

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AT CANOWINDRA HIGH SCHOOL**

School uniform plays an important role in a student's association with school. School uniform enables students to fit in and be readily identified as belonging to Canowindra High School.

At Canowindra High School the emphasis is on encouraging students to wear uniform and on recognising students who wear the uniform. We emphasise 'dressed to learn'.

This uniform policy is consistent with workplace health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

The wearing of school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- defining an identity for the school in Canowindra
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothing

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES CONCERNED WITH UNIFORM**

The school as a workplace is expected to meet the requirements of the Occupational, Health and Safety Acts. For this reason the following dress requirements must be enforced for safety reasons.

**Footwear** - must provide adequate protection to the whole foot and be sufficiently impervious to liquids to provide protection against hot or corrosive liquids. Thongs, open sandals, shoes with cut-out areas, or shoes largely of open-weave or thin fabric, do not meet legislated safety requirements and students wearing such footwear will be excluded from certain activities at school. The P&C has endorsed the wearing of black leather shoes, and joggers for sport.

**Sun Protection** - when out-door activities are part of the school program, students are required to wear a suitable hat and use sunscreen on exposed skin - especially the face. In

summer during sport and P.E., if your child does not have a hat they will not be allowed to participate in outside activities and may be placed on a school sports detention.

**Sport Equipment** - you must wear mouthguards when playing contact sport. You must also wear shin pads for hockey and soccer.

**Jewellery** - for decoration is not necessary in a workplace and can create safety hazards. Safe work practice requires sleepers and plain studs ONLY. Religious or medical pendant should be worn under clothing, watches should be securely fastened and only rings without sharp edges should be worn.

### **CANOWINDRA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform. The Canowindra High uniform was developed in consultation with the Parents and Citizen's Association (P&C) and has been agreed upon by the school community.

Students at Canowindra High School are expected to attend school and excursions wearing full school uniform. Students not in school uniform may not be able to attend excursions or represent the school.

The uniform has been designed so students are able to wear it comfortably for all activities. It is readily available, affordable, easy to maintain and suitable for all body shapes.

Please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal if:

- There is a financial problem which affects the purchase of uniform to discuss assistance;
- A student cannot wear the uniform for cultural, religious or particular health situations;  
or
- There is a short term problem that prevents the wearing of full uniform.

To assist families in need Canowindra High School has a clothing pool available for families to buy or borrow cheap second hand uniforms.

Should a student be unable to wear the correct school uniform at any time the student may wear acceptable alternate clothing with a signed note from their parent or caregiver. This note is to be given to the Head Teacher in charge of uniform who will give the student a pink uniform note that is carried with them and signed by the class teacher at the beginning of each lesson.

Students may choose from the following uniform options:

**Sports Uniform**- CHS sports shirt and black shorts or tracksuit pants

<b>Junior Boys Uniform</b>	<b>Junior Girls Uniform</b>
Grey pants/shorts (knee length) White shirt/polo shirt with emblem on pocket Black polar fleece/woollen jumper(with emblem) Black jacket School tie (optional) Short black socks Black leather shoes(statutory requirement) School Hat	Skirt - grey check (official pattern only) Black dress shorts(knee length) or pants White blouse/polo shirt with emblem on pocket School tie (optional) Black polar fleece/woollen jumper (with emblem) Long black socks/black tights Black jacket Black leather shoes (statutory requirement) School Hat

<b>Senior Boys Uniform</b>	<b>Senior Girls Uniform</b>
Lemon collared shirt with emblem on pocket(polo style or button shirt for tie) Grey pants or shorts (knee length) Black polar fleece/woollen jumper (with emblem) Black jacket (Year 12 Class rugby jumper permitted) Short black socks Black leather shoes (statutory requirement) School Hat	Lemon collared shirt with emblem on pocket (polo style or button shirt for tie) Skirt - grey check (official pattern only) Black dress pants or shorts (knee length) Black polar fleece/woollen jumper (with emblem) knitted jumper (with emblem) Long black socks or tights Black jacket (Yr 12 class rugby jumper permitted) Black leather shoes (statutory requirement) School Hat

### **Uniform Monitoring Procedures**

#### **Before school, 8.35-8.50**

#### **Uniform Co-ordinator**

- Students who are out of uniform (with or without a note) are to report to the Uniform Co-ordinator between 8.35 and 8.50
- Students details will be noted on the Uniform Monitoring document on Google Drive-shared
- Students will be issued with a bright pink out of uniform note
- Students out of uniform for an extended period for a negotiated reason will be given an orange Temporary Exemption note for that period (this replaces the pink note)

#### **Roll Call**

- Head Teachers assist roll markers and Year Advisers to sight students who are out of uniform
- Those students who have not presented to the Uniform Coordinator before school will be directed to the Uniform Coordinator. The Uniform Coordinator will note the names of these students on the uniform monitoring document on Google Drive-Shared and will instruct these students to attend detention Lunch 1 in CR1

#### **Uniform Detention, Lunch 1, CR1**

- Students who have been issued with a detention either before school or during assembly will present at Lunch 1 to CR1 for uniform detention