

Orbost Community College Uniform Policy

Rationale

Orbost Community College has a School Uniform that has been developed by staff, students and School Council. The importance of being in school uniform is underpinned by a set of beliefs that are supported by our School Council.

We believe that wearing a school uniform:

- Fosters a sense of belonging and demonstrates a level of care and commitment to our school and community. Our aim is for all students, parents and staff to feel that they belong to the school and that the school belongs to them.
- Sets a clear and attainable expected standard of dress that all students can adhere to.
- Minimises competition based on short-term fashion trends.
- Ensures our students are easily identifiable, helping to promote our school in the wider community.
- Is financially sound as our uniforms are good value for money and peer pressure to wear expensive "label" clothes is minimised.
- Ensures students meet OH&S safety standards.

We expect that all students are in uniform, and we can provide support for families that may experience difficulty.

The School Uniform

College jacket

College jumper or hoodie

College polo shirt

Appropriate non-slip, closed-in footwear

Navy shorts, track pants or trousers

School dress or skirt

Tartan skirt

College hat

Specifically excluded

Jeans, cargo style shorts or pants.

Leggings/Tights - these are **only** to be worn underneath skorts, skirts, or dresses.

Other information

School uniform can be purchased directly from local suppliers.

Second-hand uniforms are available through the Canteen Manager.

Further support can be accessed through State Schools Relief. Please contact the College if you would like to discuss this further.

1. Hats
Be SunSmart. Students in Years P-6 must wear uniform hats outside during recesses, lunchtimes, and outdoor activities. Students in Years 7-12 are strongly encouraged to be “sunsmart” and wear appropriate hats outside. Sunscreen should be applied at home. The College will provide additional sunscreen for use later in the day to protect skin not covered by clothing. In classrooms P-6, General Office 7-12
2. Footwear
Australian Standards require that substantial (non-slip, closed-in) footwear shall be worn at all times. Students will be excluded from an activity or class if the teacher believes there is a safety issue, and no appropriate shoes can be provided.
3. Excursions
Students are expected to wear school uniform on excursions unless otherwise stated on the excursion letter that has been signed by the principal.
4. Jewellery
The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged. Jewellery must adhere to safety requirements and the college accepts no responsibility for the loss or theft of jewellery. For these reasons, students are not encouraged to wear jewellery to school.
5. Band and Choir Uniform
Members of the College Band and Choir are required to wear the following uniform when they perform:
Black pants or skirt and a black belt
Lemon long-sleeved shirt (available from Andrews’ Land and Surf)
Black shoes and socks or stockings
Swing Band – black shirt (supplied)
Senior Band – maroon shirt
6. Sport/PE Uniform
Students are required to change into appropriate clothing for sport activities: for example, t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit pants and sneakers. In observance of our Sun Protection Policy, no singlets are to be worn during PE lessons for outside activities.

Implementation

Students are expected to be in neat and presentable uniform every day. Where students are out of uniform, the following procedures will apply:

1. If a student is unable to be in uniform on any given day, it is asked that the clothing worn be as close as possible to the uniform.
2. Students that are out of uniform should have a note of explanation and present this at the General Office This will be recorded on Compass to the parents to notify them that the note has been received.
3. Students that are out of uniform may be offered alternatives that may include, remove the offending item (eg jacket or coat), borrow a suitable item from the second-hand

collection, go home and get changed or other options at the Sub School team's discretion.

4. Students that refuse support or refuse to wear school uniform will be referred to the Sub School team.

Approved by the Interim School Council 13th September 2023