

## **ST ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE POLICY: SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

St Arnaud Secondary College has a history of expecting students to wear the school uniform. St Arnaud Secondary Uniform has been stipulated via the school handbook and ratified via school council. In 1993 the uniform was reviewed and a uniform action group formed. It was via this group that the new uniform was investigated and adopted.

The determination of the school uniform takes into consideration the concerns and opinions of parents, staff and students to ensure compliance with OHS and adequate protection from the sun.

These regulations not only cover the wearing of uniform at school but travelling to and from school.

### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the uniform policy is to:

- Foster within the school community a sense of pride and ownership in the College
- To aid in the identification of students at all times and therefore assist in protecting them from trespassers
- To achieve an acceptable standard of dress and a consistency of dress among students, therefore reducing peer pressure
- To ensure students are adequately protected from the effects of the sun and other inherent dangers that may present in a school setting
- To reduce costs for parents by providing a more cost-efficient and durable means of clothing than fashion dress, and by operating a uniform shop with a trading facility which provides some return on the initial investment made in the uniform

### **3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Parents are asked to supervise the provision of uniforms to ensure that their son/daughter is able to wear the correct uniform at all times.
- The College will make every attempt to provide assistance to those students who cannot afford to purchase the uniform, either through the supply of second hand uniforms or through a State Schools' Relief Committee.
- The implication of equal opportunity dress issues must be taken into account, making sure that all uniform requirements enable both sexes to participate fully and actively in school life.
- That the Uniform is designed to ensure adequate protection from the sun.
- The Council/Principal must ensure that appropriate dress is set for particular activities so that the health and safety of students is assured.
- New students transferring from another school will be permitted to wear their full and correct uniform from their previous school until it is outgrown or worn out.
- The College Council must ensure that parents will have adequate notice prior to any major changes occurring to the school uniform. Such changes will not take place without prior consultation with parents, students and teachers.

## **4. IMPLEMENTATION**

### **4.1 PARENTS - Parents are asked to: -**

- ensure the provision of the full uniform that has been determined by the College Council
- make sure each item of uniform is clearly labelled
- monitor their student's dress each day to ensure they are wearing the full uniform including the hat to ensure appropriate protection from the sun.
- assist their student in their responsibility in maintaining a clean and neat uniform
- contact the Level Coordinator by phone or dated letter with an appropriate explanation if their student is unable to wear the correct uniform (Failure to contact the school will result in the student receiving the appropriate penalty)
- to give full support to the Level Coordinator and the College when a sanction is imposed under the guidelines of this policy.
- supply the school with a Medical Certificate for any long term medical problem that will prevent the student from wearing any part of the uniform. The medical certificate should include the expected length of time that the certificate is for.

### **4.2 STUDENTS - Student are: -**

- expected to wear the correct uniform each day and ensure adequate protection from the sun.
- directed to seek a uniform pass before their first class if they have a reason for not wearing their uniform on the given day.
- carry their uniform pass on them at all times.
- to be in full school uniform on excursions (unless notified in writing that other dress is more appropriate to the activity). Uniform passes will not be accepted for school excursions.

### **4.3 SCHOOL**

- teachers will be expected to monitor students' dress each day
- a student who is out of uniform will be given a uniform pass if the explanation is deemed adequate
- a student (without uniform and without a pass) will be reprimanded, given a penalty and will be given a uniform to wear for that day. They will also be asked to report in full school uniform the next day.
- if a student commits a second offence a further penalty will be imposed. In addition the student may be sent home to change or will be requested to wear a uniform from the Uniform Shop for that day.
- continued penalties will be enforced for further offences.

## **5. EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually, or as necessitated by changes/developments which may occur through requests by School Council, Parents, Students or Teachers.

## **6. REFERENCES**

- School Information Manual - School Operations
- College Charter
- Victorian School News May 1995

The uniform is predominantly navy blue, green and white.

### **Summer Uniform**

#### **Girls**

*Girls may choose to wear the summer dress or shorts and polo shirts*

Summer dress – green (available from Mensland)

Shorts – navy with school logo

Polo shirt – white with navy insert and green piping

Socks: White or Navy

Tights: Navy or Skin Coloured

#### **Boys**

Shorts – navy with school logo

Polo shirt – white with navy insert and green piping

### **Winter Uniform**

#### **Girls**

*Girls may choose to wear the winter skirt or long trousers*

Winter skirt – navy and green check

Long trousers – navy

Socks: White or Navy

Tights: Navy or Skin Coloured

Rugby top – navy and green with embroidered logo Winter jacket (optional) – navy

#### **Boys**

Long trousers – navy

Rugby top – navy and green with embroidered logo

Winter jacket (optional) – navy

#### **Sports Uniform**

Green polo shirt with logo

#### **Shoes**

Black covered shoes (Must cover the whole top of foot)

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Students need to wear a change of clothes for physical education and are encouraged to wear the sports uniform for house and interschool sport.

For most sports, town sports uniforms are worn. Polo tops as mentioned are also worn.

House colours: Holmes: Yellow; Morshead: Royal Blue; Willmott: Red.

## OTHER

Complete school uniform should be worn to school and to the North Central Cluster Centre at Charlton. Students must wear correct school uniform in a neat and tidy manner. It is a requirement of the North Central Cluster Centre that students wear leather shoes or boots. This is an OH&S issue and must be adhered to.

Any student not in school uniform is to bring a note from his/her parent on that day explaining the reason for this to the Assistant Principal and obtain a UNIFORM PASS.

Apart from watches, school badges and stud earrings, no jewellery is to be worn. To reduce the risk of serious accident, students should not wear rings in pierced body parts to school. Offending items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

All items of school uniform should be clearly named.

### **DRESS CODE FOR YEARS 7 TO 12**

The full school uniform must be worn and this must be the outer layer of clothing. If students choose to wear additional items of clothing for warmth, these items must be worn underneath their Polo shirt and should not be visible at anytime.

The Uniform should be maintained in a clean and neat fashion. Damaged, cut or torn uniform is not acceptable at any time

### **The following items are not acceptable: -**

Thongs, Sandals (***any shoe that does not cover and protect the foot***)

Any style of sports shorts including football shorts, lycra sports shorts or board shorts.

Singlets or any brief garments (only school uniform is to be worn).

No nail polish, make-up or jewellery is to be worn with the exception of plain sleepers or studs.

**Supplier:** Mandy Medlyn Thursday morning between 8.30 and 11.30 a.m.  
Mensland (Girls Summer Dress)