



Introduction:

The authority to implement a uniform policy comes from the Education Regulation 189a, which came into operation in January 1994 and provides the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy.

The positives of having a school uniform are:

- ***contributes to school unity***
- ***develops a sense of belonging and pride***
- ***develops a positive image of KICE in the wider community***
- ***reduces competitive dressing and the costs associated with brand name clothing***
- ***assists with the safety and care of students through easy identification on school grounds and excursions***

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform Details:

The following are details of items of clothing which form the school uniform. They include a degree of choice for students and it is only these items which may be worn, preferably with the school logo.

(Please note: Denim is banned and clothing should not display brand names or popular artists' slogans)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Colour and Description</u>
Shirts	White or Royal blue polo shirts with collar or plain white collared
Jumpers	Royal Blue – polar fleece or wool. No hoods.
Blazers	Optional for students – with school emblem
Trousers/Pants/Shorts	For both boys and girls – plain black in various styles eg. Jeans (Not Denim), Cargo, Track Pants (shorts no less than mid thigh in length)
Skirts/Tunics	Plain black for skirts or KICE Tartan Check (no shorter than just above the knee)
Dress	KICE Blue Check or blue and White Gingham
Shoes	Sneakers, black shoes, black, brown, navy or white sandals
Sport/PE	KICE Sports Shirt (compulsory from Yr 6 up) and black shorts or track pants and appropriate sport footwear.
Hats	Royal Blue – bucket or broad brimmed hat
Tie	KICE design – optional for students
KICE Music	For performances – black pants, white KICE polo shirt, black footwear
Yr 12 Commemorative Top	(Year 9 @ Penneshaw) With approval of KICE leaders.
Adult re-entry Student	Neat casual clothes

Specific Issues:

All students at KICE are expected to be neatly and suitably attired in the school uniform.

The safety of students in our care is of paramount importance. All subjects offered by the school operate within **strict occupational health and safety guidelines.**

For this reason the following **should not be worn** to school:

Footwear:

- ***thongs and sandals (i.e., the type where the foot is largely exposed)***
- ***open shoes that have no supporting strap on the heel***
- ***ugg boots and high heels***



Note that in certain areas – Tech Studies, Physical Education, Food & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles and Science – **students are required to wear closed in shoes**, or they will need to be placed elsewhere for practical lessons. Repetition of wearing inappropriate footwear will result in disciplinary action.

Clothing:

- ***tops with low neckline and skirts or pants that display bare mid-riff or underwear***
- ***tops with 'spaghetti' straps***
- ***loose fitting basketball tops***
- ***clothing or jewellery in support of the illegal drug culture***
- ***violent and offensive messages and/or images***
- ***advertising alcoholic beverages***
- ***chains, straps and other accessories considered unsafe***

Hats:

In keeping with general community and workplace standards, hats will not be worn in classes or other indoor activities e.g. assemblies, and students will be requested to remove their hats in these situations. If they are required to wear head coverings in certain situations, e.g. Food & Nutrition, they will be supplied.

We strongly support students wearing hats outside to protect them from the sun. As we are a Sun Smart School it is compulsory for all students to wear hats in term 1 and 4 whilst on school grounds or school excursions.

Our school takes great pride in the quality learning environment we provide. We take a dim view, however, of individuals who choose to work against the positive messages that we teach.

Consequences:

Consequences for not wearing the school uniform and following the dress code will result in

- ***a reminder/warning***
- ***parental contact***
- ***having someone bring in their uniform***
- ***borrowing a second-hand uniform***
- ***returning home to change with parental permission***
- ***removal from classes, yard and/or sent home for the day***

Students who continually breach the dress code will be sent home, and/or suspended from school as per the DECS and KICE School Student Behaviour Management guidelines.

Students may be exempted from the wearing of the school uniform. This requires a request in writing to the Principal and can only be granted on specific grounds e.g. medical condition.

Any exempted student is expected to be in appropriate, plain casual clothing.

The Principal may also approve Non-Uniform days for special occasions such as Sports Days, Festivals or Fundraising. Parents/caregivers will be advised when this happens.

Families who need assistance in the purchasing of the school uniform need to contact Heads of Campus or School Counsellors. Confidentiality and discretion will be assured.

A school uniform shop operates at the Kingscote Campus to provide cost effective new and recycled clothing for students. Volunteers are welcome to support this parent initiative.

The code of dress is to be regularly reviewed by the Dress Code Committee to ensure availability of aspects of the dress code and impact on fashion trends upon the dress code.

WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY ENSURING YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE HOME APPROPRIATELY DRESSED AS OUTLINED IN THE DRESS CODE POLICY