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Gungahlin College Uniform, Dress Standards and Colour Codes Policy

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Related policy: DSCCPS201003 Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools

Policy Statement

Students are expected to wear a Gungahlin College top which is a black polo top, white cotton blouse, jacket, jersey or hoodie, with mid blue trim, embroidered on the left chest with the Gungahlin College logo.

College tops can be purchased through Noble Style or MacDonald's School Wear in Gungahlin. There are a variety of sizes in both ladies and men's fit.

Gungahlin College P&C also run a second hand uniform shop, where second hand items can be purchased at a reduced cost.

Students must wear appropriate bottoms, such as jeans, track suit pants, skirts, shorts (of acceptable length). Clothing must not be dirty, torn or carry offensive logos or slogans.

Students are expected to abide by the policy during College hours, while travelling to and from College and when engaged in College activities outside the College.

Students must wear appropriate footwear. Thongs, slides and any other shoes that pose a trip or slip hazard are not permitted anywhere in the College. In certain practical or specialised areas general safety and OH&S rules must be applied to clothing and footwear and followed at all times. Closed footwear is required in such areas as Science labs, kitchens, Art, PE and when working in woodwork and metalwork rooms. Breaches of OH&S footwear requirement will result in the student being prevented from participating in the lesson.

Rationale

From 2011 all ACT Public schools are required to develop and implement the ACT Department of Education and Training's Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools policy.

A uniform forms a sense of community and for Gungahlin College students to be proud to be a student at Gungahlin College

Our College believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform:

- Students need to be identifiable to staff and to each other, especially in our open environment and joint use library with members of the public.
- A uniform stops the anxiety associated with 'what do I wear to college' each day as it reduces competition amongst students and removes pressure on families to provide 'fashionable' items for daily wear.
- Promotes equality among students
- Uniform items can be claimed as a tax deduction – please keep your receipts for taxation purposes.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students
- Prepares students for expectations in general dress and uniform for work and post school life

Non compliance and conflict resolution

Students are expected to abide by the policy unless an exemption has been granted.

Students who suffer financial difficulty can contact the College for assistance in purchasing the college top.

Student who arrive at school and are not wearing a College top will be provided with a college top for the day, from the Front Office.

Non compliance may result in:

- Prevention of participation in specific college related activities where uniform is a key requirement
- Prevention from attending any College related activity where the student would be representing the College
- Informing students parents or carer of the non compliance and discuss chances of reoccurrence
- Implementation of a conflict resolution or mediation process with the student
- Non participation in the lesson (if in breach of OH&S clothing/footwear requirements in specialised practical classes)