

# ASHWOOD COLLEGE

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## School Uniform Inquiry Submission 45



Dear Karen,

**Re: Your letter 4 May 2007 to Ashwood College; Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms**

Please find attached a copy of Ashwood College Uniform requirements. All students are expected to be in correct uniform at all times unless there is an official "free dress" day for charity fund raising purposes.

The College does not run a Steiner program – we have one Year 7 dual curriculum class which has a Steiner influenced curriculum for some English, Maths and Humanities. All our students, including this class, are expected to adhere to the College Uniform policy and parents sign a document agreeing to this when enrolling their child.

The College council considers that the wearing of uniform prevents fashion competitions between students and provides an equitable way of ensuring all students present the same way. Further the wearing of uniform is a significant safety strategy as any intruders are quickly and easily identifiable. We see no disadvantages to having a formal dress code and enforce it rigorously. School uniform also provides a visible school identity.

Safety and hygiene considerations: We have a Sport and PE uniform which students change into before these lessons and change out of afterwards. Students wear lace up shoes or T-bar sandals which ensure safety in practical classes. In food and metal work classes they remove their ties as another safety measure.

Sanctions for being out of uniform include after school detentions. (See attached). I trust this answers your questions satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

*Kate Long*  
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Principal

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### Uniform Requirements

Staff must ensure they are familiar with the uniform requirements and are expected to enforce the wearing of the correct attire.

	GIRLS' UNIFORM	BOYS' UNIFORM
Shoes	Black T Bar or lace up leather shoes	Black lace up leather shoes
Summer Uniform	Blue, white and red checked dress with red piping on collar, cuffs and belt, or White Ashwood College polo shirt worn with Junior Navy slacks or Navy shorts Blue V-necked jumper with gold 'Ashwood College' embroidery Ashwood Rugby top with logo Maroon V-necked jumper for VCE students Yr 12 Rugby with logo and year White socks	White Ashwood College polo shirt worn with grey school pants or shorts. Blue V-necked jumper with gold 'Ashwood College' embroidery Ashwood Rugby top with logo Maroon V-necked jumper for VCE students Yr 12 Rugby with logo and year Grey socks
Winter Uniform	White shirt with peaked collar, long or short sleeves worn with school tie Long sleeved polo top with College logo (no tie) Blue tartan pleated skirt School tie (optional)- must be worn with business shirt Blue V-necked jumper with gold 'Ashwood College' embroidery or Ashwood Rugby top with logo Maroon V-necked jumper for VCE students Yr 12 Rugby with logo and year inscribed Black or Navy tights or white socks	White shirt with peaked collar, long or short sleeves worn with school tie Long sleeved polo top with College logo (no tie) Grey school pants School tie (optional)- must be worn with business shirt Blue V-necked jumper with gold 'Ashwood College' embroidery or Ashwood Rugby top with logo Maroon V-necked jumper for VCE students Yr 12 Rugby with logo and year inscribed Grey socks
PE/Sports Uniform	Gold polo shirt with Ashwood College symbol Navy shorts <b>Optional:</b> Navy tracksuit pants	
Jacket	School Kea jacket for Years 7-12	
Bag	Blue school bag with college crest	

The uniform regulations refer to both the actual attire and the manner in which it is worn. Students are expected to wear the college uniform correctly, to maintain reasonable and appropriate personal grooming and to promote a positive view of the College through their appearance and behaviour at all times. This includes journeying to and from school and on excursions. Thus, brightly coloured hair, coloured T-shirts worn under the uniform shirt and make up is not allowed.

Students are required to bring a note from home explaining any variance in uniform and obtain an 'out of uniform' pass from their teacher during home group. Those who are out of uniform must be challenged by all teachers and asked to produce their pass. If they cannot produce one, then they must be told to report to their Year Level Coordinator at the next break to receive one. In these circumstances, the students name and details of their incorrect attire must be passed on in writing to the YLC as soon as possible. Students who are consistently out of uniform should be referred to the relevant YLC for a possible detention.

Students are permitted to wear stud or sleeper earrings. They may also wear a religious symbol provided they are worn beneath the clothing. No other jewellery is permitted.