



POINT COOK PREP-YEAR 9 COLLEGE

| Uniform Policy | |
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SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT:

At Point Cook College we develop academically, socially and emotionally within a safe, engaging and inclusive learning environment.

We are Learners.

We are Responsible.

We are Respectful.

We are Safe.

VALUES:

Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Integrity, Respect, Friendliness, Resilience, Understanding and Acceptance

RATIONALE

Point Cook College places great importance on maintaining a sense of pride and community and the correct wearing of the uniform promotes this belief.

Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

AIMS

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

IMPLEMENTATION:

The development of our uniform policy has been a consultative process in partnership with students, parents, staff and the wider community and is in accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines. The acceptance, respect and equality of all students is an inherent feature of this policy. We embrace diversity and individuality through a range of choices. The policy underpins the understanding of 'wearing the uniform with pride' as an example of the 'We are Respectful' ('Anytime, Anywhere' setting) expected behaviour within our SWPBS matrix.

College Council has developed a Uniform Policy that we believe provides choices for students and parents, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.

General Expectations

- Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory during school hours, whilst students are travelling to and from the College, on school excursions and when representing the College at external events.
- The student dress code including details of uniform items and place of purchase will be published on the website and in the newsletter at the start of each year.

- The College uniform must be neat, clean and tidy in appearance and worn with respect to self and others.
- Students in P-6 may choose one of the combinations specified from the 'Academic Option' **OR** the "SPORTS OPTION" (ie. No combinations of both.)
- Students in Years 7-9 must wear an appropriate combination as specified from the 'Academic Option', **with the exception of** designated sport / PE days.

Guidelines

- **ALL** students must wear sports uniforms on timetabled PE and sports days.
- Year 7-9 students may only wear sports uniform on timetabled PE and sports days.
- Prep - 6 students may choose either a combination as specified from the 'Academic Option.' **OR** the "SPORTS OPTION" however may not combine the two options.
- Secondary blazers are an **optional** item.
- All items of the uniform are to be clearly labelled with the student's name (particularly those items that are regularly removed at school.)
- Uniform combination options are specified and should be selected as appropriate to climate.
- Only specified clothing items and accessories will be deemed acceptable uniform. Variations will **NOT** be accepted.
- Coloured or printed tops are **NOT** permitted to be worn as visible undergarments at any time.
- Navy short length bike shorts may be worn as undergarments.
- Plain navy tights (not leggings) may only be worn with pinafore or pleated skirt.
- Bucket hats must be worn outside by students in Years P-6 during Terms 1 and 4 and at other times as deemed appropriate.
- We recommend strongly that students in Years 7-9 wear a bucket or broad brimmed hat. (Sunsmart options) or alternatively, a baseball style cap (plain navy only.)
- Hats and jackets are only to be worn outdoors.
- For health and safety purposes, students may be asked to remove jumpers and jackets when temperatures are extreme.
- Grey socks may be worn with grey shorts and trousers in place of white socks.

Management

- Any breach of the Uniform Policy renders the student 'out of uniform.'
- Parents/Guardians are required to provide a written explanation if their child is out of uniform .
- School Council requires the College Leadership Team and **ALL** teachers to be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy. If a student is out of uniform a message will be sent home via the Student Management System asking parents to rectify the issue.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the College Wellbeing Assistant Principal for consideration.

Assistance

- Point Cook College is able to provide options to support families who may have difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items. Assistance can be sought through the College Wellbeing Assistant Principal.
- Second hand uniform sales will occur each term and parents will be advised of dates via the College communication systems.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

Uniform Options

- Uniform combinations **must** be selected from within the options specified, as appropriate to individual students and climate.
- All items are available from Noone Imagewear located at 54 Old Geelong Rd. Hoppers Crossing. Online ordering is also available via their website.
- The following non specific items without College identification can be purchased elsewhere, **provided they are the appropriate colour shade:**
 - College grey shorts/trousers/slacks (drill/gabardine)
 - College navy shorts/trousers/slacks drill/gabardine)
 - Navy short length bike shorts
 - Navy tights
 - White socks
 - Grey socks (only with grey shorts or trousers)
 - Navy or grey scarf
 - Navy broad brim (P-6) or baseball style hat (Years 7-9 only)
 - Black belt

| PRIMARY ACADEMIC OPTIONS - Choose one or more of the following combinations: | |
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| COMBINATION A | |
| Dress: Blue PCC check summer school dress | |
| 1/2 Zip Windcheater: Navy/Pale Blue with logo | OR Pullover: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo OR Soft Shell Vest: Navy with College logo |
| COMBINATION B | |
| Skort: Blue PCC check fabric skirt/short combo | OR Shorts: College grey/ navy drill shorts |
| S/S or L/S polo shirt: Navy/Pale Blue with stripes and logo | |
| 1/2 Zip Windcheater: Navy/Pale Blue with logo | OR Pullover or Vest: Blue woollen V neck-stripes and logo OR Soft Shell Vest: Navy with College logo |
| <i>*L/S –long sleeve S/S – short sleeve Skort – skirt/short blend</i> | |
| COMBINATION C | |
| Pinafore/Tunic- Navy/pale blue check - converts to skirt | |
| Skivvy: Light blue with College initials | |
| Pullover or Vest: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo | OR 1/2 Zip Windcheater: Navy/Pale Blue with logo OR Soft Shell Vest: Navy with College logo |
| COMBINATION D | |
| Slacks: College navy – straight leg style | OR Trousers: College grey with elastic waist |
| S/S or L/S Polo Shirt: Navy/pale blue with stripes and logo | |
| 1/2 Zip Windcheater: Navy/pale blue with logo | OR Pullover or Vest: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo OR Soft Shell Vest: Navy with College logo |
| <i>*L/S – long sleeve: S/S – short sleeve</i> | |
| Additional Items (select from below as required) | |
| Footwear: Completely black school shoes/runners with black laces or Velcro (no slip ons) | |
| School Bag: Navy school backpack with logo | |
| Socks: White/Grey (only with grey shorts/trousers) | Hat: Navy bucket hat with College logo(Compulsory in Terms 1 and 4) |
| Accessories: Navy/grey scarf, navy short length bike shorts, navy tights (NOT to be worn with summer dress, skort or shorts) | |
| Outer Wear: Winter weight Jacket – Navy polar fleece with College logo | |
| Raincoat: Navy with College logo | |

PRIMARY SPORT OPTION

Sports Shorts: Navy microfibre with pale blue stripe panels **OR Tracksuit Pants:** Navy fleece with stripe panels
S/S or L/S Polo Shirt: Navy/pale blue with stripes and logo
1/2 Zip Windcheater: Navy/Pale Blue with logo **OR Vest:** Navy soft Shell vest with College logo

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (select from below as required)

Footwear: Runners (any colour – **NO** slip ons)
Socks: White **Hat:** Navy bucket hat with College logo
Outer Wear: Winter weight Jacket – Navy polar fleece with College logo
Raincoat: Navy with College logo

SECONDARY ACADEMIC OPTIONS - Choose one or more of the following combinations:

COMBINATION A

Dress: Blue PCC check summer school dress
Pullover: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo **OR Soft Shell Vest:** Navy with College logo

COMBINATION B

Shorts: College grey mélange shorts **OR Skirt:** Navy/pale blue check **OR** Navy tailored shorts
S/S or L/S cotton shirt: Pale Blue/white pinstripe with logo
Pullover or Vest: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo **OR Soft Shell Vest:** Navy with College logo
**L/S – long sleeve S/S – short sleeve*

COMBINATION C

Slacks: College navy – straight leg style **OR Trousers:** College grey with elastic waist
S/S or L/S cotton shirt: Pale Blue/white pinstripe with logo
Pullover or Vest: Blue woollen V neck - stripes and logo **OR Soft Shell Vest:** Navy with College logo
**L/S – long sleeve: S/S – short sleeve*

Additional Items (select from below as required)

Footwear: Completely black school shoes/runners with black laces or Velcro (no slip ons)
School Bag: Navy school backpack with logo
Hat: Plain navy baseball cap or Navy bucket hat with College logo
Socks: White / Grey (only with grey shorts/trousers)
Accessories: Navy/grey scarf Navy short length bike shorts,
Plain navy tights (**NOT** to be worn with dress or shorts)
Blazer: Navy with College logo on pocket (pocket can be Point Cook Senior)
Outer Wear: Winter weight Jacket – Navy polar fleece with College logo **OR**
Sports jacket - Navy microfibre with logo **OR**
Soft shell jacket – Navy with College logo
Raincoat: Navy with College logo

SECONDARY SPORT OPTION

Sports Shorts: Navy microfibre with pale blue stripe panels **OR**
Tracksuit Pants: Navy microfibre with stripe panels
S/S or L/S Polo Shirt: Navy microfibre with pale blue stripes and logo
Sports jacket: Navy microfibre with logo **OR Vest:** Navy soft shell vest with College logo

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (select from below as required)

Footwear: Runners (any colour – **NO** slip ons)
Socks: White **Hat:** Plain navy baseball cap or navy bucket hat with College logo
Outer Wear: Winter weight Jacket – Navy polar fleece with College logo **OR** Rugby top with stripe **OR**
Soft shell jacket – navy with College logo **OR Raincoat:** Navy with College logo

GROOMING AND APPEARANCE

HAIR

- Hair must be natural colours only – no blue, pink, purple, etc.
- Hair must be neat and if longer than shoulder length must be tied up
- Hair accessories must be black, brown or school colours only
- No excessive facial hair
- Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable and decisions are at the discretion of the College Executive Leadership

JEWELLERY

The following items are acceptable;

- Watch
- Medical alert bracelets
- School based initiative or charity bracelets and leadership pins
- One set of ear studs or sleepers only
- Other piercings or body markers are not to be visible – clear studs are acceptable

Note: Jewellery can cause OH & S issues and may need to be removed for some activities. No responsibility is taken by the College for any loss or damage of items

MAKEUP

- Face – none
- Nails – clear polish only

Cultural/Medical exceptions:

For individual issues please consult the relevant Assistant Principal.

Religious headwear must be in the school colours of navy, pale blue or taupe.

Noone offer 'made to order' on items that need to be modified to meet religious requirements. Please note that these items may take 12 weeks to make and must be paid in full at time of ordering.

EVALUATION

In line with DET guidelines the policy will be formally reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle, or as required due to changes in relevant Acts, Laws or should situations arise that require earlier consideration.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are there no specific categories of winter, summer, boys or girls?

Removing these restrictions allows students to dress to suit our unpredictable weather conditions and allows for personal preference.

Why can the primary students wear the sports option at any time but the secondary students can only do so on Sports/PE days?

Research shows that wearing a school uniform develops a sense of identity, belonging and inclusiveness and supports the creation of a safe and supportive learning environment. As students move into adolescence it is important to continue the development of a culture of self respect and taking pride in one's appearance. Dressing smartly rather than casually prepares students for the expectations of adulthood and presents a positive image to younger students and the wider College community.

Why can't my child wear jazz pants/leggings instead of slacks?

Jazz pants create too much variety and they do not meet the standard required for the more tailored slacks included in Dress option.

Where can I buy the 'non specific' items and what are the restrictions?

Stores such as Target, Kmart, Big W and Best & Less stock many standard uniform items. If purchasing from these stores you will need to ensure colour shades are the same as our regulation items. You should also weigh up your choice in terms of quality, wear and tear and potential replacement costs.

What happens if my child comes to school out of uniform?

Teachers will follow up with all students who do not meet uniform requirements and will discuss the expectations in line with the policy and our SWPBS Matrix. Parents are asked to provide a written explanation to support any follow up discussion and will receive a reminder via our COMPASS student management system if their child does not meet the requirements. If the pattern continues parents will be contacted to discuss concerns.

Who can I speak to if I am struggling to meet uniform expectations?

If you wish to be considered for a possible exemption for your child or are experiencing financial difficulty we may be able to provide some assistance. Please make an appointment to see the Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal to discuss the matter.

Can my child wear the same runners with both the Standard and Sports options?

Black runners may be worn as part of the Standard option provided they are **completely** black and may also be worn with the Sports option. This is up to the individual as runners worn with the Sports option may be any colour providing they are fit for purpose; i.e. providing appropriate foot support and suitable for rigorous physical activity.

Why is the blazer optional for secondary students?

While the blazer compliments the formal and smarter looking 'Standard' option, we understand that this is an expensive item and have chosen to make it an optional item. For those going on to Point Cook Senior Secondary you are reminded that the top pocket can be removed and replaced with their version should you choose to purchase the blazer.

Why is it not compulsory for secondary students to wear hats?

Research into practices at other secondary schools indicate that trying to enforce expectations regarding the wearing of Sunsmart (eg, Bucket style) hats is less effective than educating adolescents to be 'Bodywise' when it comes to sun safety. Part of the move into adolescence

involves taking responsibility for making sensible or safe choices and is a practice teachers will promote with individuals as part of our SWPBS implementation.

Older students will be encouraged to lead by example and wear a hat, and have the option of wearing a baseball style cap, which at least offers some protection. Alternatively they will be encouraged to bring and apply sunscreen or stay in the shade.

Keep in mind that during organised sport or PE activities there may be occasions when students without a hat may need to be excluded for their own safety.

Do I qualify for the government's Year 7 Package Initiative?

If you qualified for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund during 2018 you are eligible to receive a Uniform Package. Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2017 can apply in 2018. Further information can be found on the College website or at the office.

Do I qualify for the government's Prep Uniform Support Initiative

If you qualify for CSEF funding you are eligible to receive support for uniform purchase. Further information can be found on the College website or at the office.