

## Implementation of the College's New Uniform

### Questions and Answers

#### What are the changes to the uniform?

- Layering options will be available to reflect the seasonal climate
- A distinctive junior and senior uniform
- Gender neutral uniform options
- Refresh of current colours (blue, white, grey)
- Mufti will no longer be an option for Year 12 and 13

#### When will the changes take place?

- There will be a one year transition period while the new uniform is introduced in 2021.
- By the end of the transition period, all students at the College will be wearing uniforms. There will be a junior and senior uniform. The new items can be worn all year round. There will be no distinctive summer and winter uniform. Layering options will be available.

#### What is happening with the new uniform next year?

- We anticipate a rollout of the new uniform from Term 2 of next year and we will be regarding next year as a transition year, where current uniforms and mufti for senior students can continue to be worn. Until the rollout of the new uniform in Term 2, newly enrolled students next year will wear mufti or can opt to wear second-hand items.
- What if the current uniform is not available - between now and the introduction of the updated uniform from Term 2 of next year. there will be some flexibility around the wearing of suitable mufti in lieu of required uniform items. There is no expectation that any newly enrolled student in Term 1 of next year should necessarily wear a uniform (though that option is available to parents who may have hand-me-down items of uniform available).

	Junior Uniform				Senior Uniform		
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
2020	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old	Mufti	Mufti
2021	T1 Mufti/Old T2-T4 New	Old*	Old*	Old*	Old*	T1 Mufti T2-T4 New**	Mufti
2022	New	New	New	New	New	New	New

\* From Term 2 students will be able to start purchasing new items.

\*\* Year 12 students can start purchasing new items

### **Email 30<sup>th</sup> October update:**

Uniform for Years 12 and 13 students - the board will consider further the uniform options to replace the mufti currently worn by Years 12 and 13 students and will consult further with both students and parents/caregivers. It's anticipated that an updated uniform option will be available to these senior students from Term 2 of 2021. Year 12 students will be expected to wear the updated uniform from Term 2 of next year and Year 13 students will have the option of wearing the updated uniform or mufti.

### **Where to buy the new uniform**

- The updated uniform will be available through an onsite retail option (The U Shop) at the College and through an online click and collect delivery webshop option. Details will be advised in Term 1 of next year.

### **How much is the new uniform going to cost?**

- Prices will be confirmed in the new year.

### **Is there financial assistance for parents/caregivers?**

- Yes, a financial assistance fund is being established to provide assistance to those in genuine need.
- Details on who can apply, and when, will be made available early in Term 1 2021.

### **A student in Year 8-11 has outgrown their old uniform. What can they do?**

- Try to make the uniform last for another term.
- Find second-hand items within the school community.
- There is a limited range of sizes of existing stock available to purchase at discounted prices from the uniform shop at the "old" swimming pool site, open Thursdays 3-4pm.

### **What if the current uniform is not available**

- Between now and the introduction of the updated uniform from Term 2 of next year. there will be some flexibility around the wearing of suitable mufti in lieu of required uniform items. There is no expectation that any newly enrolled student in Term 1 of next year should necessarily wear a uniform (though that option is available to parents who may have hand-me-down items of uniform available).

### **Will there be skirts available for the juniors?**

- There will now be a skirt option added to the junior uniform range.
- Skirts, shorts and trousers will be options for both juniors and seniors.

### **Are there going to be any sun hats?**

- Yes, a bucket hat will be available to purchase.
- Hats should be worn when out doing Physical Education and Outdoor Pursuits, particularly during the warmer months.
- Further consultation will occur on whether caps will become part of the school uniform.
- Senior students are on duty during break times making sunscreen available to students.

### **What gender neutral options are available for students who are non-binary?**

- The board has agreed that there should not be specific male or female uniform items. There will be fitted and non-fitted items available to suit different body shapes.
- All students will be able to select from any of the new uniform items in the respective junior and senior range.

### **Will there be blazers and ties?**

- The blazers illustrated on the posters are examples of what the styles and potential colours could look like. Whilst the designs shown of the blazers do show them to be gender specific, the intention would be that any student can pick any style that suits their needs. In saying that however, no decision has been made on the final style(s).
- The current black (with gold logo) blazers that students wear when representing the college, and internal events like assemblies, will need to be replaced to bring it in line with the new refreshed colours of the uniform. The board is going to consult further with the school community in Term 1 2021 on the degree of formality ie. the role, if any, of blazers and ties for the students. We would welcome your input into this part of the uniform review when it occurs.

### **What about PE and sports uniforms?**

- The status quo will continue with black and gold tops and black shorts being worn in 2021 for Years 7-11. Years 12 and 13 wear mufti for PE.
- The status quo will continue for sports uniforms worn by students when representing the College.
- Further consultation will take place on future changes for the PE and sports uniforms.

### **Can puffer jackets be worn?**

- The status quo will continue with a plain black puffer jacket being an option to wear in colder temperatures.
- Students are required to take them off inside the classrooms.

### **What sorts of mufti clothing can be worn?**

- The board has agreed to a revision of the guidelines for the wearing of mufti by senior students and clarified procedures to be followed when the guidelines are not being followed by individual students.

### **What kind of shoes can students wear?**

- The Board has determined that you will be able to purchase suitable black shoes to be worn with the uniform and we will issue further guidance on the acceptable appearance and style of shoes to be worn.
- There will be guidelines which provide examples of acceptable and not-acceptable shoes

### **What if my child can't wear wool?**

- There are layering options to choose from.
- Long sleeve shirts are available.
- Thermals can be worn underneath long sleeve shirts.
- Thermals should not be visible and worn under short sleeve shirts.
- A plain black puffer can be worn when outside.