



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2026

RATIONALE

An official School Uniform is required in order to promote a sense of identity and pride and to:

- promote cohesion and good order in the school;
- allow all students to feel a sense of equality;
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing;
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community;
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community;
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school;
- enhance individual student safety and group security;
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities;
- encourage students to develop pride in their appearance;
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces;
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

The official School Uniform is to be worn in its entirety as described in this policy.

The School Uniform must be worn:

- each school day from the time the student leaves home until they return home;
- to and from venues of official sporting fixtures and other events outside the school grounds;
- when attending official school functions including excursions, incursions and while on tour with school groups

GUIDELINES FOR THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Blazers may be removed on school property but must be worn for official occasions on school premises e.g. assemblies and presentations.
- Blazers must be worn by students in uniform, off school property when students are travelling to and from school and during events and activities outside the school e.g., excursions.
- Blazers and ties may be removed when the temperature exceeds 30°C or is forecasted to exceed 30°C.
- Uniforms should be worn in appropriate sizes e.g., not oversized.
- Students are expected to be neat in appearance at all times.
- Shirts are to be fully buttoned when worn with a tie. The school tie is to be adjusted to cover the top button and is to be arranged in the conventional manner in which ties are worn.
- Tie bars are to be the official Ashwood Tie bar (this is an optional item).
- Buttons are to be done up on shirts and dresses.
- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair as students are expected to maintain high standards of personal hygiene.
- Any specialist clothing required by a teacher such as safety boots and goggles for technology, and aprons should be worn by students for the duration of that class only and removed at the end of that class.
- Ties may be removed during practical classes for safety.
- No garments from the regular School Uniform list may be worn with the PE uniform.
- Tracksuits must be the official School Tracksuit (other tracksuits/pants/jackets are not permitted).
- Students may be sent home from school, sporting venues and organised training sessions if they are not in correct uniform.

MAKE-UP AND OTHER CHANGES TO PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- Extremes of hair style are not permitted. This relates to cut, colour and length. Hair is to be worn in a neat and tidy manner; no excessive use of product that leads to matted hair and no extreme styles such as mullets, mohawks, dreadlocks, rat tails, patterned cuts/colours, asymmetric, unnatural colours, disparate lengths or buzz cuts. If hair is coloured it must be a natural hue. Hair may be coloured in non-natural colours for House Athletics Sports (only) or School Productions only with temporary colour (24 hours).
- Hair must be tied up clearly off the collar, face and ears for practical classes.
- Make-up, hair colouring and nail polish, if worn at all, should be unobtrusive and appropriate to the school environment e.g. transparent, clear, non-coloured nail polish is acceptable, black or brilliantly coloured nail polish is unacceptable, acrylic and fake nails are not permitted.
- Obvious make-up such as foundation, coloured lipsticks, coloured lip gloss, eye liner, false eyelashes or extensions and make-up, skin glitter, blush is not approved whilst students attend school or school events such as excursions.
- Body art is not permitted, any tattoos must be covered at all times.

ACCESSORIES

Acceptable accessories are:

- one wristwatch;
- one fitness band – blue or black;
- one traditional ear stud or 'sleeper' style earring per ear. These must be plain gold or silver (no colours or stones). Maximum diameter of sleeper is 10mm. Maximum diameter of stud is 3mm. Earrings must be worn in the earlobe only;
- facial piercings are not permitted, studs, rings or bolts (or any similar jewellery) are not to be worn in any other visible part of the body, including nose, eyebrows, tongue or lip;
- jewellery is to be removed for PE classes and when it is a safety issue in Technology classes;
- hair ties, hair bands, etc. must be navy blue;
- approved badges – only badges that have been approved and awarded by the Principal are permitted (e.g., debating, captains, School Colours etc.);
- approved hats (as defined in this policy) can be worn outside of school buildings (not indoors); Non-approved hats are not permitted and will be confiscated;
- all items of uniform should be clearly marked with the owner's full name. The use of name tags sewn on to clothing is highly recommended. The labelling must be on the inside of clothing in a discreet position so not to lower the quality of the uniform. The school will endeavour to return lost items that are labelled; it will disclaim any responsibility for unmarked articles.

PE UNIFORM

Please note

Students may travel to and from school – and remain for the day – in their sport uniform on days when their double period of Physical Education and single period of Sport are scheduled. Students choosing to wear their full academic school uniform will be provided space to change, prior to the period, in an area that will minimise student congestion.

- Students are required to wear the full PE Uniform for all PE practical classes. The school jumper may not be worn with the PE Uniform.
- The PE Uniform is the only PE garment to be worn for PE and Sport.
- Students wearing non-approved clothing (without a uniform pass) will not be permitted to participate in scheduled PE classes.
- Students may wear Black or Navy compression pants for enhanced performance UNDER PE shorts. Compression pants must not be worn without shorts.

SHOES

- Regulation school shoes must be worn when travelling to and from the School at all times. All students must wear traditional black leather lace-up shoes (heel: maximum 3cm height). Please refer to <https://dobsons.com.au/schools/ashwood-high-school?range=Shoes> and the Ashwood High School Shoe Index.
- The exception to this rule is when wearing the PE Uniform or during practical Technology classes where specialty footwear may be required.

SCHOOL BAG

- The school bag is compulsory for all students. It is considered a component of the official School Uniform.

SPORT-INTERSCHOOL SPORT-REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL IN SPORT

Students (Years 7 – 12) must wear correct PE Uniform when participating in interschool sport.

Students (Years 7 – 12) may travel to and from school for Sport in their PE Uniform.

The school will provide appropriate competition jerseys for students to wear in interschool teams such as soccer/football. This will be provided to the students prior to competing on the day. The interschool sport uniform must be returned laundered upon completion of the sporting activity to the teacher in charge.

SPORT AND HOUSE CARNIVALS

Students may wear one of the following when in attendance at the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals:

- House Colours;
- PE Uniform;
- Full School Uniform.

GROUNDNS FOR THE GRANTING OF AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPLIANCE

The School Council will consider applications for exemption on the grounds that an aspect of the Uniform Policy:

- offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents;
- prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their ethnic or cultural background;
- prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- must be modified because a student has a particular physical or health condition.

Please contact the school for further details of the exemption policy and procedures. Submissions of exemption are a matter for consideration by School Council.

Dobsons is the official supplier of the Ashwood High School uniform.

Uniform items are available in store or online **www.dobsons.com.au**
or via Telephone **9819 1122.**

COMPULSORY UNIFORM DETAILS

GARMENT DESCRIPTION		GUIDELINES FOR WEARING
1	Traditional black leather lace up school shoes	3cm heel maximum. Must be polished. Refer Ashwood High School Shoe Appendix featuring approved styles only.
2	Summer dress – white collar	No shorter than 5cm above the top of the knee when standing. To be worn with traditional folded length plain white socks (see 14).
3	Skirt – wool blend Ashwood High School tar tan	No shorter than 5cm above the top of the knee when standing. To be worn with opaque plain navy tights - non-ribbed (Denier 70+) (see item 15).
4	Trousers flat front or classic stretch cut slack – long charcoal grey (with school name)	To be worn with white shirt, school tie, jumper and blazer. To be worn with grey socks (see 16).
5	Shorts flat front – charcoal grey without cuff with school name	To be worn with white shirt, school tie, jumper and blazer. To be worn with grey socks (see 16).
6	Fitted business shirt (with school name and logo on pocket) long sleeve, opaque white	To be worn with school tie, jumper and blazer. Shirt must be tucked in. Shirt must not be visible below hem of jumper. Shirts are to be fully buttoned when worn with the tie. The tie is adjusted to cover the top button and is to be arranged in the conventional manner in which ties are worn.
7	Business shirt white (with school name and logo on pocket) long sleeve, rounded tail	To be worn with school tie, jumper and blazer. Shirt must be tucked in. Shirt must not be visible below hem of jumper. Shirts are to be fully buttoned when worn with the tie. The tie is adjusted to cover the top button and is to be arranged in the conventional manner in which ties are worn.
8	Business shirt white (with school name and logo on pocket) short sleeve, square tail	To be worn with school tie, jumper and blazer. Shirt must not be visible below hem of jumper. When worn without an over garment may be worn over waistline of trousers, shorts or skirt. Shirts are to be fully buttoned when worn with the tie. The school tie is adjusted to cover the top button and is to be arranged in the conventional manner in which ties are worn.
9	Jumper – Royal Blue V-neck with French Navy trim, superwash wool (with school name and logo) – Years 7-10	To be worn over shirt not instead of. May or may not be worn with blazer. May not be worn with PE Uniform.
10	Jumper – Royal Blue V-neck with French Navy trim – Cotton lining (available for students allergic to wool) – Place an order with supplier – Years 7-10	To be worn over shirt not instead of. May or may not be worn with blazer. May not be worn with PE Uniform.
11	Years 11 and 12 Jumper – French Navy V-neck with Royal Blue trim – Superwash wool with the school name and logo	To be worn over shirt not instead of. May or may not be worn with blazer. May not be worn with PE Uniform.
12	Years 11 and 12 Jumper – French Navy V-neck with Royal Blue trim – Cotton lining (available for students allergic to wool), school name and logo	To be worn over shirt not instead of. May or may not be worn with blazer. May not be worn with PE Uniform.
13	Blazer Navy with piping, school name and logo	Blazer is expected to be worn to and from school with summer dress, winter skirt, shorts, trousers, shirts and tie.
14	Plain white folded socks	Must be worn with summer dress only. Cannot be worn with winter skirt. Traditional folded plain white socks, must cover the ankle and show at least 15cm above the shoe line (no anklet socks).
15	Plain navy tights – non-ribbed, opaque, thick, cotton elastane (Denier 70+)	Must be worn with winter skirt. Cannot be worn with summer dress.

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The Ashwood High School uniform is compulsory and available from Dobsons, 667 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn. Telephone: 9819 1122 or www.dobsons.com.au.



Summer Dress



Short Sleeve Shirt



Blazer Adult/Youth



Blouse



Long Sleeve Shirt



Summer Short



Royal Pullover



Winter Skirt



Trousers Adult/Youth/Stretch



Sports Polo



Sports Jacket



Navy VCE Pullover



Rain Jacket



Tie



Sports Short



Track Pant



Dark Navy-blue Scarf



Striped Supporters Scarf



Plain white folded socks worn with summer dress



Sport Socks Crew



School Back Pack



Ashwood Microfibre Cap



Ashwood Bucket Hat



Navy tights worn with winter skirt (Denier 70+)



Academic socks worn with pants & shorts - grey