



Ouyen P-12 College Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ouyen P-12 College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Ouyen P-12 College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Ouyen P-12 College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Ouyen P12 College's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Ouyen P12 College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations are important at our college. For this reason and to ensure consistency the following rules apply to all students wearing jewellery whilst in school uniform.

Students may wear:

- Watch
- One plain sleeper or one small stud in each ear
- One flat ring may be worn by students in years 9 to 12
- No rings to be worn by P-8 students
- Clear nail polish only
- Ribbons in school colours

Facial and body piercings are not permitted and must be removed or covered whilst in school uniform.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1st to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Totally Work Wear. Ouyen P-12 College will arrange for pick up of items where possible.

School Supply

The school will take orders once a year for Rugby tops, Dresses and Skirts for families to order. A minimum of 25/50 will be needed for the school to process the order. (as per supplier request)

The school will advertise in Term 1 for orders of Rugby tops, Dresses and Skirts.

Ouyen P-12 College operates a limited uniform store for parents. There is also a range of donated second-hand items available. Requests can be directed to the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform

support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Ouyen P-12 College has some uniform items available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Ouyen P-12 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our Website, Newsletter and Year Level Meetings. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the school. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Ouyen P-12 College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Ouyen P12 College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available at the Ouyen P-12 College website.

Further information and resources

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Review cycle

This Student Dress Code is due to be approved by School Council in June 2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2023.

APPENDIX A: Ouyen P-12 College UNIFORM ITEMS

Polo shirts
Burgundy Polo (Short/Long Sleeve) White Polo (Short/Long Sleeve) Yr. 6 Polo
Jumpers/Jackets
Burgundy Knitted Jumper Navy Blue Jacket with school logo Burgundy Polar Fleece Jumper with Zip (F-4) VCE Blue Knitted Jumper Yr. 12 Jumper
Shorts
Navy Blue mid-thigh, Dress Shorts
Trousers
Navy Blue School Pants/Trousers Navy Blue Track Pants (F-4)
Skorts
Plain Navy Skorts (F-4)
Dresses
School Dress Tartan Skirt - Navy Blue Tights
Socks or tights/stockings
Black or White Socks Navy Blue Tights/Stockings
Footwear
Appropriate Black Footwear is to be worn Black Leather Shoes with non-porous leather upper for all Technology, Science, and Ag-Hort subjects Summer Sandals with covered toes
Headwear
Plain Navy Blue Bucket Hat (or with school logo) School colour Hair Ribbons, Scrunchies or Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Sports Uniform – worn during Sport and on Sporting Events.

Polo Shirts
Olympic or Insignia House Polo-Shirt School Sport Shirt
Shorts/Pants/Tights
Navy Blue or Black Sport Shorts Navy Blue Track pants Plain Black Sports Tights
Socks
Black or White with no logo
Rugby top
Navy Blue with white stripes either side of sky-blue stripe

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports when representing the school. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.