Footscray City College
UNIFORM POLICY
2013 - 2016
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The uniform policy for Footscray City College was developed and approved by School Council in 2009 and was reviewed by the Council in 2012. In 2013, the uniform is compulsory for all Year 7 – 10 students of Footscray City College. In 2015 uniform will be compulsory for Year 11 students, and in 2016 it will be compulsory from Years 7 to 12.

School Council will regularly review the college dress code policy, and this policy will be reviewed in Semester Two of 2016.

PURPOSE
The main purposes underlying the requirement for students to wear uniform at Footscray City College are

- To promote the students’ sense of identity with, and pride in the college
- To strengthen the spirit of community within the college
- To enhance the profile of the college and its students within the wider community

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

It is not compulsory to buy all of the listed items, but only items from this list can be worn to school.

Similar items cannot be substituted for the school designed items.

No other items of clothing are permitted to be worn at school, or on the way to and from school.

It is strongly recommended that all uniform items are labelled with the student’s name, to help avoid the unnecessary expense of replacing lost items.
### GIRLS' UNIFORM

- FCC long sleeved white shirt
- FCC short sleeved white shirt
- FCC polo shirt
- FCC skirt
- FCC dress
- FCC shorts
- FCC long pants
- FCC jumper
- FCC spray jacket
- Plain black tights
- Plain black or white socks
- Black leather lace-up flat shoes (no runners, boots, ankle boots, T-bars or slip-ons)
- FCC scarf
- FCC cap (recommended for outdoor activities in Terms 1 & 4)
- Black or white head scarf (Islamic students only)

### BOYS' UNIFORM

- FCC long sleeved blue shirt
- FCC short sleeved blue shirt
- FCC polo shirt
- FCC shorts
- FCC long pants
- FCC jumper
- FCC blazer
- FCC spray jacket
- Plain black or white socks
- Black leather lace-up flat shoes (no runners, boots, ankle boots or slip-ons)
- FCC scarf
- FCC cap (recommended for outdoor activities in Terms 1 & 4)

### SPORTS UNIFORM

There are compulsory items that students must wear for Sports and PE classes. There are also some optional items that can be purchased.

**Compulsory**

- FCC sports polo shirt
- FCC sports shorts
- Runners

**Optional**

- FCC tracksuit pants
Please note that students must bring their sports uniform to change into for PE and Sport classes. The regular uniform is to be worn at all other times, unless the student has Sport or PE at the end of the day, and then they may wear their sports uniform home.

OTHER

• belts must be black
• jewellery – to be kept to a minimum for safety reasons
• Changes to hair colouring to be within the natural range of hair colours
• Plain white T-shirts may be worn under polo tops and shirts for extra warmth

SUNSMART AND OHS REQUIREMENTS
FCC uniform has been designed to provide adequate sun protection and to meet OH&S requirements.

GUIDELINES FOR WEARING THE UNIFORM

STUDENTS
It is the responsibility of the student to
• always wear the full uniform at school and going to and from school
• bring and wear the sports uniform for all Sport and PE classes
• wear full uniform on all school excursions, unless an exemption is granted for a specific activity

PARENTS/CARERS
It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to
• Ensure their son or daughter is wearing the full uniform in a clean and tidy fashion, to school each day
• Ensure their son or daughter brings the sports uniform to school to change into for Sport and PE classes
• Send a letter of explanation with their son or daughter if there is a legitimate explanation for them not coming to school in full uniform (reasons such as ‘uniform in wash’ not considered acceptable). The letter must be sent with the student on the day that they are not in full uniform.
SCHOOL
It is the responsibility of the school to

- Monitor and ensure students wear the full school uniform
- Implement sanctions for not wearing full school uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORM MANAGEMENT

If a student fails to wear the correct full school uniform without a legitimate reason expressed in writing from their parent/carer, the following sanctions will be implemented

FIRST UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT

- 20 minute detention
- Uniform Infringement Warning Notice sent home for parent/guardian to sign and explain why their son or daughter was not in uniform.
- If the student fails to return the Uniform Infringement Warning Notice without an acceptable explanation, an automatic 40 minute detention will apply

FURTHER UNIFORM INFRINGEMENTS

- A 40 minute after school detention will be given, and the student will be issued with a Detention Notice to take home for the parent/guardian to sign
- If the student fails to return the signed Detention Notice further detentions will be given
- In the case of repeated infringements the parent will be contacted, and the student will be given further graded sanctions including
  - A further series of after school detentions
  - In-house suspension
  - Suspended from school
- If a student fails to wear the uniform on the day of an excursion they will not be allowed to attend the excursion.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from complying with the uniform requirements will be granted if one or more aspects of the code

- Prevent compliance with a religious belief
- Prevent students with disabilities from being able to participate in school
- Have a detrimental effect on a health condition

An Application for Exemption from Uniform Requirements can be obtained from the General Office.
This form must be completed and submitted to the Principal, who has the capacity to grant an exemption.

**AVAILABILITY OF UNIFORM**
All items of the school uniform are available from the uniform shop at the school. With the exception of black shoes, socks and tights, all other items must be purchased from the uniform shop managed by the uniform suppliers, Noone Imagewear. Similar items purchased from general retail shops are not acceptable as substitutes for the uniform.
Black shoes, socks and tights may be purchased from any general retail or outlet shop.

**ASSISTANCE**
The college will make every attempt to organise assistance for the purchase of uniform for those students whose families are experiencing financial hardship. In this situation the parent/carer or student should contact the Student Engagement & Welfare Coordinator at the college.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ENROLMENT**
Acceptance of enrolment at FCC assumes an agreement between the school, the parent/carer and the enrolling student that the dress code will be followed, unless there are religious, disability or health grounds for an exemption.
DRESS CODE FOR SENIOR STUDENTS 2013 – 2015 TRANSITION PHASE

From 2015 uniform will be compulsory at Year 11, and from 2016 it will be compulsory from Year 7 – 12.

2013
Year 11 and Year 12 students have the option to wear uniform or neat casual dress.

2014
Year 11 students can continue to wear the uniform and they must wear the full uniform, not just parts of it. They also have the option of wearing neat casual dress. Year 12 students also have these options.

2015
Year 11 students are required to wear the full uniform. Year 12 students can continue to wear the uniform or they also have the option of neat casual dress.

NEAT CASUAL DRESS CODE
Those senior students who choose the casual dress option in the transition phase will adhere to the requirements of the ‘neat casual’ dress code, where clothing must be appropriate for school.

Appropriate School Wear
A range of styles of clothing of individual choice may be worn, providing they are appropriate for school. Clothing that is akin to beachwear or suitable for wearing out in the evening is generally not appropriate for school.
Examples of inappropriate items: singlets – including basketball style, low cut tops, strapless/thin strapped tops and thongs, for footwear.