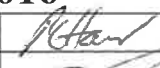





Red Cliffs Secondary College

Council Policy

Policy Title:		Uniform	
Date Ratified by Council:		June 22nd, 2016	
Council President:	Philip Hand	Signature:	
Principal:	David Browne	Signature:	

Rationale

Red Cliffs Secondary College community regards the uniform as an important aspect of the College image and general philosophy. It helps to provide a sense of belonging to the school and the wider community. Students are to wear it with pride and self respect. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To enable both sexes to participate actively and safely in school life.
- The policy will not discriminate against people on the basis of their sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious belief, marital status, colour or disability.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of Red Cliffs Secondary College in the broader community.
- To encourage students to consider issues of protection from the sun by measures such as wearing protective hats etc.

Implementation

The uniform policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on excursions and on other occasions as directed by the Principal or Assistant Principals.

- All students enrolled at the school and attending school will be expected to wear the uniform. (See table below for school uniform requirements).
- All students are expected to have uniform items clearly and permanently labelled.
- A note from a parent / legal guardian is always required if a student is not in the correct uniform.
- Students who arrive at school not in full uniform are to obtain a uniform pass prior to the commencement of form assembly. They should bring a signed note from home.
- Students who do not bring a note from home explaining the reason for being out of uniform will need to go to the front office to collect a 'no note' uniform pass. Once the student reaches 3 unexplained reasons for being out of uniform, without a note, it then results in being removed from the yard at recess or lunchtime.
- Students who have Sport/PE at the end of the day and are wearing the complete official Sport/PE uniform (red HPE shirt, black bottoms) are allowed to leave school at the end

of the day wearing this. Students not wearing the official sport uniform must change back into their school uniform prior to being dismissed. This does not apply at any other time during the day, nor does it apply for students travelling to school in the mornings.

- A student who is out of uniform can be asked by any staff member to show their uniform pass at any time.
- Students who do not wear uniform will be dealt with under the guidelines of the student code of conduct.
- Parents / Guardians seeking exemptions or modifications to the uniform policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, disability, medical (with a medical note), or health impairment must apply in writing to the Assistant Principal.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in ears, plus watches, a religious icon / medallion and medication identification jewellery are the only acceptable jewellery. Facial piercings are not acceptable.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink, purple rinses etc.) and/or extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks are not permitted.
- Cosmetics and make up should not be extreme or obvious.
- Students must not graffiti or draw on the school uniform.
- Students are encouraged at all times to be Sun smart. They are encouraged to wear protective hats when outside, which can be purchased from the uniform supplier. Hats are not to be worn in the buildings
- A fully enclosed shoe is required for all classes, especially in practical classes such as Science, Technology, Art, Textiles, Cookery, Physical Education and Sport, due to OH&S regulations.
- Request for exemptions and or financial assistance will be considered with compassion, a common sense approach and a respect for confidentiality.
- Disciplinary measures used to enforce the policy will be in line with Department guidelines - Effective Schools are Engaging Schools – Student Engagement Policy Guidelines.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

Boys Uniform, Years 7-9	Boys Uniform, Years 10-12
<p><i>Tops</i> Maroon polo shirt with school logo White polo shirt with school logo Maroon polar fleece with school logo Maroon jumper with school logo</p>	<p><i>Tops</i> White polo shirt with senior school logo Navy polo shirt with senior school logo Navy blue knitted jumper with senior school logo Navy blue polar fleece with senior school logo</p>
<p><i>Bottoms</i> Approved grey shorts (no cargo style) Approved grey pants (no cargo style)</p>	<p><i>Bottoms</i> Approved grey shorts (no cargo style) Approved grey pants (no cargo style)</p>
<p><i>Shoes</i> Completely black shoes. Sneakers (not above the ankle) which have laces or Velcro, or leather school shoes. Laces are to be black. White black or grey socks</p>	<p><i>Shoes</i> Completely black shoes. Sneakers (not above the ankle) which have laces or Velcro, or leather school shoes. Laces are to be black. White black or grey socks</p>
<p><i>Sport/PE</i> Red School or House sport polo shirt Black shorts/track pants Sports shoes/runners & socks</p>	<p><i>Sport/PE</i> Red School or House sport polo shirt Black shorts/track pants Sports shoes/runners & socks</p>

Options Scarf – maroon.	Options Scarf – navy.
Girls Uniform, Years 7-9	Girls Uniform, Years 10-12
Tops Maroon polo shirt with school logo White polo shirt with school logo Maroon polar fleece with school logo Maroon jumper with school logo School dress (short sleeved)	Tops White polo shirt with senior school logo Navy blue polo shirt with senior school logo Navy blue knitted jumper with senior school logo Navy blue polar fleece with senior school logo School dress (short sleeved)
Bottoms Grey 4 gore skirt Approved grey shorts (no cargo style) Approved grey pants (no cargo style) Maroon, charcoal, skin colour or grey tights	Bottoms Grey 4 gore skirt Approved grey shorts (no cargo style) Approved grey pants (no cargo style) Navy, skin colour or grey tights
Shoes Completely black shoes. Patent T-bar shoes or flats with a strap across the top of the foot, or sneakers. Laces are to be black. White or black socks	Shoes Completely black shoes. Patent T-bar shoes or flats with a strap across the top of the foot, or sneakers. Laces are to be black. White or black socks
Sport/PE Red School or House sport polo shirt Black shorts/netball skirt/track pants Sports shoes/runners & socks	Sport/PE Red School or House sport polo shirt Black shorts/netball skirt/track pants Sports shoes/runners & socks
Options Scarf – maroon.	Options Scarf – navy.

Uniform is available from Lowes, Mildura Central, who is the preferred uniform supplier.

Economic Hardship

Red Cliffs Secondary College is aware and mindful that some families may have difficulty in meeting the cost of uniform items. The College has a number of strategies in place to assist families:

- Red Cliffs Secondary College uses Sustainable School online for second hand uniforms. Please contact the General Office for more information.
- Parents / Guardians are encouraged to contact the Sub School Co-ordinators, Well Being Coordinator or Assistant Principals to discuss individual cases of hardship.
- The College will provide information through the newsletter on the States Schools Relief Program
- If invited, the College can assist families in writing scholarship/funding applications which may assist families in meeting the cost of uniforms.

Changes to uniform

Any changes to the uniform policy are made by the Uniform Sub-committee of College Council, which will be chaired by the Assistant Principal, School Operations. When making changes, the sub-committee needs to consider a “phase-in” period, and to liaise with the uniform supplier with regards to supply, stock on hand and cost.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.
- This policy will be ratified by College Council at the start of each year.

