

# **HIGHVALE SECONDARY COLLEGE**

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY**

### **Rationale**

The Highvale Secondary College Student Dress Code Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this policy.

### **Aims**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our college.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our college environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Guidelines**

1. In consultation with the college community, the College Council endorses the Highvale regulation uniform as its dress code. This provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied college activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. Students are expected to keep a neat and tidy appearance at all times
3. Students will not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs, marital status, colour or disability.
4. The uniform code applies during college hours, while travelling to and from College, and when students are on college excursions.
5. There will be a specific PE and Sport uniform.
6. Special groups in the school may apply to the school council for variation in individual dress code items. For example Year 12 jackets.
7. The school will promote community involvement by arranging occasional out of uniform days to raise funds for charities.
8. The dress code will ensure that the range and choice of specified garments, their cost and availability reflect the capacity of parents to provide them.
9. The College Council will comply with contracts it undertakes with clothing suppliers with regard to the student dress code.
10. The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items, will be published in the student diary/planner of each year.

### **Implementation**

- 1.1 School Council, through the uniform committee will oversee the Student Dress Code policy. Any changes to the Student dress code will be consistent with the Department of Education policy. School Council will approve all items of the school student uniform.
- 2.1 Teachers will monitor compliance with the student dress code policy and apply

- appropriate sanctions consistent with the student engagement guidelines. Students are expected to be neat in appearance at all times. In the interests of personal and public health, students are expected to show a high standard of personal hygiene. Part of this policy governing school uniform includes the way it is worn. The uniform is to be worn neatly with white shirts tucked in and the uniform kept clean. Polo shirts as used in PE or sport may be left untucked.
- 2.2 Only watches are permitted with school uniform. Neck chains must not be visible. No leather or beads around throat. Students with pierced ears may wear small gold or silver studs or sleepers only. (Only one in each ear). No other visible body piercing is permitted. No visible tattoos are permitted. Nail polish should be neutral in colour.
- 2.3 Hairstyles and hair colours considered to be extreme in colour, length or style by the Principal are not acceptable at Highvale Secondary College. Where hair accessories are worn, they must be regulation green or maroon (as in the school jumper or blazer).
- 3.1 Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition may apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- 4.1 Full school uniform must be worn on all excursions, except where the nature of the excursion justifies free dress, eg: geography fieldwork, etc. If, for some extraordinary reason a student is unable to be in complete school uniform, he/she must bring a signed and dated note from a parent explaining the reason. This note should be given to the relevant Co-ordinator who will issue an appropriate pass before the first class.
- 5.1 The PE and Sport uniform is compulsory for all students during these activities. It is the same uniform for both girls and boys. Students without this uniform will not be able to represent Highvale Secondary College in inter-school or participate in school based physical education activities.
- Green polo shirt with white striped collar and cuffs
  - Maroon shorts
  - Black tracksuit pants with College logo
  - Green and maroon Highvale PE sprayjacket.
- 6.1 Some student groups in the college purchase special uniform items, for example the Year 12 windcheater. These items must be approved by the College uniform committee before being organised for purchase by the students. The uniform committee will consider how any request will impact on the student dress code, cost, design and quality of manufacture as well as when and where and what time frame that this item is approved to be worn.
- 7.1 The College runs a number of 'out of uniform' days over the school year as part of our community service program, for example to raise funds for college resources, or local, national and international programs and charities. Dress on these days should be smart casual, appropriate to the college context. As they present a real occupational health and safety risk, thongs, or open, ill fitting footwear are never to be worn. Students are still required to bring appropriate change of clothing for physical education classes on these days.
- 8.1 Assistance is available to families unable to meet the cost of providing the uniform. Parents are asked to contact the Principal or College Business Manager to discuss their situation and arrange a payment plan.
- 9.1 The uniform committee will arrange for a range of quotes ( nominally three) from different suppliers before a recommendation for selection of new garments or changes to garment supplier is forwarded to the School Council. All contracts for supply will be presented for approval at finance committee and council.

10.1 The following information will be printed in the student planners:

Students are expected to be neat in appearance at all times. In the interests of personal and public health, students are expected to show a high standard of personal hygiene. Part of this policy governing school uniform includes the way it is worn. The uniform is a symbol of our school and something to be proud of, It is to be worn neatly with white shirts tucked in and the uniform kept clean. Polo shirts may be left untucked.

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**ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME.**

Obvious make-up and coloured nail polish should not be worn at school. Hair should be kept tidy and away from the face and should not be extreme in style or colour.

2015 - Maroon blazer compulsory as outer wear garment for Year 7,8, 9 and 10. The PE Spray jackets are not permitted other than for PE or sport.

**COMPULSORY UNIFORM FOR YEAR 7-12 STUDENTS**

**GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORM**

School regulation summer dress  
Highvale Secondary College green jumper (7-12)  
Maroon blazer compulsory as outer wear garment for Year 7,8, 9 and 10 in 2015.  
White turn down ankle socks and/or knee high socks (No Low cut sports socks)  
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"  
T-Bar shoes are not permitted.  
"Ballet" style shoes are not to be worn.

**GIRL'S WINTER UNIFORM**

School regulation winter skirt or School regulation grey slacks. No flares or skin tight slacks. (Note: The only slacks permitted are those sold by the Highvale SC Uniform Shop)  
Black. white, green or maroon scarf.  
White poly/cotton shirt (no polo top)  
Highvale Secondary College green jumper (7-12)  
Maroon blazer  
Black tights - 60 denier plain, white ankle socks or knee high white socks  
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"  
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Plain white T-shirt (short sleeve) only may be worn under shirt.

**BOY'S SUMMER UNIFORM**

Regulation grey drill material school trousers, side tab (or belt loop) or Regulation grey shorts as supplied by the school. No surf or cargo shorts.  
Black belt  
Highvale Secondary College white short sleeve shirt with College logo may be worn with a plain white T-shirt underneath (short sleeve)  
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Grey marle socks (No low cut or sports socks)

**BOY'S WINTER UNIFORM**

Regulation grey drill material school trousers, side tab (or belt loop) or regulation grey shorts as supplied by the school. No surf or cargo shorts. Black belt.  
White poly/cotton long sleeve shirt (with collar) to be tucked in or Highvale Secondary College short sleeve shirt with College logo may be worn with a plain white short sleeve T-shirt underneath (not to be worn with a skivvy)  
Highvale Secondary College green jumper (7-12)  
Maroon blazer  
Black leather lace up shoes that must take polish and must have a heel. (Boots, desert

<p>No hoodies or beanies to be worn" If a jacket is worn for extra warmth, only the Maroon blazer is permitted.</p> <p>In inclement weather an optional rain coat may be worn over the Blazer to and from school. The rain coat cannot be worn within the school grounds.</p>	<p>boots, black runners and platform shoes are not acceptable. " Runner style" shoes are not acceptable"</p> <p>Grey marle socks (No low cut or sports socks) White/cotton shirt or white skivvy No hoodies or beanies to be worn If a jacket is worn for extra warmth, only the Maroon blazer is permitted. Plain white T-shirt only may be worn under white shirt not polo shirt. In inclement weather an optional rain coat may be worn over the Blazer to and from school. The rain coat cannot be worn within the school grounds.</p>
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### **SPORT AND PE UNIFORM GIRLS AND BOYS**

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