2015 Uniform Policy

Uniform Policy Rationale

The uniform of Seymour College is symbolic of our traditions and our values. Each student at Seymour is expected to have pride in and take care of her uniform.

The uniform is to be worn at all times except on designated casual clothes days. Students must ensure that they wear their uniform in accordance with the College policy, and that all items are kept in good order and clearly named.

The College uniform consists of:

- The Early Years uniform
- Formal Summer uniform
- Formal Winter uniform
- Physical Education uniform
- Specific Sports uniforms

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The College uniform is designed in a manner which is sensitive to the particular needs of different age groups within a school context. The inclusion of specialised items is to ensure functionality and wearability for different activities while minimising the number of different items required.

Wearing of the Formal Uniform

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- In summer, the straw hat must be worn by all students and in winter, F-5 students, must wear the Tam when outside the school grounds.

- The top button of both the summer dress and the winter blouse is to be buttoned, and ties are not to be worn ‘half mast’.

- Summer and winter uniforms are to be long enough that they cover the knee when standing and not longer than mid-calf.

- Jumpers may be worn with summer or winter uniform. For Years 2-12 girls, jumpers must be removed or covered by the blazer when worn outside the school grounds.
• Blazers are required with both summer and winter uniform for all assemblies and special occasions by Years 2-12 girls.

• Shoes are to be plain, black lace-ups with no raised heels/soles, and no coloured stitching. They must be kept polished, with the laces tied.

• Sandals can be worn with the Summer Dress, instead of Black Shoes, when the estimated temperature is 25°C or above. They are to be enclosed toe and enclosed heel and are worn without socks.

• Years 2-12 girls are to have a Clan Sash which is required for occasions such as Clan birthdays, Clan Choral and Induction. The sash is worn across the right shoulder.

• Years 6-12 girls are to have a Clan Badge, a gift from the College to new students.

• Foundation to Year 5 girls must wear the approved school hat during recess and lunch.

• Special occasion items may only be worn for the designated event or time. Year 12 and Year 5 jumpers are only to be worn at school during the designated year.

• Students will be required to replace uniform items that are in poor condition or which do not fit adequately.

• All items should be clearly named.

**Wearing of PE & Sports Uniforms**

As with all aspects of the College uniform, PE and Sports uniforms are to be worn neatly and in accordance with the College policy at all times.

• Students must wear full PE uniform for PE lessons and sport. Where applicable, the correct specialised Sports uniform must be worn for the particular sport.

• Students in Foundation to Year 5 wear their PE uniform to school on the days their PE Lessons are scheduled.

• For students in Year 6 – 12, PE and Sports uniforms are not to be worn to and from school unless students are attending a designated sports practice or match before or after school. In Middle and Senior Schools, non-compliance attracts an automatic detention. If a student has a PE lesson she is entitled to wear sport uniform in the lesson prior to or after the PE lesson but then must get changed into Formal uniform at the next available recess, lunch break or after school. This only applies in blocks e.g., block 1 & 2, or block 3 & 4, or block 5 & 6.

• Girls with sports practice before school can continue to wear their sports uniform until recess if they have PE lesson 1 or 2. If they do not have PE lesson 1 or 2, they must get changed before Form Time.

• In the afternoons, girls with sports practice after school may wear their sports uniform if they have a PE lesson in Lesson 5 or 6.

• It is unacceptable for a student to leave school in their Sports Uniform after school unless they have an after school sports practice.

• Boarders may wear PE Uniform to school on days when they have a PE lesson. Boarders who only have an after school practice must wear their Formal uniform and return to the Boarding House at the end of the day to change.
• Clan polos may be worn for inter-clan activities such as Sports Day or Clash of the Clans.

• The white Sports polo must be worn for interschool matches unless there is a designated strip for that sport and for PE lessons.

• Rugby tops and wet weather jackets are to be worn only with the PE and Sports uniforms.

• Jumpers are not to be worn with PE and Sports uniforms.

• Shoes must be recognised sports shoes (predominately white with white laces) which give adequate support for sporting activities.

• Middle and Senior students are encouraged to wear the White Sports cap for PE lessons, outdoor sports and when outside in the sun.

• Foundation to Year 5 girls must wear the approved hat for PE lessons and during recess and lunch.

Special Occasion Items

On occasions, there may be a request for a special item of uniform eg Pedal Prix uniform, special event windcheaters, year level jumpers.

A written proposal for any such additions to the uniform must be presented to the Uniform Committee convenor, following the same process as for Uniform Changes (refer to Uniform Changes or Additions Proposal form on SOCS).

Special occasion items must be appropriate to the activity and meet the high expectations of presentation and branding policies of the College.

Items that are approved as Special Occasion Items are only permitted to be worn for the occasion for which they are designed. For example, a Year 5 Jumper is only to be worn during the year of supply. A special sporting uniform is only to be worn for that sport.

Jewellery

The only acceptable items of jewellery which may be worn are:

• a wristwatch
• one pair of small, plain sleepers or studs, which can be gold, silver or pearl (to be worn in the earlobes) if ears are pierced
• MedicAlert items.

Noticeable make up is not to be worn with the school uniform. This includes coloured nail polish.

Hair

Hair must be neatly brushed, securely tied, and worn in a suitable style. Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be securely tied and pinned away from the face. Untidy, unusual or extreme haircuts, hairstyles and hair colours are not acceptable. Accessories must comply with school regulations:

• Hair ribbons, scrunchies and head bands: Black Watch or navy.

• Hair combs, clips, elastics: navy, black or tortoiseshell.
Body Piercing

Band Aids are not permitted to cover any additional piercings in the ears or nose, and if students do have additional piercings, they must either remove the jewellery or wear transparent ‘keepers’ which are flush with the skin.

Uniform Exemptions

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a student may apply to the Head of School for a uniform exemption (e.g., wearing of a signet ring of significant importance). If this exemption is granted, the student will be given a signed form to keep in her school diary.

Casual Days/Camps/Excursions

Clothing and footwear must be suitable and appropriate for school wear and must allow complete and safe participation in the designated activities of the camp, excursion or school day. The Head of School will address any concerns with a student and/or their parents before participation can continue.

Non-Compliance

The Heads of School may elect to give a detention without a student accruing three ‘infringements’ where a student is intentionally disobeying the expectations stated in the uniform policy.

Non-regulation items, e.g., jewellery, will be confiscated and placed in a labelled envelope which will then be kept in the Abbie Office. From 3.30 pm on the day of confiscation, parents will be able to collect their daughter’s labelled envelope, although parents can opt to collect the envelope at a later stage if they wish. Students are not able to collect the envelope themselves, although it is their responsibility to inform their parents of the confiscation.

Sun Safety

In the summer months, approved headwear must be worn for PE lessons and for outdoor sports. For girls in Foundation to Year 5, approved headwear must be worn during recess and lunch.