



COOMANDOOK AREA SCHOOL

Striving to Make the Difference

UNIFORM POLICY

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The Coomandook Area School Governing Council has determined the Uniform Policy.

RATIONALE

We believe as a school community that there are benefits in students following an agreed school uniform policy:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment, by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by discouraging fashion competition
- develops a positive image of Coomandook Area School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds.

TOPS:

- Navy polo shirt (piping white or navy only).
- School navy windcheater or navy polar fleece.
- Navy school jacket.
- Navy sleeveless vest, front zip or pull on style.
- Extracurricular Uniforms e.g. Pedal Prix and Show Team should be consistent and worn only for those specific events. SAPSASA shirts/jumpers for PE only.
- Year 6 and 12 have the option to wear year level jumpers.

BOTTOMS:

- Navy blue, black or blue denim shorts. No frayed.
- Grey trousers or shorts.
- Navy blue or dark grey track pants or navy skort.
- Jeans must be of blue denim, not too faded or frayed.
- School winter skirt or winter pinafore
- Summer school dress: white and dark blue check with white collar and cuff. Summer dress is available ready made from Target/ Kmart/ Big W etc.
- Shorts, skirts and skorts to be worn mid-thigh length.
- Navy or white stripes down the outside seam of leg are acceptable. No logos of any kind.
- Belts to be black, dark brown or navy. No studded or decorated belts.

FOOTWEAR:

- Shoes must be closed in, with no studs, decorations or embellishments.
- Slip-ons (without a back), thongs, crocs and high heeled shoes are not permitted.
- School sandals are allowed but not in practical lessons. In Ag, Art, Home Ec, Science and Tech., covered footwear must be worn.
- Ballet flats not to be worn. Not suitable protection.

JEWELLERY: (applies to males and females)

- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum.
- Studs or small sleeper earrings, signet ring and watch only. Large dangly earrings are not acceptable. Only Medic Alert Bracelets allowed.
- Necklaces must be hidden below jumper or shirt.
- Pierced jewellery to be small and unnoticeable in colour (e.g. gold, silver, and zirconia).
- The school advises exposed jewellery to be removed for practical lessons. Staff are not responsible for removing piercings.



MAKEUP: (applies to males and females)

- Light foundation only.
- Nail polish to be clear only.

HATS:

- All hats must be navy blue with a minimum 7cm brim.
- Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4.
- All hats to be removed in class.
- Hats with drawstrings are not to be used at school.

COATS, SCARVES AND BEANIES:

- Navy blue scarves and beanies are acceptable for warmth in cold weather.
- All headwear must be removed in the classroom.
- Coats are acceptable for warmth in cold weather but must be removed in classrooms.

HAIR:

- Headbands and ribbons must be in school colours, white or navy only.
- Hair to be tied back for practical lessons.

PE LESSONS

- Secondary School students must change for PE into shorts, skorts or trackpants and polo or T-shirts.
- Sweatbands are to be worn for PE lessons only.
- Antiperspirant deodorant - pump pack or roll on – no aerosol

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY:

- Students from Years 3 – 12 are required to wear a school T-shirt or T-shirt in their official house colours:
Parkin – Green Dukes - Red

EXCURSIONS:

- Correct uniform to be worn on all excursions except when teachers have given written permission for students to wear appropriate casual clothes.

UNIFORM SHOP:

The school stocks:

- School polo shirts, windcheaters and polar fleece tops; skorts and shorts: hats and scarves.
- Iron on school logos (white) for polo shirts and windcheaters are available.
- Navy vests and school jackets are available through special order.
- Clean second hand uniforms are available for a donation from the Front Office.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school but students are expected to wear school colours and accepted style for all learning activities, including those outside the school.
- If a child attends out of uniform and is planning to participate in an excursion or school activity where uniform is to be worn, wherever possible the child will be provided with suitable, clean garments which comply with the uniform policy. It is expected that borrowed clothing be laundered and returned to the school as soon as possible.
- Senior students who have completed their formal year of schooling and are coming into the school to access school resources to complete their studies must adhere to the Uniform Policy.



CONSIDERATIONS (Cont).

- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of lost property.
- Parents/caregivers have the right to request exemption for their children on specific grounds:
 - religious, cultural or ethnic
 - new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
 - itinerant students
 - financial hardship
 - genuine medical or family sickness reasons in accordance with DfE regulations.

Exemptions to be requested by the parent/caregiver in writing or by interview with the Principal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- Footwear should meet safety standards and not limit involvement in educational programs. Covered footwear must be worn for Agriculture, Art, Home Ec, Science, and Tech Studies. Heavy shoes or slip-ons (including thongs & crocs) are not suitable for active involvement in learning activities.
- All students are expected to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats in the yard and for outside activities, including sport, in Terms 1 and 4.
- Secondary School students should change for PE lessons.
- All students must change into bathers and protective top for swimming lessons.
- Refer to note about Jewellery.
- Refer to note about Hair.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- Students not wearing a hat at recess or lunch times in Terms 1 and 4 will be required to stay in the designated shade areas.
- A meeting with students and parents/caregivers will be arranged if required.
- For safety reasons, students not wearing the school uniform on excursions will need to borrow second hand uniform.

ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM

- It is an expectation that all uniforms worn must be clean, neat and tidy, with no torn or ripped material.
- Clothing with large writing or logos or inappropriate logos are not acceptable, except for the school logo.

Under Section 9 of Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020 the Governing Council of a school may determine a dress code for the school.

The Uniform Policy was developed by the Uniform Sub-Committee following the DfE. School Dress Code administrative instruction

This Policy was developed by Governing Council after consultation with students, parents/caregivers and staff.