

UNIFORM POLICY

At Echuca College we value what we share, as well as how we differ, and so we have a uniform designed to enhance the appearance of every student, irrespective of body shape, age or gender. The Echuca College uniform is compulsory; however, there are a range of items to choose from within the scope of the uniform. In this way College Council seek to acknowledge the concerns that young people have for their appearance.

RATIONALE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

AIMS

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Jewellery linked to body piercing must be removed while at school, or covered. Where jewellery linked to body piercing constitutes an OHS issue in the school environment, to the individual, or to others, it must be removed.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Staff be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship, or through the Colleges Student Welfare Program.
- 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 School Council.

EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
- This policy must be read in conjunction with the Colleges Makeup and Cosmetics Policy
- To be reviewed as part of the school's three year review process.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

30th April 2015

Most of the required uniform items are available at **Echuca Fashion Centre, Hare St, Echuca and Numanz Embroidery, 130 Hare Street, Echuca.**

The suppliers of uniform are aware of the College uniform requirements and have undertaken to stock the correct items as approved by Echuca College Council.

ALL STUDENTS FOR ALL SEASONS

- Echuca College dark purple V neck with college stripes woollen jumper
- Echuca College Rugby jumper for students in Years 10-12
- Dark purple College tie with stripes in the College colours (optional) worn with either the white tailored shirt or the shirt and Blazer.
- Jewellery worn to be discreet, minimal and meet health and safety requirements

ALL STUDENTS SUMMER

- Broad brimmed hat that shades face and neck for terms 1 and 4 in keeping with Sun Smart awareness.

ALL STUDENTS WINTER

- Plain, single colour, dark purple, black, grey or white scarf may be worn in winter.
- Biz Collection – charger jacket in black with purple stripe and grey panel on the shoulders and Echuca College logo on the front.

GIRLS CLOTHING – SUMMER

- Purple and White College check dress
- Dark purple tailored knee length shorts
- College grey long pants
- White college polo top with purple and grey stripes on collar and sleeves
- White button through short sleeved woven poly /cotton, tailored blouse
- Short sleeved, tailored, woven poly/cotton with square lined lower edge shirt
- Plain Black leather lace up shoes, or plain black leather flat sandals with back support strap or enclosed heel with plain white socks.

GIRLS CLOTHING – WINTER

- Skirt - College purple/grey/black tartan, two knife pleats side front and back, knee length.
- Long Pants – College grey
- Shirt - white, long sleeved, tailored, woven poly/cotton with square lined lower edge
- Polo shirt - white College with grey front under tab & purple / grey stripes on collar & sleeves,(with the option of plain, white short sleeved T-shirt underneath)
- Plain Black leather lace up shoes with plain grey or black socks or black tights

BOYS CLOTHING - SUMMER

- Shorts - College grey, drawstring or tailored style, knee length.
- Pants – full length College grey pants, drawstring or tailored style.
- Polo shirt – white, college with purple / grey stripes on collar & sleeves
- Shirt - white, short sleeved, tailored, woven poly/cotton with square lined lower edge
- Black leather, (not suede), lace up shoes and plain white socks.
- Slides/sports shoes and thongs are not permitted.

BOYS WINTER UNIFORM

- Pants - full length College grey, drawstring or tailored style
- Shirt - white, long sleeved, tailored, woven poly/cotton with square lined lower edge
- Polo shirt - white College with grey front under tab & purple / grey stripes on collar & sleeves, (with the option of plain, white short sleeved T-shirt underneath).
- Black leather, (not suede) lace up shoes and plain grey or black socks.

SPORTS UNIFORM

A uniform for Physical Education and Sport is compulsory and consists of the following unisex items:

- College sports shirt - short sleeved, dark purple/white/grey, micromesh.
- Shorts - airflow mesh, black, plain, basketball style.
- Track pants/ top - black, plain

FOOTWEAR AND SAFETY - Thongs are not allowed to be worn on the school premises for health and safety issues.

MAKE-UP AND COSMETICS POLICY

This policy forms part of, and is to be read in conjunction with, the school's Uniform policy. Issues of make-up being worn by students are fundamentally about school image.

Whilst make-up and many cosmetics are both popular and commonly worn by students outside of school, they are generally not helpful in promoting a positive school image, and unless they are required for some medical reason or similar, they are not to be used whilst attending school. In this way we aim to provide an environment that is safe, healthy and positively promotes the school's image to the wider community.

The following restrictions exist whilst at school or whilst involved in school related activities: -

- Obvious make-up such as coloured lip sticks, coloured lip glosses, eye make-up, skin glitters, blush, extreme or unnatural hair dyes or coloured hair gels are not approved whilst children attend school, or school excursions or camps, unless the activity requires make-up eg: theatrical performances or approved events such as footy day.
- Finger nails should have no polish or clear polish only.
- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.
- Sunscreen products are encouraged which are clear in application but coloured zinc creams etc that can be used to mark uniforms and building etc are not allowed unless approved for medical reasons.
- The Makeup, Cosmetics and Body Piercing Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

Jewellery linked to body piercing must be removed while at school, or covered. Where jewellery linked to body piercing constitutes an OHS issue in the school environment, to the individual, or to others, it must be removed and openings covered.

- Students with pierced ears are only permitted discrete studs and sleepers in their ears while at school and associated activities.
- NO arrows or NO large holes in ears are not permitted while at school and /or associated activities. Any large hole in ears must be covered by a flat solid spacer.
- ONLY nose studs will be allowed, NO rings in the nose or eyebrows or lips etc will be deemed appropriate while at school and / or associated activities.

The College Council has reaffirmed this policy and NO other body piercing jewellery is permitted while at school and / or associated activities. The College Council support the Principal in implementing the Echuca College Echuca College Make-Up, Cosmetics and Body Piercing Policy.