

Policy: Uniform Policy

Purpose

Stuart High School community believe that wearing a school uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community.

- Reduces costs associated with alternative clothing.
- Develops a sense of belonging and pride.
- Assists with Work Health and Safety.
- Assist staff to clearly identify students while on school grounds and when off site at events and excursions.
- Preparation for entering the work place.

The School Governing Council with consultation from the school Principal and Student Advisory Committee determine the uniform policy. All students attending Stuart High School are required to adhere to the uniform policy. Consequences apply in relation to persistent and wilful breaches of the uniform policy. Students elected to leadership positions within the school must be exemplary in their school dress.

Scope

This policy consists of the uniform expectations for students at Stuart High School, as well as the process for staff implementation in support of this policy.

Stuart High School will:

- Provide clear guidelines on uniform expectations to the school community.
- Ensure the policy is accessible by staff, students and parents.
- Ensure supplies of compulsory uniform items are available for purchase through the front office.
- Encourage students to wear appropriate sun smart items where relevant, sunscreen, sunglasses and hats.

School Uniform Expectations

- All students are expected to wear the designated uniform at all times.
- Uniform items include;
- Polo Shirt, Track Pants, Shorts, Jumper, Jacket and Dress. All items are monogrammed with the Stuart High School Logo and only available through the Front Office.
- Plain black pants (New Balance and Russell Athletic) as approved and negotiated with Intersport Whyalla.
- Plain black shorts (On Track Sportswear) as approved and negotiated with Intersport Whyalla.
- Shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length.
- Dress must be mid-thigh in length.

- All student are required to wear enclosed flat footwear, in line with Work Health Safety requirements.
- Students wearing inappropriate footwear will not be able to participate in practical lessons in some areas.
- Teachers taking practical lessons will be responsible for ensuring students are following Work Health Safety guidelines for that lesson.
- Students are encouraged to be sun smart by wearing hats, sun glasses and sunscreen.
- Hair should be worn in a way that is safe and appropriate for learning activities.

Additional Notes:

Students who do not adhere to the uniform policy will be asked to go to the front office and will either be sent home to change into the approved uniform or issued with a loan uniform for a negotiated period of time. The loan items will need to be returned to the front office and failure to do so will incur costs.

Roles and Responsibilities Principals

- Responsible for the implementation and supporting the uniform policy.
- Inform the school community of any information regarding the uniform.
- Report to parents/caregivers when the policy is not being followed.
- Report all uniform related issues to the Governing Council.

Staff

- Familiarise themselves with the Stuart High School uniform policy.
- Ensure students are following the uniform policy.
- Assist students in following the uniform policy.
- Refer students to the Principal when they refuse to comply with the uniform policy.

Students

- Be responsible in following the uniform policy.
- Be aware of the consequences of not adhering to the uniform policy.
- Provide suggestions of improvement to the Student Advisory Committee.

Parents

- Support the school uniform policy by providing school uniform clothing to their children.
- Communicate suggestions re uniform improvement to the Governing Council.

Governing Council

- Participate in the development of the school uniform policy with consultation from the Principal, Parents, Staff and Student Advisory Committee.
- Ratify the uniform policy.
- Conduct periodical reviews of the school uniform policy.