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## Student Appearance Policy

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### 1. Preamble

1.1. The purpose of the School uniform is threefold:

- 1.1.1. To provide students with comfortable clothing dedicated to school use and appropriate for school activities.
- 1.1.2. To reduce competition that can occur between students when there is no uniform.
- 1.1.3. To afford students a sense of belonging to a community. This also assists staff when on excursions, sports days, etc.

### 2. Details

#### 2.1. **General**

- 2.1.1. Student appearance must at all times be neat, clean, and modest. Practically, this means that students must dress so as not to draw undue attention to themselves or to any individual part of their body.
- 2.1.2. Students are required to adhere to this policy at all times. Breaches of the policy shall initially incur a warning. Ongoing breaches of policy without a letter of explanation shall result in appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action.
- 2.1.3. The Principal will make the final decision regarding any matter relating to the interpretation or implementation of this policy.
- 2.1.4. The health and safety of students shall be an overriding consideration. Notwithstanding anything contained within this policy, where there are health and safety concerns:
  - students are expected to comply with instructions from staff members to take particular action in relation to appearance or uniform.
  - the school shall consider requests for student appearance or uniform exemptions from parents, especially where such requests are supported by written advice from a medical practitioner.
- 2.1.5. All staff members are expected to demonstrate leadership to the students by example and by wearing appropriate neat and modest clothing, and to adhere to the *Staff Appearance Policy*.
- 2.1.6. All staff members are expected to regularly and consistently enforce this policy and to ensure the compliance of students with all requirements in relation to appearance and the correct wearing of approved school uniform.
- 2.1.7. This policy shall be reviewed (including with regard to changing community expectations) on a three-year cycle.
- 2.1.8. Changes to this policy must ensure an adequate transition period to minimise any cost impact on supplier(s), families and the school. Any changes relating to uniform supplier(s) must be approved by the Board.

## 2.2. School approved uniform

2.2.1. The school approved uniform must not:

- give rise to any appearance of 'elitism' or any other 'higher standard' that will draw attention to the school or to the students;
- bring disrepute upon the school by a poor standard or unkept appearance; and
- significantly set students apart from others, thereby causing discomfort or embarrassment.

## 2.3. School approved uniform items

2.3.1. The school approved uniform is:

- SHCS maroon polo top
- SHCS black polo fleece jacket
- Plain black polo fleece track pants, or black shorts, or black skort (no logos, labels)
- White socks (above the ankle with no logos, labels or decorations)
- Sport shoes
- Maroon bucket hat

2.3.2. The following items are optional additions:

- Plain black jacket/coat (no logos, labels)
- Plain black scarf, beanie and/or gloves (no logos, labels)
- Plain sunglasses (close fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) as per SunSmart and Extreme Heat Policy)
- SHCS School Bags (purchased from Clarks)

## 2.4. Purchase of school uniform

2.4.1. The full range of school-approved uniform items (other than shorts, skorts, track pants and footwear) shall be available from [Clarks Gift Salon](#), the school's official uniform supplier. All new items of school uniform (other than shorts, skorts, track pants and footwear) must be purchased from our supplier to ensure that students are wearing the correct school uniform.

2.4.2. Shorts, Skorts, and Track pants are to be plain black, with no labels or logos. Track pants can be open-bottomed or cuffed. These are available at Clarks or may be purchased elsewhere.

## 2.5. Correct wearing of uniform items

2.5.1. Students/families are to determine the appropriate wearing of track pants, shorts or skorts throughout the year, depending on the weather.

2.5.2. The Principal, at their discretion, may instruct students and parents when items of student uniform need to be replaced or repaired due to such items being in poor condition, ill-fitting, otherwise unsuitable and/or inconsistent with policy.

2.5.3. Clothing may not be worn tied around the waist.

- 2.5.4. Garments worn under approved uniform items (e.g. T-shirts, singlets, leggings) should not be visible, and students may be asked by staff members to remove such garments if they cannot be suitably hidden from sight.
- 2.6. Sundry uniform items**
- 2.6.1. School sun hats must be worn outdoors as outlined in the *SunSmart and Extreme Heat Policy*. Sunglasses may be worn if practical. Sun hats and sunglasses must not be worn in class.
- 2.6.2. Optional uniform items - beanies, scarves, gloves, coats/jackets– must not be worn in class.
- 2.7. Bags and backpacks**
- 2.7.1. Students may use SHCS logo bags or backpacks.
- 2.7.2. Parents should select a bag or backpack that is ergonomically suitable for their child.
- 2.8. Hair**
- 2.8.1. Hairstyles should not be such that they attract abnormal attention. Any hairstyle that is unusual, severe or unnatural in style or colouring (including radical peroxiding) is unacceptable.
- 2.8.2. Hair should be secured off the face. For reasons of neatness, health and safety, students with hair below the shoulder in length should secure their hair back (e.g. tied, pinned, clipped) using discreet hair accessories in black, white or maroon (fashion accessories are not allowed).
- 2.9. Jewellery**
- 2.9.1. Students are not permitted to wear jewellery (including rings, necklaces, wrist/ankle bands and bracelets) other than as per item 2.9.2 below.
- 2.9.2. Students may choose to wear jewellery in body piercings. Such jewellery must be matching small discreet sleepers or studs and must only be worn in ear lobes (with no more than one per lobe). No other forms of jewellery (including clear or plastic piercing rings, 'invisible studs', etc.) may be worn in body piercings. Watches are permitted.
- 2.10. Make-up and perfume**
- 2.10.1. Heavy make-up and nail polish are not permitted at the SHSC.
- 2.10.2. Students who breach policy requirements in relation to make-up and nail polish will be asked to remove them immediately.
- 2.10.3. The modest and responsible use of perfume/cologne is acceptable.
- 2.11. Swimwear**
- 2.11.1. Students participating in school-based swimming activities (e.g. sports days, camps) must wear bathers that are modest.
- 2.11.2. Where a bikini is worn, a T-shirt must be worn over the top at all times.
- 2.11.3. Bathers worn should be those that are appropriate for swimming. Therefore, football shorts should not be worn.
- 2.11.4. For more details in relation to appropriate swimwear for inter-school sports days, students should consult the Principal or Sports Coordinator.

**2.12. Grade 6 Jumpers**

- 2.12.1. Special commemorative jumpers for Grade 6 students are provided to students each year.
- 2.12.2. The Principal has the authority to instruct that Year 6 jumpers not be worn on specific occasions at their discretion.

**2.13. Casual clothes**

- 2.13.1. Clothing worn on casual dress days, camps and casual dress excursions must be neat and modest, and must not have inappropriate slogans or symbols that are inconsistent with the school's values.
- 2.13.2. Tank tops, singlets and caps are not appropriate in accordance with the *SunSmart and Extreme Heat Policy*, and open-toe footwear must not be worn.
- 2.13.3. The hair, jewellery and make-up sections of this policy also apply for casual clothes days, camps and casual dress excursions.