

UNIFORM POLICY



At Sylvania High School we believe that school uniform enhances the learning culture of the school. When students wear correct school uniform, they are demonstrating that they are identifying with the school, its community and its expectations. Our school community supports the wearing of school uniform as it promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identity. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition within and beyond the school. Wearing school uniform reminds students of the importance of dressing for the occasion, enhances student focus and school pride, and cultivates a culture of respect and professionalism within the school community.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Department requires that schools set local school uniform requirements in consultation with the community. This policy has been developed around the following principles:

- All students are expected to wear the full school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on excursions, and when engaged in school activities outside school hours.
- All parents are expected to provide their child/children with a school uniform that meets the school's requirements
- All students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities, while wearing a school uniform.
- Female students must have the option to wear shorts and pants.
- School uniform items should take into consideration the diverse nature of the school's student population and include items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care and durable fabrics, and suitable for all body shapes.
- School uniform items should promote the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities to protect students from injury.
- Students should be encouraged to wear sun-safe hats for outside activities whenever possible.
- Banned uniform items will be confiscated by staff and returned to students at the end of the school day. Continuing to wear banned uniform items will be considered a discipline issue and managed via the school's behaviour management system.
- Students who wear open or cloth topped shoes will be excluded from Technology and Applied Studies workshops and kitchens, and Science laboratories, for safety reasons and in line with Department policy requirements.
- Our response to students not wearing uniform should be firm, fair and consistent to uphold the expectations, values and positive image of the school.
- The principal, or delegate, may consider making exemptions for students who are unable to wear the uniform for a short period of time. This decision is at the discretion of the principal.
- Parents/carers are expected to work with the school to develop fair and equitable processes to manage non-compliance with the uniform requirements, including logical and appropriate consequences

PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to follow policy and its related school processes by ensuring they:

- wear the approved school uniform all day, every day including the approved shoes and school socks
- wear the approved sports uniform on Thursdays
- bring specific uniform items to change into for alternate activities (e.g. PE uniform, Hospitality uniform)
- follow staff instructions to remove banned items that will be confiscated

UNIFORM PASS

Students who attend school in the incorrect uniform must present to the front office before morning assembly or roll call (Thursdays) with a note from their parent/carer to explain why they are seeking a temporary exemption from wearing the uniform item. Students will receive a Uniform Pass for the incorrect item and must show this pass to any staff member throughout the day upon request. This temporary exemption will be recorded on Sentral, including whether a parent/carer explanation was provided.

Note:

- Students who attend school wearing unapproved shoes will be required to change into approved school shoes available from the front office. This requirement is non-negotiable as it is a safety requirement on the school site.
- Students who attend school wearing banned items (see Uniform Requirements) will be asked by staff to remove the item(s) and these will be confiscated for the day. If required due to cooler weather, students will be offered pre-loved uniform items to wear for the day to ensure their wellbeing and safety. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child/children from school if students refuse to wear pre-loved items that will ensure their wellbeing and safety.

No Uniform Pass

Students who attend school in the incorrect uniform and do not present to the front office to receive a Uniform Pass will be redirected to the front office by staff. Students will not be able to enter the classroom without a Uniform Pass for the incorrect item(s). Students who refuse to follow the teacher's instructions and present to the front office will be managed via the school's behaviour management system.

Students who consistently attend school out of uniform will be managed via the school behaviour management system which may result in serious consequences for continued disobedience.

ACCESSING SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform Shop

The school owns and operates the school uniform to ensure all funds remain with the school community and go back into learning resources, infrastructure and equipment for students.

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 8am-2:30pm. Parents/carers can access the Uniform Shop at any time during operating hours. Students can only access the Uniform Shop before roll call, recess or at lunch.

Students and parents/carers can also order uniform item(s) via the school website using the order form and emailing it to the school. Information on ordering and payments can be found on the school website.

Designated Uniform Days

For Years 6-7 enrolments and Year 10 students, the school operates designated Uniform Shop days to ensure equal access to Uniform items. Days and times are flexible with availability outside school hours to support working families.

Parents/carers of Year 6 students are emailed a link to a booking system where they can select their preferred day and time.

Students in Year 10 are given access to the Uniform Shop during school hours to try on items and make purchases.

The Uniform Shop is open all day on School Development Days in Term 4 and Term 1 to ensure all students and families can access uniform items before the school year begins.

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

The school also has a pre-loved Uniform Shop maintained by the generosity of families who donate uniform once their children leave the school. This is managed by front office staff and can be accessed at any time during school hours. Uniform items are available for purchase at a reduced cost.

Parents/carers can access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items via the Business Manager or Principal. To assist families, our school also operates a pre-loved uniform shop.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Years 7 to 10	
Blouse	White blouse with teal edging on sleeves and embroidered logo on pocket.
Shirt	White collared with embroidered logo on pocket.
Skirt	Tartan skirt, appropriate length below mid-thigh.
Shorts	Mid-grey tailored with embroidered SHS logo; appropriate length below mid-thigh. <i>No other brands, boardshorts, or similar.</i>
Slacks	School owned navy blue, tailored with front pleat. <i>No tights, random navy pants or tracksuit pants.</i>
Trousers	Mid grey tailored with embroidered logo. <i>No cargo or surf brand styles, chinos, elasticated cuffed pants, jeans, oversized shorts/trousers or tracksuit pants.</i>
Soft Shell Jacket	Navy with embroidered logo.
Jumper	Navy cotton acrylic with embroidered logo.
Socks	Sylvania High School socks (white with navy and teal bands).
Stockings	Navy opaque. No tights.
Shoes	Black leather fully enclosed shoes to protect the instep.

Years 11 to 12	
Blouse	White blouse with teal edging on sleeves and embroidered logo on pocket.
Shirt	White collared with embroidered logo on pocket.
Skirt	Navy regulation "A Line", appropriate length below mid-thigh.
Shorts	Navy tailored with embroidered logo. No other brands, boardshorts, or similar.
Slacks	School owned navy blue, tailored with front pleat. No tights, random navy pants or tracksuit pants.

Trousers	School owned navy tailored with embroidered logo. <i>No cargo or surf brand styles, chinos, elasticated cuffed pants, jeans, oversized shorts/trousers or tracksuit pants.</i>
Jacket	Navy soft shell jacket with logo.
Jumper	Navy cotton acrylic with embroidered logo
Socks	Sylvania High School socks (white with navy and teal bands).
Shoes	Black leather upper fully enclosed lace up shoes to protect the instep. No visible logo, black laces only.
Tie	Navy Sylvania HS tie with SHS Logo
Varsity Jacket	Only available for Year 12. This is not considered uniform; it is a privilege given to students by the principal and can be revoked at any time.

Sport Uniform	
Shorts	School owned blue with SHS screen print. No bike pants or tights to be worn.
Shirt	Teal and navy polo shirt with embroidered logo.
Shoes	Appropriate leather running shoes to be worn with Sylvania High School socks (white with navy and teal bands).
Tracksuit	Teal and navy micro-fibre with embroidered school logo.

Additional Uniform Items	
Cap	Navy school hat with SHS logo.
Scarf	Navy
Jewellery	Minimal jewellery accepted: sleepers and stud earrings only for safety reasons. Dangerous jewellery items will be confiscated.
Blazer	Worn for school representation and by school leadership councils for formal occasions.
Other uniform items for cultural or religious backgrounds	Applications to wear additional or alternate uniform items based on cultural or religious backgrounds (e.g. hijab) must be made to the principal in writing. Only items approved by the principal can be worn under these circumstances.

Banned Uniform Items	
Hoodies	Hoodies will be confiscated and returned to students at the end of the day.
Headwear	Beanies and other headwear will be confiscated.
Non-School Tracksuit Pants	Any style of pants that are not school tracksuit pants, including the embroidered logo.
Undershirts	No undershirts of any colour to be worn.