



UNIFORM POLICY

Section – Wellbeing

Policy No – WEL009

Purpose

All students attending Chaffey Secondary College are required to conform to the College uniform policy at all times. It is expected that students will take pride in their appearance by ensuring they are neat, clean and tidy. Hats, beanies and hoods not to be worn inside.

The Purpose of the College Uniform is to:

1. To foster collective and individual pride in the College
2. To create a sense of identification with the College
3. To enhance individual student safety and group security
4. To engender self-discipline
5. To create a sense of equality amongst the students
6. To promote a positive image of our school in the community.

Implementation

The dress code will:

- be developed in consultation with students, parents and the College Council
- allow students to safely engage in the variety of college activities
- recognise the financial implications for families
- apply during school hours, while on excursions and travelling to and from the College and home
- recommend summer, winter and sports uniform options
- be frequently published in college newsletters
- be managed within the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy, DET Guidelines and the co-operation of parents/guardians.
- allow for parents/guardians to apply to the School Council for an approved variation or exemption due to cultural beliefs, student disability, or health condition.

Expectations:

All students of Chaffey Secondary College are expected to wear full school uniform that bear the College logo every day. The uniform must be worn to and from school, at lunchtime and recess, and on all school excursions. At all times the manner in which the uniform is worn will reflect pride in the College.

This means that, the uniform:

- will be clean,
- in a state of good repair,
- appropriately fitted,
- worn without non-uniform garments being visible (only plain white or plain black shirts are acceptable to be worn under the school polo top or shirt).
- Students may wear the official school sports uniform to or from school if they have P.E. session 1 or 6. No other sports clothes may be worn to or from school, or at recess or lunchtime.
- Parents/guardians are expected to inform the College through a written note of any temporary variation to their child's uniform. The note should contain a reason, date and an expected date of return to full school uniform

- Parents/guardians are expected to apply in writing to the School Council for variations or exemptions due to cultural beliefs, student disability or health condition. Parents/guardians wishing to obtain a long term uniform pass for medical reasons will require a medical certificate from a medical practitioner.
- Teachers will support the wearing of full school uniform and can reasonably expect all students to comply with their instructions to do so.
- Teachers will follow and implement the process for breach of uniform incidents.
- The School Council will be responsible for the approval of uniform requirements.
- The School Council will inform the College community of any changes to the uniform policy via the newsletter after the correct consultative approach has been undertaken.

Sport Uniform:

Students and parents are expected to comply with the particular requirements regarding the Sports Uniform. Sports uniform must be worn in its entirety and not combined with non-sport uniform items other than black shoes to and from school. Refer to the Uniform Requirements for a detailed list of Sports uniform.

Students who do not wear Sport uniform to College on the day they have scheduled Physical Education/Sport practical classes or excursions will be expected to change into Sport uniform for practical classes. An opportunity to change prior to, and at the end of any practical session will be provided.

Students are permitted to wear regulation College logoed tracksuit pants and/or logoed polar fleece, jacket or rugby tops in cold or inclement weather during any PE/Sport sessions

If a student is temporarily unable to wear Sport uniform on Physical Education/Sport days the student should bring alternative and similar sports clothes for the activity, or be in regulation College uniform and provide a note to their teacher. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of the Uniform policy and will be dealt with accordingly.

Non-uniform items:

The only items students are allowed to wear that fall outside the approved uniform are:

- sunglasses to protect eyes (outside only unless medically specified)
- hats that provide sun protection (outside only)
- religious or cultural attire
- jewellery and make-up must be kept to a minimum and not breach Occupational Health and Safety regulations
- students undertaking special programs may approach the School Council for endorsement of alternative uniform to be worn. Alternative uniform must be principally one of the College primary colours. Chaffey Secondary College Logo must be included on all designs. All designs must have School Council approval prior to their implementation. e.g. Kumatori and Touch Football jackets, Koorie Girls' Academy shirts.

Casual Dress Days:

Students are not to wear any clothing with images or messages or words that would cause offence to other members of the College community. Students are not to wear singlets, tank tops, shorts, leggings or other clothing that is deemed too 'revealing'. Students are required to wear footwear that offers adequate foot protection: i.e. no thongs, slip-on shoes, flimsy sandals or bare feet. Students in breach of this rule will be sent home with parents/carers to change or be internally suspended.

Student Out of Uniform Process:

Uniform Rules:

1. Students must wear complete Chaffey Secondary College uniform on all occasions including to and from school, unless officially notified by the College in writing.
2. Students who are out of uniform must:
 - **Bring a note of explanation** indicating when they will be back in complete uniform.
 - Obtain a uniform pass during the first period of the day from an Assistant Principal or the Executive Principal
 - Wear alternative clothing that is 'as close as possible' to college uniform.
 - Students who are out of uniform (even with a note) may not comply with Health & Safety rules and therefore may be excluded from certain practical tasks.
 - **Please note, even when a student has a note for being out of correct uniform the school will attempt to provide uniform for the student to borrow and wear for the day.**

Hoodies are not to be worn under the uniform or over the uniform.

A student out of uniform without a note will have an 'out of uniform' incident recorded. An SMS and email will be sent home reminding the student and parent/guardian of the uniform policy. The letter will also outline the responsibilities of both parent and student and a request for cooperation in meeting the uniform expectations.

- If the parent/guardian cannot be contacted the student will be provided with emergency clothing for that day.
- If the parent/guardian can be contacted the student will be sent home to return in full school uniform or uniform brought to the college to change into.
- Where there is a longer-term difficulty, the school will consult with parents to find a solution
- Repeated breaches of the uniform policy will result in a request for a parent meeting to resolve the issue.
- Refusal to wear college uniform will affect the student's eligibility to attend extra-curricular activities provided by the college as per the Student Representation policy.

Support for families:

College uniform is available for purchase at Totally Workwear (Lime Avenue). Some second-hand items may be available directly through the College. Enquiries regarding second hand uniform can be made via the General Office. Students and families who are experiencing difficulty in obtaining school uniform items due to hardship may be assisted by contacting their child's Year Level Coordinator, the Wellbeing Coordinator or other staff and a State School Relief voucher may be provided. All requests for support with school uniform will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed in line with DET Guidelines, Chaffey Secondary College's Leadership and Consultative Teams and School Council.

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