



UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction

The authority to implement a uniform policy comes from the Education Regulation 189a, which came into operation in January 1994 and provides the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy.

The selection of a formal school uniform and development of a policy will take place over the rest of the year and will involve students, parents/caregivers and staff.

The positives of having a school uniform are:

- *contributes to school unity*
- *develops a sense of belonging and pride*
- *develops a positive image of Stuart High School in the wider community*
- *reduces competitive dressing and the costs associated with brand name clothing*
- *assists with the safety and care of students through easy identification on school grounds and excursions*

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform Details

The following are details of items of clothing which form the school uniform. They include a degree of choice for students and it is only these items which may be worn. Active 8 tops are an exception to the rule.

(Please note: All clothing should not display brand names or popular artists slogans)

Item	Colour and Description
Polo Shirts	Red, black and white shirts with collar and preferably with the school emblem.
Windcheaters	Plain black preferably with the school emblem.
Trousers/Jeans/Track Pants	For both boys and girls – plain black or blue denim. No motifs.
Shorts	For both boys and girls – baggy style in black. Shorts need to be mid-thigh length. (GT Premier Sports carry our recommended shorts for sale)
Skirt/Dress	Custom designed for the school in tartan (still looking at this option).
Shoes	Flat covered in shoes or sneakers.
Sport	Custom designed sports shirt and black shorts. This is also highly recommended for P.E. lessons.

Specific Issues

All students at Stuart High are expected to be neatly and suitably attired in the school uniform.

The safety of students in our care is of paramount importance. All subjects offered by the school operate within **strict occupational health and safety guidelines.**



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For this reason the following **should not be worn** to school:

Footwear

- ***thongs and sandals (i.e., the type where the foot is largely exposed)***
- ***open shoes that have no supporting strap on the heel***

Note that in certain areas – Tech Studies, Physical Education, Food & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles and Science – students are required to wear closed in shoes, or they will need to be placed elsewhere for practical lessons. Repetition of wearing inappropriate footwear will result in disciplinary action.

Clothing

- ***tops and skirts or pants that display bare mid-riff or underwear***
- ***tops with 'spaghetti' straps***
- ***loose fitting basketball tops***
- ***clothing or jewellery in support of the illegal drug culture***
- ***violent and offensive messages and/or images***
- ***advertising alcoholic beverages***
- ***chains, straps and other accessories considered unsafe***

Hats

In keeping with general community and workplace standards, hats will not be worn in classes or other indoor activities e.g. assemblies, and students will be requested to remove their hats in these situations. If they are required to wear head coverings in certain situations, e.g. Food & Nutrition, they will be supplied.

We strongly support students wearing hats outside to protect them from the sun.

Our school takes great pride in the quality learning environment we provide. We take a dim view, however, of individuals who choose to use their appearance to work against the positive messages that we teach.

Consequences

Consequences for not wearing the school uniform and following the dress code will result in

- ***a reminder/warning***
- ***parental contact***
- ***having someone bring in their uniform***
- ***borrowing a second-hand uniform***
- ***returning home to change with parental permission***
- ***removal from classes, yard and/or sent home for the day***

Students who continually breach the dress code will be sent home, and/or suspended from school as per the DECS and Stuart High School Student Behaviour Management guidelines.

Students may be exempted from the wearing of the school uniform. This requires a request in writing to the Principal and can only be granted on specific grounds e.g. medical condition.

Any exempted student is expected to be in appropriate, plain casual clothing.

The Principal may also approve Non-Uniform days for special occasions such as Sports Days, Festivals or Fundraising. Parents/caregivers will be advised when this happens.

Families who need assistance in the purchasing of the school uniform need to contact anyone of the administration staff or the school counsellor. Confidentiality and discretion will be assured.

WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY ENSURING YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE HOME APPROPRIATELY DRESSED AS OUTLINED IN THE UNIFORM POLICY