

Springside P-9 College Uniform Policy



Rationale:

At Springside College we take pride in making choices that reflect our school values of **Respect, Optimism, Responsibility** and **Excellence**. We symbolise our values in the way we think, act and contribute to our school community. The way in which we present ourselves is pivotal in promoting our values.

Research proves that school uniform creates a sense of belonging and connectedness to school. It promotes equality among students as it eliminates competition between students around branding and financial status.

Aims:

The compulsory Springside P-9 College uniform develops in students care in their personal appearance and allows them to be recognised as belonging to the college community. Uniform also contributes to the development of pride in representing the college. Uniform promotes equality and safety and the clothing is selected to be durable, cost effective and practical for the college environment. Students wearing uniform also enhances the positive image of the College in the community.

Implementation:

The dress code will:

- be developed in consultation with students, parents and the College Council
- allow students to safely engage in the variety of college activities
- recognise the financial implications for families
- apply during school hours, while on excursions and travelling to and from the College and home
- be frequently published in college newsletters and on the website
- be managed within the College Code of Cooperation, DET guidelines and the co-operation of parents
- allow for parents to apply for exemptions due to cultural beliefs, student disability, health condition or economic hardship

Requirements

All students

- natural hair colour only – natural highlights acceptable, no block colours permitted
- hair styles at the discretion of the principal and assistant principal
- college hair bands recommended for long hair
- jewellery limited to a watch, religious pendent and ear studs or sleepers, other visible piercings to be covered
- hair accessories, scarves and head scarves must be navy, black or white
- socks can be white, black, blue or grey. (No LOGOS or pictures are to be visible)
- no leggings to be worn under school summer dress
- clear nail polish only. Cosmetic/acrylic nails are to be natural colours and an acceptable length

Early Years

- enclosed black leather shoes suitable for general activity and exercise permitted (See attached)
- Sports Polo, Sports Shorts, Rugby Top & Track Pants worn daily. These items are also the Middle Years PE Uniform worn during PE activities at school.
- Sports Polo & shorts along with runners to be worn on timetabled sports days
- college hats to be worn for all outdoor activity during terms one and four, recommended at other times

Middle Years

- enclosed black leather shoes suitable for general activity and branded as 'school shoes' (See attached)
- girls' skirts and dresses are to be an appropriate length – maximum of 10cm above the knee
- college sports uniforms are only to be worn on days during which PE/sport classes and activities are scheduled
- college hats to be worn for all outdoor activity during terms one and four (Years 5 & 6)
- appropriate hats/caps recommended for all outdoor activity during terms one and four (Years 7-9)



This is the uniform all students are expected to wear:
The Sports Polo, Sports Shorts, Rugby Top & Track Pants are the Early Years Uniform worn daily. These items are also the Middle Years PE Uniform worn during PE activities at school.

The Oxford Jacket is available for Prep to Year 9 students.

Hats are worn in Terms 1 & 4 (Prep - Year 6). Although not compulsory, students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to wear appropriate hats.

The Summer Dress & Winter Skirt are available for Prep to Year 9 students.

The Middle Years daily uniform is every other item shown on this image.

Acceptable school shoes



School shoes must have a distinct heel and are not made of canvas (they should provide protection for the top of the foot in particular).
 Doc Martin shoes and boots are acceptable. Vans and Converse footwear of any kind are not acceptable as school shoes at Springside.



Uniform Compliance

- T-shirts, skivvies and singlets must not be visible under school uniform
- Hoodies are not acceptable under College jumpers or jackets
- Undershirts are to be white without visible markings
- Students will be asked to remove excessive make up and jewellery other than stud earrings
- Shirts fully buttoned
- Girls' skirts and dresses are to be knee length
- Beanies and caps must be worn outdoors only. Caps must be worn with the peak facing forward
- Uniform items cannot be modified in anyway, with the exception of alterations for sizing. This includes rolling up the sleeves on shirts and the bottom of shorts

According to the DET Student Dress Code Policy, school councils have the authority to develop and implement dress codes for their students as outlined in legislation relating to dress codes.

If a student is unable to attend the College in full school uniform, a note explaining the reason and duration must be given to the Co-ordinator before school. If a student is out of uniform without a written note from a parent/guardian they are required to attend a lunch or recess meeting and further action may follow: parent/ guardian contact, detention, and if the dress code is continually breached, removal from class and suspension according to the College Code of Cooperation.

Uniform supply:

Uniforms are purchased from Dobson's Caroline Springs. (Opposite Bunnings, behind Office works)

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the colleges review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by school council on SEPTEMBER 2016