

PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY



REVIEW DATE: 2022

REVIEW PERIOD: 2022- 2026

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: August 2022 (for implementation January 2023)

Our uniform makes a positive contribution to the culture of the College through establishing a sense of pride and identity. It enables cohesion and enhances the profile of the College and its students within the broader community.

College Council has developed this Uniform Policy after consultation with the school community. The policy provides clarity in regard to the requirements and expectations and enables students to safely engage in the many varied school activities in which they may be involved. This policy is not gender specific, nor is it season specific. The uniform policy is reviewed by College Council every two years.

UNIFORM

- All students are to be in full College uniform from the very first day to the very last day of the school year.
- All students are to be in full College uniform when travelling to and from school, and when attending excursions, incursions and official school functions.
- All items of uniform must be well-presented and in good order.
- All items of clothing (including shoes) must be labelled.
- Parents are asked to ensure that their child applies sunscreen before all outdoor activities (extra supplies are available at school).

OUT OF UNIFORM

Students out of uniform must bring a note from their parent/guardian explaining the reason for being out of uniform and must carry an Out of Uniform pass issued by their Tutor Teacher. Tutor teachers will work in conjunction with Year Level Coordinators to discuss consequence if necessary.

No student should be in their Physical Education uniform or sports shoes in Tutor Group or in any classes.

The only exceptions to this rule are:

- Year 7s – TUESDAYS & days when they have a timetabled PE class they may wear PE uniform all day.
- Year 8s – FRIDAYS & days when they have a timetabled PE class they may wear PE uniform all day.

BREACHES OF UNIFORM POLICY

FIRST breach:

- A reminder and request to remove the banned item.

SECOND and further breaches:

- An escalation of consequences that may include: contacting parents, confiscation of banned items (items confiscated will be stored securely and returned to student at an agreed time), detention, withdrawal from activities/class.

EXEMPTIONS FROM UNIFORM POLICY

Decisions about exceptions will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with parents.

Legal requirements necessitate that exemptions from the Parkdale Secondary College Uniform Code can be provided where an aspect of the code:

- Prevents compliance with an ethnic, religious or cultural belief;
- Prevents students with disabilities from being able to participate in school;
- Affects a health condition.

Applications must be made in writing to the Principal by the beginning of the school year and must be accompanied with the necessary verification documentation, e.g. Medical certificate, letter from religious leader, etc.

In cases of economic hardship parents or guardians should contact the Business Manager or Wellbeing Team for assistance.

All School Council approved items of uniform are available from Bob Stewart, 93 Balcombe Road, Mentone.
Second-hand items may be available for purchase through: <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

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COLLEGE UNIFORM

The following items are approved uniform items to be worn to school each day, including travelling from home to school and from school to home. School uniform is also required when attending excursions, incursions and official school functions.

DRESS	White, navy and green check dress. Easy care polyester/cotton. White collar with navy piping.
SHIRTS	Stripe with College crest – Short or Long sleeved.
SKIRT	College Navy striped skirt.
SHORTS	Tailored College Navy – Two styles: Front pocket with pleats. Zip side pocket with pleats.
TROUSERS	Tailored College Navy – Two styles: Front pocket with pleats and straight cut leg. Zip side pocket with pleats and tapered leg.
SOCKS/TIGHTS	Official College socks to be worn with with all uniform options (white with navy/green/gold stripe). Navy/black tights can be worn with Skirt.
SHOES	Standard black leather polishable lace-up school shoes (Runner style sports shoes, skate shoes, T-bar, other styles of buckle up shoes, slip on-dress shoes or platform shoes are not acceptable). Shoes must be done up.
BAGS	Only approved school back packs may be used. School bags are not to be taken to classes.
OPTIONAL OUTER GARMENTS	
JUMPER	College blue jumper. (Year 12 students may wear the College blue jumper or the Year 12 top.)
BLAZER	Official College Blazer
SHELL JACKET*	*New for 2023. Outer garment to be worn with school or sport uniform, can be worn indoor & outdoor. (2023 Year 7 students must purchase the Shell Jacket.) Existing Sports Jacket will not be permitted after Jan 2024.
OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES	
BELT	Plain black leather/vinyl belt.
SCARF	Navy plain knit scarf. To be worn ONLY with the Skirt/long Trousers. Students wearing the scarf, must also be wearing either the jumper, jacket or blazer.
TIE	Official Parkdale Secondary College diagonal Navy, Green Gold striped tie.
SPORTS UNIFORM AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM	
The correct sport uniform must be worn in Physical Education classes, sport and in any inter-College sporting events.	
SPORT POLO	Navy/green with crest.
SPORTS SHORTS	Navy with logo.
TRACK PANTS	Navy with logo.
RUGBY TOP	With crest.
SOCKS	Official College Socks (white with navy/green/gold stripe).
HAT	The official College cap or plain navy wide-brimmed hat MUST be worn for all PE/Sports classes and outdoor excursions during Terms 1 and 4. Students are also encouraged to wear during recess and lunch breaks.
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ESP ONLY	Singlet with crest, Long top.
GENERAL	
HAIR	Hair is to be well-managed, clean, safe and off the face. Long hair is to be tied back in all practical classes. Hair colour is to be natural looking and not extreme. Extreme styles and/or 'trends' are not permitted. The Principal will have the final decision regarding extreme hairstyles. Facial hair must be clean, neat and trimmed.
MAKE UP	Makeup must not be obvious or excessive. Coloured nail polish is not permitted. Nails should be of a length that does not impact on capacity to complete school activities in a safe manner.
JEWELLERY	Permitted jewellery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch • Stud/ Sleeper earrings (maximum of two per ear and no larger than 1cm in diameter) • Nose studs must be covered with tape. (nose rings not permitted)
OTHER	Any items worn under the uniform must be plain white, without logos and not visible.
SUNSMART	Students are encouraged to be sunsmart and wear hat, sunglasses, long sleeves and sunscreen when outside.

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EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed and ratified every 4 years by School Council.

Proposed amendments to this policy will be discussed with student representatives, staff and School Council.