

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Ringwood Secondary College reception on (03) 9870-2002 to arrange assistance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ringwood 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 Ringwood 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, belonging, inclusiveness and equality while encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Ringwood Secondary College's commitment to ensuring students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition based on clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

By enrolling at Ringwood Secondary College, all students are expected to comply with the Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

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

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

All uniform items are available for purchase from PSW (Croydon).

Unit 8A, 51 Lusher Road, Croydon 3136.

Phone: (03) 9768-0336

Website: www.psw.com.au

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the College 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Ringwood Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our College website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student has a legitimate reason to be wearing non-compliant uniform items, a note or email communication from a parent/carer is required by the Year Level Co-ordinator. In these instances, a short-term uniform pass may be issued.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to remove or change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school. These situations may incur consequences.

Measures taken by Ringwood Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will be addressed in accordance with the *Student Behavioural Expectations* outlined in 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

Ringwood 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 College's *Complaint Policy*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Ringwood Secondary College [SunSmart Policy](#)
- Ringwood Secondary College [Complaints Policy](#)
- Ringwood 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](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 24 th 2021
Consultation	Policy & Education Committee School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2024

APPENDIX A: RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

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Daily Uniform
Ringwood Secondary College Dress (Terms 1 & 4) Ringwood Secondary College Skirt (Terms 2 & 3) Tailored charcoal shorts or tailored grey pants/slacks Short or long-sleeved white shirt/blouse with RSC logo Ringwood Secondary College tie – Terms 2 and 3 and to be worn with short or long-sleeved white shirt Charcoal jumper with RSC logo (Years 7-12) Year 11 & 12 maroon jumper - Students have the option of buying a Year 12 jumper Plain white socks Black tights may be worn with the winter skirt Black leather (or vinyl) polishable T-Bar buckle or lace up shoes (with black laces) Soft shell bonded jacket with RSC logo RSC blazer
Physical Education / Sport
PE polo shirt with RSC logo Black PE shorts or track pants with RSC logo PE rugby jumper with RSC logo Reversible brimmed sun hat with House colours White socks and safe track shoes
Accessories – not to be worn in class
Plain scarf (either maroon, grey, black or white) Plain gloves (either maroon, grey, black or white) Ringwood Secondary College beanie (Term 2 & 3 only) Reversible brimmed sun hat with House colours Note: Ribbons and headbands (either maroon, grey, black or white) may be worn in class

General Appearance

- Students are required to present neatly and appropriately for school each day
- All items of uniform must be well presented and in good order
- Hemline lengths must not be higher than 10cm above the knee
- Boots are not permitted
- Obvious and excessive make-up and coloured nail polish must not be worn to school
- No visible T-Shirts, and no hooded tops or other garments are to be worn with the uniform
- Tattoos must be always concealed
- For safety reasons shoe buckles and laces must be always done up

Jewellery

- A watch may be worn and students may wear small studs, sleepers or hoop earrings in their ears (max 10 cent size). Other jewellery is not permitted (examples include but are not limited to spacers, large hoops or chains)
- No facial piercings or visible body piercings are permitted at any time (e.g. eyebrow, tongue, lip and nose rings)
- Discreet, transparent, plastic nose retainers are acceptable
- No responsibility is taken for any loss of jewellery at school

Hair

- Hair styles must be neat and suitable for school, with hair being kept tidy and away from the face
- Long hair should be tied back where appropriate for safety reasons, especially in Science, Technology classes, PE and Sport
- Hair colour must be in natural tones and extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks, dreadlocks, brightly coloured etc.) are not consistent with the aims of the College Dress Code and not allowed
- Facial hair must be neat and well-trimmed

PE Uniform

- Year 7-10 students can wear their PE uniform for the entire day when they have a timetabled practical PE lesson
- VCE students are required to change into PE uniform and/or back into their College uniform at the appropriate breaks prior to, and upon conclusion of their practical PE lesson

Hats and Sunscreen – Years 7-12

- Hats - School Council has approved the RSC brimmed hat to be worn for all PE classes, sports events and outdoor excursions. Students are encouraged to wear their hat for outdoor activities, including at recess and lunchtime.
- Sunglasses - Students are encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible when outdoors.
- Sunscreen - Students are encouraged to bring sunscreen from home. SPF 50+ broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen is available for students' use. Sunscreen is available at First Aid and each of the Sub-School Offices.

Out of Uniform Days

The College runs several 'out of uniform' days over the school year as part of our community service program to raise funds for college resources or charities. Dress on these days should be smart casual and appropriate to the College context (singlet tops, tops with bare midriffs and very short shorts are not acceptable). For OH&S reasons, thongs, Ugg boots or open toed footwear is not permitted at any time.

Duty Students

Duty students from Years 7-10 that are rostered on to assist the College with administrative tasks on the day must wear their PE uniform with appropriate footwear.

Notes

- Mixing of daily uniform with the PE/Sport uniform is not permitted
- All items of clothing (including shoes) should be labelled to ensure lost items can be returned
- If clarification is required to ascertain if an item is within the policy, please contact the College for confirmation

Example of acceptable shoes

(Shoes must be always fastened)

