



Uniform Policy

The Plympton International College Uniform Policy is an important part of our culture, values and school safety program. It has been developed with students, staff and confirmed by the school community through the Governing Council. We expect the support of students, parents and staff.

Wearing the School Uniform

- Contributes to students' safety by providing clear identification of students in the school community
- Supports students to develop a sense of identity and pride with our school
- Reduces peer pressure and social stigmas
- Reduces distractions
- Redirects personal expression to schoolwork rather than personal appearance
- Lowers long term clothing costs
- Promotes a standard of dress in the learning environment

Students

All students are expected to be in full uniform. The Plympton International College uniform is the only acceptable uniform, approved by the Governing Council, and described on the attached schedule.

Uniform items are to be purchased through the school Uniform Shop. Black leather or synthetic leather (no canvas or mesh material) school shoes can be purchased independently of the school. Socks must be either navy or white and have no logos.

School skirts must be no higher than the top of the knee.

Students out of school uniform will be expected to change into appropriate supplied uniform with the support of the School Leadership. Students who refuse to change will miss out on break periods, attend detention and will have their parents informed.

Parents / Care Providers

Parents / Care Providers are asked to:

- Support the School Uniform Policy
- Check their child is in uniform each day
- Contact the school to clarify any questions in regard to school uniform
- Supply their child with a written reason for any temporary exemptions
- Ensure all items are labelled with their child's name
- Refer to the uniform and footwear guidelines before purchasing items

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Staff

Class teachers Reception to Year 6 and Homegroup teachers Years 7 to 12 will:

- check students are in uniform
- inform parents if students not in correct uniform
- send students to school office to obtain uniform when necessary
- inform Year Level Managers to follow up on students who miss out on any break times

The Leadership Team will meet with parents/students when necessary to ensure the policy is followed.

Exemption

School Executive may exempt students from the School Uniform upon written request from the Parent / Care Provider by negotiation.

Grounds on which parents may seek exemption are:

- religious
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- any other additional grounds as the Governing Council may determine.

Physical Education / Sports

- Students must change into the sports uniform for physical education
- Students representing Plympton International College at sporting events will be required to wear appropriate uniform and some sports will be provided with a uniform
- Non marking shoes must be worn at all times when participating in activity in the gym including lunchtime activities.

Hats

The school hat is available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. The wearing of sun-safe hats during terms 1 and 4 is essential for all Primary School students. Senior School students are encouraged to be sun smart.

Make-up, Jewellery, Piercings

- Make-up should be of a natural look without being excessive or inappropriate
- Unsafe, excessive or inappropriate jewellery is not acceptable (stud earrings and smaller sleepers are acceptable)
- All physical facial / body piercings must be non-visible (Clear or covered is acceptable). Nose rings are not acceptable and must be removed.
- Hair should be within the natural range and extreme hair colours are not acceptable.

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