

## STUDENT DRESS CODE



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 5421 1100 or [kyneton.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kyneton.hs@education.vic.gov.au).

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kyneton High School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Kyneton High School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Kyneton High School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Kyneton High School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Kyneton High School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are *completely* hidden.

For further details see Appendix A.

## Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are permitted to wear jewellery to school, however stud earrings and sleepers, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery in practical settings, such as in the Technology workshops and Physical Education class. In these situations, teachers may instruct student to remove jewellery until the activity is over.

## Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back during practical classes.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade. We encourage all students to wear sunscreen when outside, especially from mid-August to the end of April. Sunscreen is available in the First Aid Office.

Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn inside.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items may be purchased from directly from Noone's Bendigo store, or online.

### **Noone Bendigo Store**

21 Queen Street, Bendigo Vic 3550

Phone: 03 7018 4199

Email: [bendigo@noone.com.au](mailto:bendigo@noone.com.au)

### **Trading Hours**

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays CLOSED

### **Online Store**

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/kyneton-high-school/shop>

## Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the Wellbeing Coordinator to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Kyneton High School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Xuno and in the school Enrolment Packs. We will assist students who may be

experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible. Please see the 'Exemption' section of this policy.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the parent or guardian will be contacted firstly via Xuno. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Kyneton High School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## Exemptions to the Student Dress Code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to aspect/s of this Student Dress Code, including shoe requirements, if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kyneton High School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Annual reminders in our school newsletters and on XUNO
- Available publicly on our school website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings, as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kyneton High School Parent Complaint Policy
- Kyneton High School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	Term 3, 2023
Consultation	School Staff; Student Leadership Team
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Term 3, 2024

26.10.2022 – Noone opening hours updated

10.10.2023 – Amendments made to uniform list as per school council minutes from 14.09.2023

## APPENDIX A: KYNETON HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All items listed can be worn throughout the year. There is no specific 'summer' and 'winter' or 'boys' and 'girls' uniform. Students should select the items they are comfortable wearing.

### Outerwear

- KHS Blazer
- KHS Jacket (Soft shell)

**Jumpers and Vests** – may be worn under the KHS Blazer or Soft Shell Jacket, or worn as the outer layer

- KHS Pullover (Wool jumper)
- KHS Rugby Top
- KHS Puffer Vest

**Shirts** - to be worn with pants, shorts or skirt

- KHS Long Sleeve Blouse
- KHS Long Sleeve Shirt
- KHS Short Sleeve Blouse
- KHS Short Sleeve Shirt

### Pants, Shorts and Skirts

- KHS Tailored Pants (grey)
- KHS Classic Trousers (grey)
- KHS Skirt (striped – may also be worn with plain black or navy tights)
- KHS Classic Shorts (grey)
- KHS Tailored Shorts (grey)
- KHS Microfibre Shorts (grey)

### Dress

- KHS Dress (striped – may also be worn with plain black or navy tights)

### Shoes

- Must be entirely black (see over page)

### Optional items

- KHS Cap
- KHS Bucket Hat
- KHS Beanie
- KHS Tie

## Sports uniform items

Students must wear sports uniform items for their practical Physical Education classes. They may also wear sports uniform items in their academic classes, however there is an expectation that students will change into clean uniform following practical Physical Education classes. Note that while students may wear runners of their choice for practical Physical Education classes, they must wear all black shoes while in other classes (see over for shoe requirements).

### Sports uniform items

- KHS Sports Shorts
- KHS Track Pants
- KHS Polo Shirt
- Runners (NOT canvas shoes)
- KHS Rugby Top
- KHS Jacket (Soft shell)

## Shoes

The following types of shoes are APPROVED uniform



Shoes or boots are to be worn as part of the school uniform and must comply with the following criteria:

- The shoe must be black, including the sole.
- The shoe fully encloses the foot, i.e., no areas of the foot not covered by the upper section of the shoe.
- No steel-capped shoes/boots.
  - Work boots may only be permitted in some Year 11 and 12 VET subjects. This will be communicated to students and their families by the subject teacher.

Due to Occupational Health & Safety requirements, students may not be permitted to participate in technology, art or practical science classes when in the incorrect footwear even when a parental note is provided.

The following types of shoes are NOT APPROVED and cannot be worn at school:



## Socks and hosiery

Students must wear socks, and these should preferably be black or white. Plain black or navy tights/leggings are permitted to be worn only with the school skirt or dress.

## Additional layers for warmth

Students may wear a plain black, white or navy long sleeve t-shirt or thermal top underneath their uniform shirt.

Additional layers of clothing, such as singlets, t-shirts and so on, may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Students may wear a plain black coat or jacket over their warm uniform items when they are outdoors if they require additional warmth, however they must be stored in their lockers during class time.

## Hats and beanies

Students may wear hats and beanies outdoors; preferably be Kyneton High School hats and beanies. Any non-Kyneton High School hats or beanies should be appropriate for the school environment (e.g., hats with logos of alcohol companies are not appropriate). Hats and beanies must be stored in the student's locker during class time.

## NON-UNIFORM ITEMS

Students are not to wear the following either with or in place of their school uniform.

- Jeans
- Leggings (unless plain black or navy and worn *with* the school skirt or dress)
- Non-Kyneton High School Track Pants
- Hoodies
- Non-uniform shoes

**OUTERWEAR** – Choose at least one



**Blazer**



**Soft Shell Jacket**

**JUMPERS AND VESTS** – Choose at least one. May be worn under the soft shell jacket or blazer, or can be worn as the outer layer



**Pullover (Wool Jumper)**



**Rugby Top**



**Puffer Vest**



**SHIRTS** – To be worn with pants, shorts or skirt



**Long Sleeve Blouse**



**Long Sleeve Shirt**



**Short Sleeve Blouse**



**Short Sleeve Shirt**

**SHORTS AND SKIRTS** – To be worn with long or short sleeve shirt



**Skirt**



**Shorts**



**Tailored Shorts**



**Microfibre shorts**

**PANTS** – To be worn with long or short sleeve shirt



**Tailored Pants**



**Trousers**

**DRESS**



**Dress**

**SPORTS UNIFORM ITEMS**



**Polo top**



**Track Pants**



**Sports Shorts**

OPTIONAL ITEMS



**Tie**

To be worn with long sleeves



**Beanie**



**Cap**



**Bucket Hat**