School Uniform Policy

Policy Statement

The community of Rooty Hill High School values student learning and achievement. This is supported by a strong, positive student culture and group identity. There is overwhelming support for high standards of school uniform from parents, students and community members.

The School Council policy is that students will be required to wear school and P.E uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when engaged in school activities out of the school and when representing the school out of hours.

Principles

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<th>Participation</th>
<th>The uniform of RHHS has been developed by the SRC, taking into account a number of issues that include design, cost and fabric. The involvement of the student body has ensured that all members of our community have been consulted and hence the uniform reflects their diverse needs.</th>
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<td>Excellence</td>
<td>Students are encouraged to achieve excellence in all aspects of their learning, and this is supported through the uniform policy. It allows for a sense of community and equality to be established amongst students. The student body can feel confident in the image they present in achieving their best.</td>
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<td>Respect and Responsibility</td>
<td>Students are allowed and supported in wearing clothing that is deemed a religious requirement of their faith. However any clothing that is identified with gangs or racial division (for example bandannas,</td>
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<td>Success</td>
<td>Uniform contributes to a sense of community at Rooty Hill High. This allows for and supports students in achieving success in all areas of their education, be it academic, sporting or leadership.</td>
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<td>Innovation and creativity</td>
<td>In recent years the students were given the opportunity to design a uniform that embodied their ideas and creativity. After lengthy consultation and substantive conversation, a design was agreed upon and implemented. Similarly the SRC is involved in the revision and improvement of future changes to the uniform.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>Every student is expected to be in uniform every day so visitors can be easily identified. It is an expectation that students wear safe footwear at all times in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation. For practical subjects eye protection and hats are also required before student may enter the workshops and commence any work. Unless otherwise specified all students will wear uniform for excursions and activities held out of school hours to ensure their safety and so they can be easily identified.</td>
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<td>Teamwork and Leadership</td>
<td>Uniform is a core equity strategy in the school. Providing a uniform at RHHS ensures all students can participate within the classroom as equally valuable members. Students can participate in leadership and teamwork activities within and outside the classroom knowing they are part of an identified class, year and school.</td>
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Procedures for the Wearing of School Uniform

Students are expected to wear the school uniform on all school days throughout the year. This includes those students completing examinations on school premises, and students attending school before and/or after hours.

Students are expected to wear the school uniform on school excursions. On some excursions the use of school uniform may be inappropriate, and on such occasions parents and students will be informed on the consent form.

The school understands that sometimes there are reasons for not being in uniform on a particular day. When not in full uniform, it is most important that students:

- Bring an explanatory note from a parent or guardian;
- Wear clothing that is neat, tidy and appropriate for participation in class activities

To encourage good personal hygiene habits students must change into their PE uniform before participating in class activities and change back into their school uniform at the completion of the lesson:

- When not in full PE uniform, it is most important that students bring an explanatory note from a parent or guardian and they must
- Wear clothing that is neat, tidy and appropriate for participation in class activities.

Students will be excluded from certain school and school-linked activities:

- If their clothing compromises agreed upon school community standards articulated in the school uniform requirements, and might be considered damaging to the image of the school in the larger community context;
- Where the health and safety of the student or of the other students, particularly as defined by occupational health and safety legislation, would otherwise be compromised.

While a student won't be suspended solely for not wearing school uniform, ongoing non-compliance will be regarded as persistent disobedience and an infringement of the school’s Well Being Policy.

Parents who need financial assistance for their children to be in uniform should contact the school.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be monitored in 2005 and 2006 and will be reviewed in 2007.
Uniform

Junior Students - Years 7-10

Polo Shirt
Navy Blue double pleated skirt
Navy Blue shorts
Navy Blue Trousers

All Students

Navy Blue Sloppy Joe
Navy Blue Microfibre School Tracksuit Jacket
Navy Blue Microfibre School Tracksuit Pants
Navy Blue School Cap
Black shoes or Joggers

Senior Students - Years 11 and 12

White Polo Shirt with the school crest
White short sleeved blouse with rounded collar (girls); white business shirt with crest (boys)
Tartan Blue skirt / shorts
Navy Blue shorts or Business Pants
Blazer and Tie (Optional)

Physical Education Uniform
Navy Polo Shirt with white and yellow stripes on right side.
Navy Microfibre Shorts

Please Note:
• The school will assist families who need financial support to buy uniforms. Parents/students who need assistance should ask for forms at the office.

AVAILABILITY OF UNIFORMS

The school uniform was designed by parents and students to allow students of Rooty Hill High School to look distinctive, fashionable, smart and practical. For the sake of uniformity all items are to be purchased from the Rooty Hill High School Uniform Shop.