

COLLEGE UNIFORM COLLEGE COUNCIL POLICY

All students are expected to wear school uniform. The College Council, Principal and Staff affirm this decision. This body seeks parent support for the uniform policy.

Casterton Secondary College has a strict uniform policy. All students in years 7 - 12 are required to be in school uniform.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Department of Education and Training must comply with Government regulations, which regulate the relevant Occupational Health and Safety Standards of the school and its day to day operations.

At Casterton Secondary College students are required to wear correct school uniform for the following reasons:

1. Security - promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school.
2. To create an atmosphere conducive to learning and minimise disruptions attributable to personal appearance, conduct, grooming, hygiene or attire.
3. To prepare students to enter the workplace where they may encounter strict rules regarding dress, conduct and general appearance.
4. To ensure that the conduct and grooming of students who represent the school in school related, extracurricular and community activities creates a favourable impression of the school and our community.

UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform can only be purchased at the school.

Hours of operation are:

Wednesday 2:00 – 4:00pm

Thursday 8:30 – 10:30am

OFFICIAL UNIFORM ITEMS – AVAILABLE ONLY FROM OUR UNIFORM SHOP

Variations to these official items are not permitted

- V – Neck Pullovers
- Dresses
- Skirts
- Shirts – Plain White
- Polo Top – Everyday (Blue)
- Polo Top – Sports (Green) – not to be worn at any time other than for sport
- Soft Shell Jacket
- Soft Shell Vest
- Tailored School Shorts
- Tailored School Pants
- Track Pants: Fleece – not to be worn at any time other than for sport
- Sports Shorts – not to be worn at any time other than for sport
- Scarf
- Cap – not to be worn inside
- Hybrid hat – not to be worn inside
- Socks – White or Navy
- Tights
- School Bag
- Blazer
- Tie

FOOTWEAR

Footwear must be either polished Black Leather Lace-up Shoes or t – Bar Sandals. Boots are not permitted.

ACCESSORY REGULATIONS

All members of the school community have a responsibility to be well presented and to ensure that their presentation and actions do not discredit the college or compromise the health and safety of themselves or other students and staff.

Personal items of adornment which could endanger the health and wellbeing of a particular student or the health and wellbeing of other students are not appropriate at school. Any logos relating to illegal substances or alcohol are not acceptable.

The Casterton Secondary College uniform accessory regulations are as follows:

Item	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Watches	Acceptable if safe; encouraged to be worn.	Bracelet or bangle type. Smart watches.
Bracelets	All bracelets are unacceptable. (medical bracelets do not constitute jewellery)	
Necklaces 1 maximum	Fine, small & inconspicuous, to be worn inside the shirt.	Oversized, dog collars, chokers, multiple, multi-coloured.
Earrings	Plain studs or sleepers. Gold, silver or clear. Maximum of 2 earrings per ear.	Large, unsafe, plugs, spacers etc. Decorative/fashion jewellery.
Ring	1 small ring (flat). Gold or silver.	Oversized, multiple, multi-coloured. Toe rings if visible.
Body piercings	Very small nose stud, small clear plastic eyebrow or lip stud.	Oversized nose, eyebrow, lip or visible facial or body piercing. Hoops, rings and chains.
Hair accessories	Hairclips, scrunchies, bands, subtle/appropriate styles. Navy blue.	Hair pieces, feathers, beads, bright coloured head bands.
Tattoos and stick-ons		Not acceptable if visible.
Hair styles		Bizarre and unconventional.
Hair colour	Natural tints, streaks and colours.	Bright, vibrant, unnatural colours.
Facial hair		Boys must be clean shaven
Nail polish	Natural or clear.	Any other colour.
Make up	Natural colours and subtle.	Glitter, bright or non-natural colours. Excessive amounts.
Wallet and key accessories	Short clip on key and wallet rings.	Chains.

Graffiti on clothes, books, bags, body or shoes		Strictly forbidden.

NB: Students who wear Medical Alert bracelets should wear these at all times.

Students are expected to follow teachers' requests with regard to the removal of makeup and jewellery if it does not meet the stated code of behaviour. Envelopes will be provided for any unacceptable items that students are asked to remove. These will be available for collection from the front office at the end of the school day, week or term. Continued breaking of rules will see jewellery/accessories confiscated until end of week/term.

HAIR ACCESSORIES:

Students with long hair must wear their hair tied back in all practical classes for health and safety reasons.

All hair accessories need to be Navy Blue in colour.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM POLICY

Disciplinary measures used to enforce a school council uniform policy are consistent with the school's Student Code of Conduct and with the Department of Education and Training Student Discipline Procedures.

Where a student refuses to follow the guidelines outlined in this document the college will implement student behaviour management processes.

Please note the following:

1. A written letter of explanation from a parent explaining why the student is not in uniform is expected on every occasion.
2. A student out of uniform will receive a reminder/warning about the Uniform Policy.
3. If the student then continues to disregard the Uniform Policy, parents will be contacted and reminded about the College Uniform Policy and the need to conform.
4. If continued failure to comply occurs, stronger sanctions including the withdrawal from optional educational activities and other restrictions will be considered. These will not adversely affect students' studies. As a last resort, suspension may be also considered.
5. ***Students out of uniform (with or without a note from home) will be required to change into "spare" pants/tops (washed after use) and leave the clothing being replaced at the front office until they change at the end of the day.***

Grounds for seeking an exemption:-

- An aspect of the policy offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents
- An aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background
- An aspect of the policy prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students
- The student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the policy to be departed from
- The student or the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the policy (*This clause will rarely be used as there are methods of assisting in the provision of uniform items*)

Procedures for seeking an exemption:-

- Parents are to write to the Principal stating the grounds on which an exemption is being sought.
- The Principal will consider the type of exemption requested. A slight modification of the dress requirements may be all that is needed, rather than a complete exemption.

SUN SMART POLICY

Our Sun Smart policy has been developed to ensure that students are aware of the harmful effects of ultra violet radiation and protect themselves from the sun, especially in terms one and four.

As part of our Sun Smart strategy, Casterton Secondary College will:

Behaviour

1. When sunny, especially in Terms 1 and 4, encourage students to wear College approved hats and to cover their skin when outdoors, especially during Physical Education and Sport lessons, during sporting carnivals and when on excursions, and at recess and lunchtime. Sunscreen and UV protective sunglasses should also be worn outdoors.
2. Work with the parent's community to provide students with sunscreen and to encourage the wearing of hats and UV protective sunglasses when outdoors.
3. Encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising Sun Smart behaviour.

Curriculum

1. Incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
2. Reinforce Sun Smart behaviour positively through assemblies, the newsletter and parents.

Environment:

1. Endeavour to conduct outdoor activities in the shade where feasible, and encourage students to cover their skin when it is not possible, e.g. sporting fixtures, activities, excursions etc.
2. Work towards increasing the available shade in the school grounds, especially by planting trees.
3. Provide sunscreen for school activities outdoors, especially during terms 1 and 4.

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