (i.e. no logos, words, patterns)
- Plain black leather school shoes – lace up or T-bars (NO boots or branded shoes)

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 tights/leggings with black socks may be worn with the school summer dress and school winter skirt.

PE UNIFORM

- Black track pants with college logo
- Black shorts with college logo
- Polo shirt with college logo – available in short or long sleeves
- School sport zip up jacket with college logo (Can also be worn with regular school uniform)
- School jumper may be worn with the PE uniform
- School cap (optional)

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

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

(E.g. wearing skins or leggings may be acceptable during 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, i.e. Bellarine Uniforms

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 North Geelong Secondary College.

General Appearance

Tattoos (real or fake) must remain covered at school.

The ONLY facial piercing permitted is a single small stud worn on the nose.

Jewellery

The acceptable items of jewellery are as follows:

- A wrist watch
- Rings (worn on fingers; no nose rings)
- Simple studs or sleepers (maximum of two in each ear)
- A plain necklace that aligns with the image of the school 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.

Fingernails must be natural nails (not artificial) and a short / respectable length so that students can perform all learning tasks without affecting the hygiene or safety of themselves or others. Coloured nail polish may be used.

Hair

Hair colour at school must be a natural looking hair colour. Students are to refrain from colouring their hair with other colours e.g. purple, blue, pink or green etc.

Hair restraints (e.g. bows, clips, headbands etc.) should be simple and in school colours.

Hair additions /extensions must also follow the hair colour guidelines.

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

CONSEQUENCES

The following consequences apply if students do not follow these guidelines (uniform/jewellery/hair/make-up/facial piercings):

- Students wearing unacceptable jewellery or uniform items will be asked to remove them
- The items will be kept by staff in the relevant sub-school office for the remainder of the day
- Replacement uniform items are to be worn if provided by the school unless a parent note is presented
- All nose rings must be removed while the student is at school or while wearing the school uniform. A small nose stud is an appropriate alternative
- 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
- If students continue to ignore the school uniform expectations a plan will be developed with parents/guardians that will address their child's inappropriate appearance at school
- Continual or persistent failure to follow the reasonable instructions of the school may result in a student staying at home until they comply with the policy
- The Well-Being team will be available to supplement uniform and support families on a case basis.

DRESS CODE FOR CASUAL CLOTHES/MUFTI DAYS, EXCURSIONS and CAMPS

Clothing must be non-offensive.

Normal rules apply to the wearing of jewellery, make-up and hats/beanies 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 school. 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 (PE Uniform section).

PLEASE NOTE that students may expect to be sent home to change and then return to school or be given another consequence if clothing does not comply with this school policy.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council on...	8 December 2020
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