Rationale:

Middle Years College has a Council approved compulsory uniform at Years 7 to 9. The Uniform Policy is a detailed, written statement of the expectations that the School Council holds regarding student appearance. The code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Aims:

It is expected that the correct wearing of school uniform will create a feeling of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school. Uniform reduces peer pressure amongst students and reduces the overall costs to parents.

Implementation:

- Uniform is compulsory for all students.
- If a student is out of uniform, they will be changed into uniform provided by the College. This uniform is to be returned at the end of the day.
- A student may be sent home to change into school uniform and then return to school. If no parent is available, students will work in a supervised office for the day.
- Socks must be seen above the shoes.
- Skirt and dress length is at fingertip to thigh and tops are not to be tied behind the back.
- Coats: The College has an approved lined jacket that can be worn inside the school buildings.
- Breaches of the Uniform Policy will be dealt with as part of the College's Student Code of Cooperation Policy.
- To assist with uniform purchases, the College operates a second-hand uniform shop.
- Black or coloured enclosed laced shoes/runners (no ballet flats or canvas slip on style shoes) are required to be worn at all times.
- Socks – white, black, grey or navy.

1. Upon enrolment at Wodonga Middle Years College a copy of the school’s policy on uniform and the associated dress code will be provided to students and their parents.

2. By enrolling at Wodonga Middle Years College students and parents thereby agree to abide by the school’s policies and guidelines. In relation to the wearing of school uniform this means:
   - All students are required to dress in a manner which brings credit to themselves and to their school - neat and clean clothing is required.
   - All parents are expected to assist the school in its endeavours to get students into full school uniform and to comply with the school’s dress code.

3. It is expected that student's uniform, including footwear, will be clean and in good condition.

4. Students are required to wear enclosed, laced footwear(shoes or runners - no canvas shoes or ballet flats) that meets the occupational health and safety requirements.

5. Students will not be permitted to wear unseemly combinations of school clothing such as:
   - Trousers or basketball shorts under a dress.
   - Parts of normal uniform and parts of the Sport / PE uniform together.
   - A school jumper or windcheater without a school shirt underneath.
• Students should dress so that their body is covered in an appropriate manner for work.
• School skirts, shorts and dresses must be mid-thigh or fingertip to thigh length.

6. Extravagant display of jewellery is inappropriate and may lead to problems of security and harassment. NO items of jewellery are approved as part of the uniform, although students may wear simple and discreet items. It should be noted that:
• Responsibility for personal jewellery rests solely with the student.
• Valuable property should not be brought to school and must not be left in lockers or bags - the school will not replace personal items lost or stolen.
• Safety concerns may necessitate the removal of jewellery.
• Any staff member may confiscate jewellery worn in a manner contrary to this dress code.
• Discreet make-up may be worn by students

7. Students who come to school out of uniform should report to their A Team teacher or Team Leader before classes commence. Students will be changed into uniform provided by the school. When students do not have footwear that meets OH&S standards, they may be removed from practical areas of the classroom for safety reasons. Teachers will refer students out of uniform or transgressing the dress code to a Team Leader or an Assistant Principal if they are unable to resolve the issue.

8. Casual clothes days are conducted by the Student Leadership Group as a fund-raising activity. Participating students are expected to support this fund-raising in return for the privilege of coming out of uniform. At least 7 days before a casual clothes day, parents will be notified in the weekly Parent Newsletter. Caps, beanies or thongs are not to be worn on these days.

Casual wear on such days should be neat, clean and cover the body in an appropriate manner. For OH&S reasons, thongs or open footwear are not permitted on casual wear days, camps or College excursions. Students who do wear these items will be sent home to change or they will have to work in a supervised office for the day.
**UNIFORM INFORMATION**

**GIRLS**

- College Dress (mid-thigh or fingertip to thigh minimum length)
- Navy shorts (mid-thigh or fingertip to thigh minimum length)
- Pleated skirt or long skirt (mid-thigh or fingertip to thigh minimum length)
- Navy tailored trousers or navy lined microfibre or parachute pants (no stripes or logos)
- Pale blue, short or long sleeved, collared polo shirt with College logo
- Pale blue short sleeved business shirt with College logo
- Black or coloured enclosed shoes *(no ballet flats - this is for OH&S reasons)*
- Plain white, navy or grey socks (no logos, markings)
- Navy woollen jumper with College logo
- Navy collared windcheater with College logo
- Rugby top - WSSC style (logo not required)
- Navy (stockings) tights
- Scarves, plain navy, white, black or grey
- Gloves, navy, black or grey
- Shower jacket in College colours

**BOYS**

- Grey/Navy trousers or navy lined microfibre or parachute pants (no stripes or logos)
- Navy/Grey shorts (mid-thigh or fingertip to thigh minimum length)
- Pale blue, short or long sleeved, collared polo shirt with College logo
- Black or coloured enclosed shoes
- Plain white, grey, navy or black socks (no logos, markings)
- Navy collared windcheater with College logo
- Rugby top – WSSC style (logo not required)
- Shower jacket in College colours
- Scarves, plain navy, white, black or grey
- Gloves, navy, black or grey

**NOTE:** Girls Dress, shorts and skirt length is ‘fingertip to thigh’. Buttons need to be done up and undergarments not visible

The Wodonga Middle Years College supports the Secondary Sun Protection Program, therefore a broad brimmed hat is recommended to be worn by all students when outside. A College navy blue cap can be worn for PE classes.

- Optional navy blazer and plain navy tie for ceremonial occasions.

**SPORT / PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- PE/ Sport polo shirt with College logo
- Navy blue (basketball) shorts
  *(Sports socks)*
- Navy tracksuit
- Broad brimmed hat and/or Navy College cap
- Sport shoes with non-marking soles

*PE Uniform may be worn all day if the student has PE during that day*

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed with whole staff, student, parent and community input as part of the College’s three-year review cycle.

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This policy was last ratified by School Council: 24 July 2014