



Uniform Policy

Rockville State School values student behaviour and appearance. Wearing our school uniform correctly sends a message to our community about the expectations we have of our students and helps to create a positive image and promotes Rockville community pride in our school. This uniform policy is endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association (November 2022)

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 states the following: -

(i) A State school's principal may develop a dress code for the school's students that is to apply when the students are attending, or representing, the school.

(ii) The dress code may provide for the following— (a) standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear; (b) standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

Staff Expectations

All school staff have a responsibility to ensure students adhere to this policy. Teachers should contribute to endorsing these guidelines by: -

- Reminding students and parent/carers of this policy;
- Articulating students' responsibilities regarding uniform and appearance;
- Reinforcing with students and parents the importance of portraying a positive image of the school;
- Following up with the school office for those students who do not adhere to this policy.

Student Expectations

On **Monday to Thursday**, the regular school uniform must be worn. This consists of school shirt, **Navy blue** shorts or skirt/skort, plain socks (preferably white) and acceptable school shoes. (See last page)

On **Friday**, Sport/House shirts with **Navy blue** skirt/skort or shorts and acceptable joggers can be worn instead of the regular uniform. Sport/ House shirts are to be worn for Swimming/ Athletics/ Cross Country carnivals.

Winter uniform: Navy blue jumpers and navy-blue tracksuit pants can be added to the regular school uniform. **No** hoodies or tights are permitted. **Navy blue stockings** can be worn under skirts/skort.

CLEARLY NAMED tags on clothing would also be appreciated.

For **FREE Dress Days** that may occur throughout the year, any clothing with explicit or derogatory language, symbols or images is expressly forbidden. Clothing needs to be sun safe and footwear closed in.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery presents a safety concern for students undertaking various activities at school and as such the following rules apply. The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged personal items.

Students may wear:

- **One pair** of small studs or small sleepers either gold, silver or a clear spacer no larger than 3mm. **All** other piercings in ears are to be **clear spacers**.
- *Nose studs for primary school students (like multiple piercings) are to be discouraged.* **Any** nose stud will be required to either be covered or replaced with clear spacers whilst at school.
- A wristwatch,

- A medical alert bracelet,
- Students may own special items of jewellery of significant personal or cultural importance, but must obtain permission to wear these to school. Consent to wear these items may be granted by making a request, in writing, to the Principal.

Nails and Make-up

- Due to safety regulations, false nails are not permitted.
- No make-up to be worn. False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Nails must be clear or painted in a pale/ neutral colour.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted – real or fake.

Hair

Hair must be naturally coloured and be kept clean, neat and tidy at all times. If hair is longer than the shoulders, it should be tied up. This helps with the elimination of headlice. Tracks are not permitted.

Temporary hair colouring is permitted for special events eg; Athletics/ Cross country carnivals, however hair colouring is **definitely not allowed** for swimming or the Swimming carnival. Colours need to be completely removed by the next school day.

Hats (NO HAT - NO PLAY)

It is expected that our school bucket hats are to be worn for all outdoor activities. **No caps, beanies or jackets with hoods are unacceptable for outdoor activities.**

Failure to wear correct uniform

Students who arrive at school with uniform issues will be directed to the school office for follow up. Student/s will be offered to change into suitably compliant and clean, school owned uniform (to be returned at the end of that school day). **If** there are issues arising, the parent/carer will be contacted and, if necessary, collect the student/s and return them to school in the correct uniform. *To minimise problems, it is recommended that parent/carers contact the school office if they are unsure how their child’s appearance will adhere to this Uniform Policy.*

Ongoing refusal to adhere to this policy may incur consequences as outlined in the Rockville State School Student Code of Conduct. Parent/carer support and reinforcement of this policy is greatly appreciated in helping Rockville State School to continue to be “A Great Place to Learn”.

