

*Partial update: July 2008 as a result of Devon Clothing becoming supplier.
Policy currently being reviewed.*

The Governing Council is responsible for deciding school uniform policy.

A major review of school uniform was held in 2004. The review involved wide consultation with students, parents and staff who strongly endorsed maintaining a uniform policy for Nuriootpa High School.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents

- To support the school uniform policy by providing school uniform clothing to their children.
- To write and sign a diary note of explanation if their son/daughter is unable to wear an item of school uniform on any day.
- To request an exemption in the event their son/daughter is unable to wear an item of school uniform for a short period of time. (Maximum 3 weeks).
- To communicate suggestions for improvement to the school uniform policy to the Governing Council.

Students

- To support the school uniform policy by wearing school uniform clothing.
- To provide their home group teacher with a diary note of explanation signed by their parent, on any day they are unable to wear an item of school uniform.
- To communicate suggestions for improvement to the school uniform policy to the Governing Council via the SRC.

Home Group Teachers/Year Level Managers

- To support the school uniform policy by recognising and encouraging students who wear school uniform.
- To check diary notes on any day a student is not wearing school uniform.
- To impose agreed consequences to students who fail to abide by the uniform policy.
- To communicate suggestions for improvement to the school uniform policy to the Governing Council via staff representatives.

Principal

- To support the school uniform policy by issuing exemption notes (up to 3 weeks) to students when requested by parents for financial, medical or other acceptable reasons.
- To keep the Governing Council informed about issues relating to school uniform.

Governing Council

- To determine the school uniform policy taking into account the views of students, parents and staff.
- To periodically review the school uniform policy.

REASONS WHY WE HAVE A SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents generally request that students wear school uniform for the following reasons:

1. Safety and security – Nuriootpa High School students are easily recognisable in uniform both at school and on excursions. Similarly unauthorised persons are more easily noticed if they mingle among students.
2. Economy – school uniform clothing is usually more durable than fashion clothes.
3. Uniformity – teenagers often dress to please or impress their peer groups. Wearing of a uniform reduces choice (and tension) about what to wear to school each day.
4. Dressing appropriately for the occasion – school uniform clothing is appropriate for most student activities.
5. Pride in personal appearance and in being a student at Nuriootpa High School – students, parents, visitors, residents and businesses in the district frequently report on the positive image and presentation of Nuriootpa High School students.
6. Occupational Health and Safety reasons.

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform clothing can be purchased from the Uniform Shop run by Devon Clothing located on the school premises.

AGREED STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO STUDENTS WHO REFUSE TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

1. Lunch time detention will be given when students do not have a parent explanation for not wearing an item of school uniform on any day.
2. Persistent non-compliers will not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, music performances, the senior school prom, activities days and other activities of a similar nature.
3. Students out of uniform will not be permitted
 - to attend special school assemblies (eg. end of year).
 - on stage at other assemblies to receive awards.
 - to participate in an excursion if school uniform is specified for that excursion.
 - to be photographed for local media publications.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	
<p>Trousers – full-length plain grey or navy (not denim or excessively baggy).</p> <p>Shorts – knee length plain grey or navy (not denim or excessively baggy).</p> <p>Girls’ summer dress - navy and white check with gold and fawn stripe.</p> <p>Girls’ skirt - blue plaid with gold and pale blue stripe, poly/viscose, two inverted pleats, front and back in summer and winter lengths.</p> <p>School Shirt - Midford pale blue, long-sleeved.</p> <p>Polo shirt - pale blue with school monogram on left side.</p> <p>Skivvies – plain blue, navy or white They may not be worn under a short-sleeved polo shirt unless a jumper is also worn.</p> <p>Jumper/Windcheater - junior navy, plain v-neck with school monogram on left side.</p> <p>Rugby Top – may be worn as an alternative to the school jumper or school windcheater.</p> <p>PE Uniform – Plain navy polo shirt. Plain navy or black shorts or track pants. Sneakers. Rugby top or plain navy windcheater.</p>	<p>Jacket - a rain/wind-proof jacket in plain grey, navy or black may be worn. Only jackets in these colours may be worn inside school buildings and is not an alternative to a jumper.</p> <p>Blazer - optional. Junior navy with school monogram embroidered on top pocket.</p> <p>Tie - junior navy with pale blue and gold stripe (Rembrandt). Only to be worn with a school shirt.</p> <p>Shoes - enclosed plain black, navy, grey, brown, white or combinations of these colours, with a low heel appropriate for school wear.</p> <p>Hat – It is strongly recommended that students wear a hat that provides adequate protection for face, neck and ears. Hats are for outside wear only.</p> <p>Beanie – A plain navy or grey beanie is permitted in cold weather. Beanies are for outside wear only.</p> <p>Neck Scarf – plain navy, grey, pale blue or white. Students may be asked to remove their scarves for safety reasons in some areas.</p>

NOTES

Logos – (apart from school logo) are to be no larger than a 50c piece.

ITEMS OF CLOTHING WHICH ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL	
Brightly coloured tops	School jumpers/windcheaters need to be navy blue with the school monogram Any brightly coloured tops under uniform clothing must not be visible.
Denim clothes	Denim is definitely not acceptable.
Long sleeved tops under short sleeved tops	Long sleeved uniform tops should be worn over the top of short-sleeved tops.
Brightly coloured clothes and accessories	Brightly coloured accessories including ties, shoes, shoelaces or socks should not be worn. Extra long key chains should not be seen.
Brightly coloured parkas/jackets	Parkas/jackets other than plain grey, navy or black must be removed inside classrooms.
Jewellery and Make-up	Large items and numerous pieces of jewellery as well as heavy make-up are not appropriate for school.
Thongs or sandals	Thongs and sandals are not to be worn.