



Red Cliffs Secondary College & FLO Connect Policy



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Red Cliffs Secondary 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 Red Cliffs Secondary 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 Red Cliffs Secondary 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 Red Cliffs Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Red Cliffs Secondary College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

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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.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

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 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Branded Collective is our official school uniform provider, located at 261 Benetook Avenue, Mildura (contact@brandedcollective.com.au).

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the relevant Sub School Leader to discuss support that we may be able to provide for 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/>

Red Cliffs Secondary College may have second-hand uniforms available to families.

IMPLEMENTATION

Red Cliffs Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. 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. Non-compliance should be documented on Compass and this generates a text message home.

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 via Compass. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the relevant year level coordinator will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Red Cliffs Secondary 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.

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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 either in writing or in person 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 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

Red Cliffs Secondary 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 on our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Red Cliffs Secondary College Sunsmart Policy
- Red Cliffs Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Red Cliffs Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

This policy was last updated on March 9th, 2022 and is scheduled for review in September 2025. It was ratified at College Council on March 25th 2022.

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APPENDIX A: RED CLIFFS SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

Tops	Red Cliffs Secondary College jacket Maroon (junior) or Navy (senior) polo shirt with school logo Maroon (junior) or Navy (senior) rugby top with school logo School dress (short sleeved)
Bottoms	Approved navy shorts Approved navy track pants (no leggings) Navy skirt Maroon (junior) or Navy (senior), tights
Shoes	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
Sport/PE	Red School or House sport polo shirt Black shorts/track pants Sports shoes/runners & socks
Options	Scarf – maroon (junior) or Navy (senior). Not to be worn inside Headband – white or maroon (junior) or navy (senior) Bucket hat – maroon (junior) or Navy (senior) Beanie - maroon (junior) or Navy (senior)

Uniform is available from Branded Collective, who is the preferred uniform supplier. **Open sandals** are **not** acceptable as they do not meet safety requirements in practical classes such as Science, Technology, Art, Textiles, Cookery, Physical Education and Sport. **Students are encouraged to wear hats**, although they are **not** to be worn in the buildings.

