



# **Uniform Policy**

Guidelines for Byford Secondary College

**Rationale:**

- A College uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the College community and assists in developing pride in representing their College. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform.

**Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, our College.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our College environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the College in the community.

**Implementation:**

- After consultation with the College community and the College Steering Committee, the College has developed a uniform that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied College activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The uniform applies during College hours, while travelling to and from the College, and when students are on College excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, are prescribed and are required to be worn. Fully enclosed predominately black shoes are part of the uniform. Alternative fully enclosed footwear can be worn for Physical Education. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, one necklace, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than nail polish and foundation, cosmetics should not be worn at College.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is the College hat/cap and authorised religious headwear. We encourage that they be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. Hats/caps are not to be worn inside unless instructed to do so within a practical class.
- The student uniform, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start and end of each year and posted on the College website.
- College Board requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the uniform in a manner consistent with the "Student Behaviour Expectations" and "Good Standing Policy".
- At time of enrolment parents will be required to agree to comply to the College's Uniform Policy.
- Arrangements can be made to supply funds for uniform via Education Program Allowance for families holding a current Pension, Veterans' Affairs or Health Care card or those in receipt of the Abstudy supplement allowance.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform on the grounds of religious beliefs, cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the College Principal.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.