UNIFORM AND SHOE POLICY

Definition

This policy is concerned with the student school day uniform and including the PE/sport uniform.

*Uniform: Not changing in form or character; remaining the same in all cases and at all times.*

Rationale

O’Loughlin Catholic College aims to develop a community that:

- Encourages a loyalty to a rich school heritage;
- Affirms the rights of individuals as well as their responsibility to the school, wider community and the physical environment;
- Nurtures self-esteem by promoting respect for each person’s uniqueness, dignity and worth;
- Is compassionate, honest, accepting, tolerant, just, caring and willing to listen.

Implementation

Our uniform plays an important role in establishing a sense of belonging to the college community. For all of our students, wearing their uniform correctly should be a reflection of both self-respect and school spirit. Uniform standards have the capacity to signal a message about how we view ourselves as a school community and poor standards are very disheartening for many staff, students and parents. Uniform is an area in which we can make an immediate and noticeable improvement provided we have the support of all members of our community. The following detailed list is designed to ensure clarity regarding our uniform requirements:

**BOYS’ UNIFORM**

- Plain black polish-able lace up leather shoes – please refer to attached brochure for further clarification on shoes.
- Plain white anklet length socks – no advertising or coloured bands.
- Grey ‘drill wash and wear’ shorts.
- Jade College polo shirt with maroon College emblem.
- College jacket.
• Sun smart approved hat.

GIRLS’ UNIFORM

• Plain black polishable lace up leather school shoes - please refer to attached brochure for further clarification on shoes.
• Plain white anklet length socks – no advertising or coloured bands.
• Maroon shorts
• Jade College polo shirt with maroon College emblem.
• College jacket.
• Sun smart approved hat.

Sports Uniform

All students in year 7-10 have Physical Education as part of their curriculum. Students need to wear their House Sports shirt and College sports shorts during these lessons. All students are required to wear their sports uniform for the Athletics, Swimming and other sporting activities when they are representing the College. These are also available from the uniform shop. Senior students Year 10-12 must purchase a sport uniform if they are enrolled in Physical Education or Outdoor Education.

NB: It is a requirement that all students change back into complete College uniform at the end of each PE lesson.

Shoe Policy

O’Loughlin Catholic College has made a decision, in line with the requirements of the new Workplace Health and Safety Act under which we have to operate that all students must wear full fitting, traditional school shoes with lace up fronts that provide both a robust sole, good support for growing feet and a non-permeable polishable leather upper that protects the entire top of the foot. Please refer to the attached brochure for shoe guidelines.

This policy was last approved by the College Board in November 2013