

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Koo Wee Rup Secondary College on (03) 5997 1444.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Koo Wee Rup Secondary College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Koo Wee Rup Secondary College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code 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 the school and develop a sense of pride and 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.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Parents and students will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the College uniform is worn.

The full list of Koo Wee Rup Secondary College's compulsory college uniform items is detailed in Appendix A.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Shorts must be the regulation navy blue tailored school shorts. No 'short' shorts, non-approved sports shorts, or casual wear. The length of the school shorts must be closer to the knee than the hip.
- Undergarments beneath shorts, skirts, or dresses should never be visible, except for uniform-approved navy tights.
- Skirts/dresses must be long enough to allow adequate coverage to a minimum mid-thigh length when standing for all natural movements required in a school day, inclusive of all curriculum and non-curriculum activities. The college reserves the right to advise the student on acceptable dress length where necessary and advise on changes where required.



- Pants must be navy blue tailored approved school pants. No cargo, fleece, or other colours/logos are permitted (school-approved logo only).
- Socks/ankle socks must be black or white. No logos or writing to be visible.
- Tights must be navy blue in colour.
- Religious head coverings must be navy blue or black.
- Scarfs must be the KWRSC scarf available from the uniform shop or a plain navy blue or white with no logos or writing
- Students are to wear a school-approved navy hat (bucket or baseball) when outside from August to April as per SunSmart policy and where applicable by the supervising teacher all other times.
- Footwear must be all black, fully enclosed shoe with either laces and/or Velcro, with a non-marking black sole of the shoe. Different coloured logos are not permitted. No dance/ballet style shoe, no Steel cap footwear or boot and no “slip-on” type shoe will be allowed.
- Year 12 VCE/VM students also have the option of a Year 12 polo shirt with the College logo and/or a Year 12 Varsity jacket.

SPORTS UNIFORM

- Students are expected to wear their Sports Uniform for all PE/Sport classes.
- Students have the opportunity to change into the Academic Uniform at the completion of the PE/Sport class.
- A plain navy blue cap/hat or Uniform Shop purchased School logo cap/hat must be worn for PE/Sport classes where appropriate.
- Students must have PE shoes (i.e. runners with lace or Velcro) for all practical PE/Sport classes.

BODY PIERCING, JEWELLERY AND HAIR

- Visible body piercing through the ear is acceptable. Earrings should be small and discrete. The following types of earrings are not acceptable: large fancy earrings, earrings that hang down, tapes, plugs, spacers, and earrings with large parts that stick out behind the ear.
- Students are allowed to wear one tiny (no wider than 2mm) stud in their nose. All other forms of facial piercings are not permitted. If a student is wearing a non-permitted type of piercing, they either must remove it while at school, or wear a clear plastic stud in its place while at school. This does not apply to activities in PE/Sport classes, Food Technology classes or any other practical classes where the College deems that the possibility of a stud falling out poses a health and safety risk.
- Please note that if a student gets any non-permitted piercing during term time, they will not be allowed to keep it in while the hole settles.
- Jewellery considered dangerous must be removed or taped up during all sporting and practical activities.
- Hair dyes that appear natural are accepted; however, it is not appropriate for students to dye their hair an unnatural colour that draws unnecessary attention.
- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed (for example, mohawks).
- Tattoos must not be visible.



CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Each year we have a few 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.
- No singlets are to be worn.
- Shoulders & abdomen must be covered.
- Students with PE must bring either PE uniform for that class or suitable clothing to participate in class activities.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone Imagewear:

- Address - Shop 6/45 Siding Avenue Officer VIC 3809
- Phone – 03 5929 8201
- Website – www.noone.com.au
- Email – officer@noone.com.au

Sustainable School Shop operates a second-hand uniform store for parents:

- Website - www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- Phone – 0438 743 444

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Wellbeing Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Koo Wee Rup Secondary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at regular intervals through assemblies, newsletters, Compass, etc. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Koo Wee Rup Secondary School students may wear either their Academic Uniform or the Sports Uniform each day as the official and approved school uniform.

If a student is out of uniform on a particular day, a signed and dated note explaining the reason is required. Long-term passes are not appropriate as the College is a uniform school.

Measures taken by Koo Wee Rup Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.



EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's Parent Complaint Policy, available on our College [website](#).

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our College community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter and Compass Education portal
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Koo Wee Rup Secondary College - SunSmart Policy
- Koo Wee Rup Secondary College - [Complaint Policy](#)
- Koo Wee Rup Secondary College - [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training - [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training - [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)



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POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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APPENDIX A: UNIFORM ITEMS

PLEASE NOTE: In 2024, students must either wear items from the old uniform list or from the new uniform list. By the start of 2025, all students must be wearing items from the new uniform list.

ACADEMIC UNIFORM

- Year 12 VCE/VM students also have the option of a Year 12 polo shirt with the College logo and a Year 12 Varsity jacket.
- Soft Shell Jacket – Navy with logo
- Pullover - Navy Merino Wool with logo
- Everyday Polo Top
- Puffer Vest
- Rugby Jumper
- Dress - Navy check with logo
- Shirt Short Sleeve - White with logo relaxed cut
- Shirt Long Sleeve - White with logo relaxed cut
- Shirt Opaque Tailored - Short Sleeve
- Shirt Opaque Tailored - Long Sleeve
- Shorts Tailored, closer to knee in length than hip - Navy.
- Trousers Tailored – Navy
- Skirt - Navy check

SPORT UNIFORM

- Sport Top - Short Sleeve with logo
- Sport Shorts - stretch microfibre - regular Navy with logo.
- Sport Shorts with built in brief - Navy with logo.
- Tracksuit Pants - Navy with logo
- Sport Legging with logo

ACCESSORIES

- Schoolbag - Navy with logo - optional
- Bucket Hat Navy with logo
- Baseball Cap Navy with logo- optional
- Tights - Navy Microfibre
- Tights - Navy Cotton
- Socks – Black or white
- Beanie with logo
- Scarf – KWRSC scarf or navy or white with no logos or writing visible
- Shoes – All black with either laces and or Velcro

UNIFORM SUPPLIER DETAILS

Address - Shop 6/45 Siding Avenue Officer VIC 3809

- Phone - 03 5929 8201
- Website - www.noone.com.au
- Email - officer@noone.com.au
- Trading Hours - Monday to Friday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Trading Hours - Saturday - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM





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