

Copperfield College Uniform Policy

Rationale

A school is distinguished within the community by its students and their uniform.

Statement

Copperfield College has developed a Uniform Policy that aims to;

- Promote personal care in appearance and comfort
- A student's sense of pride, equality and belonging in the College
- Provide availability and affordability
- Promote a positive image of Copperfield College in our local community

Implementation

College Council reaffirms how students are expected to dress during school hours, including travelling to and from school, what the College Uniform should look like and that PSW is the official school supplier of the Copperfield College uniform.

Copperfield College expects all students enrolled in the College to wear the compulsory uniform at all times, including college intra and interschool sports, Physical Education and other events and external excursions where students are representing Copperfield College.

The College asks all parents, carers and students to ensure uniforms are;

- Copperfield College apparel and purchased from the College uniform supplier, PSW, unless parents, carers and students choose to purchase unbranded but suitable generic clothing worn below the waistline (eg. trousers, shorts and skirts)
- Are clean, in a state of good repair and appropriately fitted

In circumstances where parents find it difficult to acquire various uniform items due to cultural beliefs, student disability, health condition or economic hardship, parents and carers are asked to contact the Campus Principal.

There is a separate Implementation document linked to the upholding of the Uniform Policy.

Copperfield College Uniform (See PSW Official Uniform List) (Year 7 – Year 12)

- Summer Dress (Copperfield College branded)
- Black Box Pleat skirt or (Copperfield College branded) Box Pleat Winter Skirt
- Black bootleg stretch trouser or (Copperfield College branded) black tailored school trousers (full length)
- Black pleated trouser/Black elastic back trouser or (Copperfield College branded) black school trousers
- Black tailored shorts or (Copperfield College branded) black tailored shorts
- Navy blue short sleeve polo shirt (Copperfield College branded)
- Navy blue long sleeve polo shirt (Copperfield College branded)
- White cotton/polyester school shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve) (Copperfield College branded)
- Copperfield College tie to be worn with white cotton/polyester shirt only
- Red school jumper with Copperfield College emblem
- White socks or Black socks
- Navy or black opaque tights
- Black leather/leather-look school shoes or black leather/leather-look non-contrast runners
- Puffa jacket (Copperfield College branded)
- Blazer (Copperfield College branded)
- Scarf-plain navy or (Copperfield College branded)
- Caps- Copperfield College branded Navy (outdoors only)

Copperfield College strongly encourages all students to be 'sun-smart' when outdoors by wearing a College cap, particularly during Terms 1 and 4.

Hijab: Hijabs are to be plain black, white or navy blue.

Gloves: plain black or navy

Physical Education / Sports Uniform

- Red sports polo (Copperfield College branded)
- Plain navy tracksuit pants or (Copperfield College branded) navy fleece track pants with zip cuffs
- Plain navy sport shorts or (Copperfield College branded) sport shorts
- Rugby long sleeved top (Copperfield College branded)
- Supportive sport footwear

Please note students must wear the College red polo sports top and/ or the College Rugby top for Physical Education and Sport. White or blue College polo tops or the school jumper are not acceptable.

College Sport Days / Interschool Sport – The uniform for Copperfield College Sport Days ie Swimming & Athletics Carnivals is the Sports uniform or team colour appropriate clothing. Denim will not be permitted on these days. Students representing Copperfield College in all interschool sport competitions must wear the sport uniform.

Out of Uniform Days – On nominated Out of Uniform days, students will wear appropriate clothing and footwear that promotes a positive image of Copperfield College and student safety. This means no revealing items, no leggings and enclosed supportive shoes (no thongs or high heels). Students who have practical subjects on Out of Uniform Days must wear appropriate clothing to suit the practical activities on the day.

Labelling clothing – It is strongly recommended all items of clothing are clearly and visibly labelled on the inside of the garment with a permanent marker with the student's full name.

Non Uniform items- Hoodies, beanies, non-Copperfield branded baseball caps, jackets and leggings are not items of the Copperfield College uniform and therefore are not permitted to be worn under any circumstances.

Only plain white short sleeve undershirts are permitted under uniform items.

(YEARS 7- 10)

The entire official sports uniform can be worn by students for the whole day on days when they have a practical class of Physical Education, Physical Education Elective (Year 10) or a Year 9/10 Dance/Theatre Studies Elective timetabled. This will be in place of the normal Copperfield College uniform.

Challenge Day – Official school uniform for City visits / Sports Uniform for standard Physical challenges

Where Year 9 Challenge Day classes are participating in outdoor adventure activities, students are to wear appropriate sports clothing for the adventure activities to be undertaken, as directed by the classroom teacher.

Year 10 Outdoor Education - where students are participating in outdoor adventure activities, students are to wear appropriate sports clothing for the adventure activities to be undertaken, as directed by classroom teacher.

(YEARS 11 AND 12)

Year 11 and 12 students not undertaking VET will wear the same uniform as students in Years 7-10. Year 12 students can however wear their commemorative jacket

VCE Physical Education – Official sports uniform to be worn for practical classes only; official school uniform to be worn for the rest of the day.

VM: VM students completing projects should wear school uniform to and from the project, and change into appropriate clothing for the project completion, as directed by the classroom teacher.

VET Cluster Uniform Requirements

Students are required to wear their full school uniforms to VET Cluster classes that do not have specified VET uniform requirements.

Automotive- Copperfield College students undertaking this subject within the VET cluster will wear their Official VET Cluster Polo Top, work pants and safety boots to class.

Building & Construction: Copperfield College students undertaking this subject within the VET cluster will wear their Official VET Cluster Work shirt, work pants and safety boots to class

Electrical Copperfield College students undertaking this subject within the VET cluster will wear their Official VET Cluster Polo Top and work pants to class.

Hospitality Copperfield College students undertaking this subject within the VET cluster will wear their full school uniform to class. They change into the Official VET Cluster Chef uniform when they arrive at class and change back into their official school uniform at the end of the class.

Dance. Copperfield College students undertaking this subject within the VET cluster will wear their full school uniform to class. They will change into appropriate Dance clothing as directed by the VET dance teacher when they arrive to class and change back into their official school uniform at the end of the class

(WORKPLACE SAFETY)

In the interests of student safety, the following conditions are expected:

- **Jewellery:** Only watches, studs or sleepers for ears or a fine chain with or without a religious symbol worn inside clothing are permitted. Jewellery is to be removed for practical classes.
- **Piercings:** No facial or body piercings are permitted, including spacers. Clear piercings are acceptable and must be worn to and from school.
- **Protective Clothing:** All students participating in practical activities are expected to wear Copperfield College branded protective clothing as directed by the classroom teacher.
- **Nails:** Nails need to be a safe length. Adhesive nails are not suitable for school and need to be removed.

(General)

Hair /Make up: Hair accessories should be minimal. Hair is not to be brightly coloured. No makeup is the preference; minimal makeup may be worn.

Facial hair: Male students are not permitted to have facial hair (eg. moustache, beard, goatie etc.)

Visible Tattoos: visible tattoos are to be covered.

(Authorised Uniform Supplier)

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Evaluation and Review

This policy will be evaluated and reviewed every three years.

References

School Policy and Advisory Guide:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/> The 2010 Uniform

Policy and Implementation Guide

Policy Version

This 2022 revision of Copperfield College's Uniform Policy was ratified by Copperfield College School Council in December 2025.