



HALLS HEAD
COLLEGE



Learning for Life

UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE

Halls Head College Uniform



The Department of Education believes that the community expects government schools to take a role in educating children about good grooming, personal cleanliness and sensible standards of clothing. The Department believes that a school uniform will develop in students an understanding of the importance of personal neatness, appearance, presentation and self-discipline and that this learning experience will assist the student to enter the workforce with these personal skills.

The Halls Head College Board endorses the Department of Education's stance on dress standards and public schools are required to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption. Under the School Educations Regulation 2000, Regulation 36, if a non-complying student is enrolled in an educational program other than a primary program, the principal of the school may apply sanctions!

- prevent the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school;
- prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program; or
- any other sanction that is part of the school's behaviour management plan.

School Regulations (2000) (4) If a non-complying student is enrolled in an educational program other than a primary program the provisions of Division 5 Subdivision 1 apply as if the student had committed a breach of school Discipline.

Acceptance of enrolment at Halls Head College assumes an agreement between the parent/guardian and the enrolling student that the student will dress in accordance with the college's uniform policy. Every student is expected to comply with the college uniform policy in the same way that they are expected to comply with the rules relating to classroom behaviour and absences.

The Halls Head College Board has determined that the College should enforce the wearing of a uniform. Parents, staff and students considered comfort, conformity, price and durability during the consultation phase of the uniform development. The College Board have entrusted the staff of Halls Head College to ensure that every student at the College complies with the Uniform Policy.

Reasons Halls Head College enforces a uniform for its students

Uniforms show that you are part of an organisation. Wearing it says that you are part of the team and supporting the goals and ideals of the team. Wearing the College uniform will show the community that students from Halls Head College are engaged and motivated for educational success. The students are part of the team and their successes are shared. Similar to a Football or Netball team wearing a uniform, the students at Halls Head College wear the uniform which identifies them as part of the College and together the team is striving to achieve its goals.

1: The Safety of our Students / An Even Playing Field

First and foremost we want our students to feel safe and be safe. It also enables us to ensure safety as a potential intruder on site may immediately be identified.

One of the most obvious arguments for school uniforms is that by having all children dressed the same; there is a decrease in bullying and teasing. In this era of status brands and high-fashion trends, clothing has become the definitive status symbol for children and teens. With uniforms, there is less opportunity for children to be picked on or shunned for their clothes. In fact, students not in uniform will naturally feel alienated from the team.



Winter and Summer Uniforms



Sports Uniforms

2: The Uniform in Uniformity

Educators and experts agree that uniforms contribute positively to students' behaviour. They believe that when students wear uniforms, they feel more professional and behave accordingly. Many educators believe that students can become distracted by fashion trends and status symbol clothing. Therefore, when all students are dressed in regulation uniforms, there is less focus on fashion in the classroom and more focus on learning.

3: Easier Mornings for Parents and Staff

When there is no debate on what a student is allowed to wear to school, then that makes mornings easier for parents and for kids. Everyone knows exactly what the kids need to wear, their regulated school uniform. This can lead to a decrease in morning arguments.

Staff at Halls Head College has an obligation to the College Board to enforce the Uniform Policy. Greeting a student in uniform is always more pleasant than beginning conversations with a reprimand or negative comment about the students attire.

4: Dress Code Control

Halls Head College has always had rules regarding modesty issues, visible logos, offensive text on clothing, gang colours, symbols and more. Teachers and administrative staff must constantly monitor the students' attire. This is of course avoided when all students are in uniform. The Halls Head College uniform has been designed to be modest, practical and comfortable. For this reason, skirts and dresses need to be of an appropriate length, just above the knee. Our new site now has multiple open stairwells.

5: Simple Economics

Buying a few College uniforms instead of a new school wardrobe is much more economical. The Halls Head College uniforms are designed to stand up to every day wear and repeated washing so most parents find that they can get away with buying a few sets.

6: Weekend Style

With all the money a parent saves by not having to buy day to day clothes, they can (if they so choose) let their children buy a few nicer and more fashionable pieces for weekends and evenings. Wearing a uniform five days a week might make students appreciate their weekend fashions more, maybe enough to even take good care of them!

7: How Halls Head College will enforce the College Uniform

- Uniform monitored on Seqta;
- Uniform Infringement issued;
- Phone calls home to discuss non-compliance;
- Continual non-compliant student to meet with Student Services;
- Non-compliant students will not be able to attend - College Ball, reward events and excursions, sporting events, non-educational excursions until they comply with the Dress Code;
- Students complying with the Dress Code will be eligible for a variety of rewards including House points, reward excursions and activities.

8: Support available to assist families to support Halls Head College Uniform Policy

Parents/Carers can apply for the Education Program Allowance which includes \$115 Clothing Allowance. Applications are available during Term 1 of each school year.

If a parent wishes to apply for an exemption, a letter requesting this and the grounds for the exemption needs to be forward to the Principal or the Principal's delegate on the following grounds.

- Unavailability of an item from suppliers.
- Matters relating to the students health.
- Matters relating to religious beliefs or cultural background.
- Any other matter which, in the Principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

If approved, a uniform pass is issued from Student Services for students to show classroom teachers.

Uniform Shop

The College Uniform shop is operated by Matrix Uniforms. The uniform shop contact number is M: 0434 211 591 and email: sales@matrixuniforms.com.au. Please note that this phone number is only operated during shop hours. If the matter is urgent please email Matrix Uniforms.

The uniform shop regular operating hours during the term are:

- Tuesdays 7.30am - 10.30am
- Thursdays 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Extended trading hours before each school year is offered. Please check the College website or contact Matrix Uniforms.

Payment at the shop is accepted by cash, credit card and EFTPOS only. Unfortunately, cheques are not accepted.

Second Hand Uniforms and Text Books

The College has set up a dedicated Facebook page for buying and selling of college second hand uniforms and text books. Please note that only the NEW Halls Head College uniform can be sold on this page. The old Halls Head Community College uniform has now been phased out.

Item	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
BOYS		
Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College shirt only. Students may wear a plain white short sleeve T-shirt under their College shirts. College shirts must be worn under College jumper or jackets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coloured (including black) top or singlet worn under college shirts. House shirts, except for PE classes. College shirts not buttoned to an appropriate level.
Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College shorts only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House or sports shorts. Visible underwear.
Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College trousers only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible underwear.
White, black or navy ankle socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain black, white or navy socks. 	
College jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other jumpers.
College jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other jackets.
Scarf - navy blue (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain navy only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other scarves.
Tie (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other ties.
GIRLS		
Blouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College blouse only. Students may wear a plain white short sleeve singlet under their College blouses. College blouse must be worn under College jumper or jackets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coloured (including black) top or singlet worn under College shirts. Faction shirts, except for PE classes. College blouses buttoned to an appropriate level.
Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College trousers only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visible underwear.
Skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College skort only. Mid-thigh length. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorts.
Skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College skirt only. Mid-thigh length. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short length. No lycra. Wrap skirt.
Dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College dress only. Mid-thigh length. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short length.
White or black ankle socks or navy stockings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain black, white or navy socks and stockings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other stockings.
College jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other jumpers.
College jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other jackets.
Scarf-navy blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain navy only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other scarves.
Tie (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College issue only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other ties.
FOOTWEAR		
Laced up and or enclosed footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black covered school shoes or sport shoes required. For practical work students must wear enclosed footwear that protects the top of the feet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thongs, boots, backless shoes sandals or ugg boots. Brightly covered shoes or laces. Skate shoes are not acceptable.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION		
College house shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College house shirts should only be worn for sport. 	
Blue shorts		
Sport shoes		
Leavers Jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Leavers' jacket may only be worn by Year 12 students in place of the College jumper or jacket as part of the College uniform. 	
Caps, hats, beanies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College sanctioned caps and scarves may only be worn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps in classrooms. Beanies are not an acceptable item to be worn at College.

