



Uniform Policy

Rationale

A uniform policy (dress code) reinforces students' pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Corinda State High School's dress standards reflect the community expectations and standards as determined by the Executive Principal in consultation with school community representatives.

Corinda State High believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented Uniform Policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide pre-conditions for learning, setting the scene for an orderly classroom environment, removing unnecessary distractions.
- To provide a sense of identity for students attending the school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instil in students a sense of pride in their appearance.
- To provide a united team and increase school spirit.

Issues of affordability, functionality and durability, equality, health and school safety, and expense are factors that contribute to the school's uniform policy.

This policy reflects the Department of Education's policies and procedures on student dress codes, and is endorsed by the School Council.

Aims

- To promote equality among all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To be consistent with health and safety considerations.

Implementation

- After consultation with the school community, the school has developed a uniform policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer uniforms, winter uniforms and sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.



- The Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published on the school website.
- The Principal is responsible for implementation of the dress code (as covered by the Uniform Policy) in a manner consistent with the endorsed behaviour management policies for students.
- Arrangements may be made to supply uniforms via the school administration for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Executive Principal and provide evidence to support their case.

Non-compliance with the Uniform Policy

Non-compliance by students with the uniform policy may result in consequences being applied. Consequences may include withdrawal of playground privileges, loss of school representation, contact with parent/carers, or prevention from participating in school activities. Repeated non-compliance with uniform consequences may incur further consequences. Moderation of 'acceptable' uniform and appearance is at the discretion of the Administration.

The School Uniform

Our school dress code is a reflection of the high standards embraced at Corinda State High School. The school colours are bottle green, gold, white and grey.

Students are expected to make a personal commitment to present themselves well. This will reflect not only their personal pride, but also a positive identity of Corinda State High School in the community. Students are expected to wear the complete school uniform at all times, to be clean and well groomed. The school formal day uniform (which includes leather shoes and backpack) must be worn at school and on the way to and from school. Students must wear full day uniform on excursions and at formal events unless otherwise indicated.

It is important that the school community, as a whole, supports and upholds the uniform policy and accepts a shared responsibility for upholding these standards.

Responsibilities

Students

- to be well presented and wear the school's uniform, as prescribed, by the uniform policy;
- to comply with any requests or directions from school staff regarding appearance or standards of dress, and to comply with any health and safety requirements as directed by school staff.

Parents and caregivers

- to commit to supporting the dress code as part of the enrolment agreement;



- to assist students to develop maturity, responsibility and self-discipline by supporting the student to adhere to the uniform policy, and ensuring students attend school well presented;
- to work with the school to resolve issues regarding compliance with the uniform policy and support the authority of the school in enforcing the uniform policy;
- to request short- or long-term exemptions to the uniform policy in writing, providing reasons for the request to support and assist students to comply with health and safety requirements.

School staff

- to clearly articulate the school's expectations and requirements regarding the uniform policy;
- to fairly and equitably enforce the uniform policy;
- to inform and support parents to develop strategies to assist the student to comply with the uniform policy;
- to determine, document and inform parents and students of reasons for decisions on exemptions from the uniform policy;
- to provide appropriate direction to students to ensure they comply with health and safety requirements.

The Principal

- to consult with students, school staff, parents and the Parents and Citizens' (P&C) Association when developing and reviewing the school's dress code;
- to approve the dress code and/or any amendments to the dress code;
- to approve any proposed changes to the school uniform, dress and appearance standards, and uniform policy.

Wearing the School Uniform

The following dress code is the standard uniform for Corinda State High School. School uniforms are not to be altered in any fashion, including but not limited to:

- Cutting and shortening of hemlines
- Rolling up of sleeves and shorts
- Rolling down of skirt tops
- Re-embroidering, replicating or reproducing the college/school logo and badges. To do so is contravening copyright laws and will be pursued by the school
- Graffiti or writing on uniform items
- Underclothes should not compromise our uniform standards and are not to be visible. Students who wish to wear 'undershirts' are only permitted to wear white and must not hang out under sleeves or below shirts. There is to be no writing or print on undershirts.



Sports/HPE

Students from year 8 -12 are expected to wear the full formal day uniform every day, to and from school (see exception below). Students are required to change into their sports uniform immediately prior to commencement of the practical Physical Education class and change out of the sports uniform into their day uniform prior to attending their next lesson.

Students in Year 7 are able to wear their sports uniform on the day that they have timetabled practical Physical Education classes.

All year levels: Students are not required to change uniform if the practical Physical Education class is timetabled for period 4. The Sports uniform may also be worn on special sports days as notified during the year.

Additional Bags

Sports Bags are available as an additional bag for sports uniform. Students are able to take these to gala days and sporting events. These bags are not to be used instead of the school backpack.

Laptop Bags are permitted to be carried between classes when students are moving around campus only. Laptop bags must be plain black or grey and must not be used as a substitute to the standard school backpack when travelling to or from school.

Footwear

All students are required to wear black leather school lace-up school shoes (with a low heel), and variations are not acceptable. Leather versions of street shoes are not acceptable. Please refer to [Acceptable Shoe picture](#) at the end of this document.

Shoes must be in good order and polished. Laces are to be tied appropriately with a bow at the top.

Black leather lace-up school shoes are to be worn to and from school unless a practical Physical Education class is timetabled for period 4, or on special sports days as notified during the year.

Department of Education safety regulations dictate that in practical classes (e.g. Art, Science, Manual Arts and Home Economics) footwear with impervious uppers will be worn. Students must wear black leather lace-up school shoes.

Students who have practical health and physical education classes (HPE) must change into the sports shoes immediately prior to commencement of the HPE class, and return to the leather school shoes prior to attending their next lesson.



Sports shoes must be lace-up athletic style, practical with supportive arches. Sports shoes are not to be worn with the school formal day uniform except:

- during practical classes as directed
- on Gala Days or Sports Carnival days.



Formal Day Uniform

Students are permitted to choose between the below formal uniform options. Each Uniform must be worn in full and cannot be worn in conjunction with other formal item e.g. student may not wear the Uniform A blouse with the Uniform B shorts and long socks.

Formal Day Uniform – Option A

Item	Details	
Blouse – Junior Secondary	Bottle green striped poly/cotton fabric, V neckline with collar, front concealed buttons. Blouse has a peaked front hemline designed to sit loosely over the skirt. Front pocket has gold embroidered school logo on a bottle green background. To be worn with a plain bottle green crossover school tie and school badge. A long-sleeved version of this Corinda blouse may be worn. However, there is no compulsion to wear this blouse. (This is a special order. To be ordered with four weeks notice).	
Blouse – Senior Secondary	White poly/cotton fabric, V neckline with collar, front concealed buttons. Blouse has a peaked front hemline designed to sit loosely over the skirt. Front pocket has bottle green and gold inserts with embroidered school logo in bottle green. Sleeves feature green and gold pin striping. To be worn with a plain bottle green crossover school tie and school badge. A long-sleeved version of this Corinda blouse may be worn. However, there is no compulsion to wear this blouse. (This is a special order. To be ordered with four weeks notice).	
Skirt – Junior & Senior Secondary	Bottle green polyester/viscose A line skirt with pleats front and back. Skirt has two elasticized panels in the waistband and has one pocket with a zipper in the side seam for safekeeping of money and other valuable items. Identical skirt for Junior and Senior Skirt is to be worn below knee length (so the knee cannot be seen).	



Shorts/Long Pants – Junior & Senior Secondary	College grey tailored shorts and long pants. Shorts are knee length with a cuffed hem at the knee. Shorts length is not to be altered, and are worn with the white sports socks. Long pants (only) are to be worn with mid-length black socks.	 
Tie – Junior & Senior Secondary:	Bottle green poly cotton crossover tie with buttonholes. Identical tie for Junior and Senior. To be worn with school badge only.	
Socks / Tights – Junior & Senior Secondary	White Corinda State High School logo socks with the skirt, tailored shorts and sports shorts. Alternately black tights, 40 denier (minimum), plain, may be worn with the skirt (only). Mid length black socks are to be worn with the college grey long pants. Tights (stockings) are not to be worn with the school sports shorts.	

Formal Day Uniform – Option B

Item	Details	
Shirt – Junior Secondary	Bottle green striped poly/cotton fabric with bottle green collar and two button plackets. Front pocket has gold embroidered school logo on a bottle green background. Designed to be worn without a tie and tucked in. A long-sleeved version of this Corinda shirt may be worn. However, there is no compulsion to wear this shirt. (This is a special order. To be ordered with four weeks notice).	
Shirt – Senior Secondary	White poly/cotton fabric button through shirt. Front pocket has bottle green and gold insert with embroidered school logo in bottle green. Sleeves feature green and gold pin striping. To be worn with a tie and tucked in. A long-sleeved version of this Corinda shirt may be worn. However, there is no compulsion to wear this shirt. (This is a special order. To be ordered with four weeks notice).	



Trousers/shorts – Junior & Senior Secondary	College grey poly/viscose double pleat front, belt loop school shorts and trousers. Elastic waisted shorts or long trousers are not acceptable. The width of the trouser leg is not to be altered. Identical trousers/shorts for Junior and Senior.	
Tie –Senior Secondary	Bottle green polyester tie with gold diagonal stripes and school crest. Senior tie available for Year 10/11/12 students only.	
Belt – Junior & Senior Secondary	Black belt (leather style) with plain silver buckle. Fashion belts are not acceptable.	
Socks – Junior & Senior Secondary	Long OR crew length grey school socks with green and gold band at top to be worn with shorts, or mid-length black socks with long trousers.	

Sports Uniform - Unisex

Item	Details	
Sports Shirt – Junior Secondary	Bottle green, gold and white polo shirt with embroidered crest. Collar is gold and embroidered with school logo. Fabric is UPF 50.	
Sports Shirt –Senior Secondary	Bottle green and gold polo shirt with embroidered crest. Fabric is UPF 50.	



Sports Shorts – Junior & Senior Secondary	Polyester microfibre bottle green shorts with embroidered logo. Tights are not to be worn with sports shorts.
Sports Socks - Junior & Senior Secondary	White Corinda State High School logo socks. Socks are only available at the school Uniform Shop. No other socks are permitted.
Wind Jacket – Junior & Senior Secondary	Bottle green with gold and white trim and with school crest. To be worn with Sports Uniform only.
Track Pants – Junior & Senior Secondary	Bottle green with gold diagonal panel on right leg with CORINDA embroidered.



Other Uniform Items

Item	Details
Hats	A school hat with Corinda State High School embroidery detail is compulsory. The hat is UPF 50+. Student may choose between a peaked cap, a bucket-style hat or a formal hat. The bucket hat is reversible and the school's green colours are to be worn on the outside at all times, except at sports carnival events where the hat may be turned inside out to display house colours to encourage house spirit. Please note: Hair is to be styled in such a way that does not impact on student's ability to wear the hat in compliance with the Sun-safe policy. Formal hats are optional and can be worn with the formal day uniform. Formal Day Hat A is a dark green Panama hat with green and gold band and should be worn with Formal Day Uniform A. Formal Day Hat B is a dark grey felt hat with green and gold band and should be worn with Formal Day Uniform B. Formal Day Hat C is a dark green unisex style Panama hat with green and gold band which can be worn with any formal day uniform option.
School Backpack	All students are required to have the Corinda State High School backpack or the school pull-along trolley bag, available from our uniform supplier. The school backpack is a compulsory part of the school uniform and has been carefully selected to protect student health and safety. The backpack has a one-year





	warranty. The school pull-along trolley bag is optional and is the only permitted alternative to the compulsory school backpack.
Sports Bag	Available as an <u>additional</u> bag for sports uniform. Students are able to carry the school sports bag to gala days and sporting events. These bags are not to be used instead of the school backpack but as an additional item. Excursion Backpacks may be provided on loan by the school through the class teacher.
Laptop Bag	Corinda branded laptop bags are permitted to be carried between classes when students are moving around campus. Laptop bags that are not Corinda branded must be plain black or grey and must not be used as a substitute to the standard school backpack when travelling to or from school.
Pullover / Sweater	Bottle green with embroidered crest. Wool or poly/cotton options available. 
Blazer	Bottle green fully lined with embroidered crest on pocket. <i>This item is required to take part in the year 11 Blazer Ceremony event (hire available from the school for year 11 & 12, if required)</i> 
Scarf	Green or gold scarf with school crest/name is to be worn during terms 2 and 3 only.
Senior Jerseys	Year 12 students select a design of jersey using the school colours, with the school crest embroidered. The jersey may be worn on specific occasions and the correct school uniform must be worn underneath. Approval to wear the senior jersey is obtained through an application process. The school senior jersey is designed as a senior memento post-graduation and is not deemed a regular school uniform item.



	Consequences for not complying with the above conditions may mean that senior jerseys are confiscated and returned on the last day of Year 12. The school reserves the right to remove the option to wear the jersey during the school year if students do not meet school expectations for a year 12 role model.
Team Uniforms	The Health and Physical Education department have arranged for special interschool team uniforms to be available for loan from the HPE department. Access to team uniforms incurs nil cost to the student. These uniforms must be returned at the conclusion of the sporting season. This uniform is only for a specific sport and does not replace the normal Physical Education / Sports uniform as listed previously. This team uniform may not be worn to school but worn for competition only.
Dance/Tennis/FEX Uniform	The uniform requirements for these subjects are specific to their need. Students are to wear the uniform as directed in the Excellence Handbook. Additionally, students may: • <i>Dance</i>: Students who are required to attend early rehearsal/practice sessions in these classes may wear the dance uniform to school only when driven to the school gate. • <i>Tennis / Futsal Excellence</i>: Students who are required to attend early practice sessions in these classes may wear the sports uniform to school.
School Badge	School issued/related badges may be worn.
Cultural Headwear	Must be plain white with no colours or sequins.
Hair Decorations	Ribbons, ties, combs, headbands and scrunchies (only) should be white, black, bottle green or gold. Hair combs may be brown, clear, green, gold or white. Plain headbands in the approved colours (white, black, bottle green or gold) are permitted. Hair jewellery is not permitted.
Earrings and watch	One pair of small round stud earrings only may be worn (up to 3mm in size). Watches may be worn, however during examinations students must remove their watch and place it in clear view on their desk. (Note: smart watches and fitness trackers are prohibited and must be placed in a YONDR pouch for the duration of examination) Students found to be texting on smart watches in class will be required to hand in their watch to administration as per the school's Managing Electronic Devices Policy.



Personal Presentation

We promote personal presentation, which demonstrates positive self-esteem and pride in oneself and our school.

Jewellery

Minimum jewellery is permitted i.e., watch, one pair of small round stud earrings only. Stud earrings are to be no larger than 3mm for pierced ears, and a maximum of one in each ear lobe. Earrings may be gold, silver, pearl or coloured stones. Jewellery poses Workplace Health and Safety concerns in practical subjects and we cannot allow this risk to be taken.

Necklaces and bracelets are not permitted to be worn. Reasonable adjustments will be made for students requiring an exemption due to religious, medical or cultural reasons.

Students wishing to apply for an exemption must provide a letter from their religious leader, cultural leader or specialist doctor confirming the requirement. Any item worn must adhere to Workplace Health and Safety guidelines. Noncompliant jewellery will be confiscated for collection at administration at the end of the school day. Repeated offences may incur further consequences.

Body Piercing

Piercings additional to the accepted one piercing in each ear lobe are not accepted in our school.

Other than the accepted one piercing in each ear lobe, students are expected to remove all other forms of piercings. Clear plastic ball piercings and clear spacers are not acceptable. Students wearing additional piercings will be expected to remove the piercing and hand in to administration for collection at the end of the school day. Repeated offences may incur further consequences.

Accessories

Key chains, belt chains are not acceptable and are not permitted to be worn at any time.

Body Art

Body art, such as tattoos, are not accepted in our school and students are expected to ensure they are completely covered and not visible.

Cosmetics and Finger Nails

Students are not permitted to wear makeup or coloured nail polish (clear polish is acceptable). Finger nails should be an acceptable length, and should be worn in consideration of workplace, health and safety requirements. Moderation of 'acceptable' nail length and colour is at the discretion of the Administration. False nails or nail attachments are not permitted. Eyelash extensions are not permitted.

Hair

Conservative hairstyles are a requirement for all students. Moderation of 'acceptable' hairstyle and colour is at the discretion of the Administration. If you have any doubts, please consult your Dean or Deputy Principal before having the hair cut or coloured.



As a general guide, the following standards apply:

- Hair is to be of one natural colour (no bright streaks or bright colours accepted).
- Extreme styles are not acceptable, e.g. Mohawks, rat-tails, shaved heads, undercuts, mullet cuts, tracks or similar hair lines are not acceptable.
- Hair length is to be no shorter than blade gauge 2 as a minimum.
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back.
- Hair is to be neat and tidy at all times, worn off the face and neatly tied back.
- Rat tails or any unnecessary lengthy extensions are not permitted.
- Hair is to be styled in such a way that does not interfere with student's ability to wear the hat in compliance with the Sun-safe policy.
- Weaves should be natural in appearance with no hair jewellery.



Facial Hair

All facial hair must be neat and tidy.

School Bags

Should not be marked with graffiti. Suitable tags and ties may be used to assist in identifying ownership.

Underclothes

Underclothes should not compromise our uniform standards and are not to be visible. Students who wish to wear 'undershirts' are only permitted to wear white and must not hang out under sleeves or below shirts. There is to be no writing or print on undershirts.

Personal Hygiene

Personal cleanliness is the responsibility of each and every student.

Failure to meet dress code requirements

If students are unable to meet the dress code requirements (due to hardship or extreme conditions) they are required to bring a note from home outlining their reason and the administration will endeavour to make alternative arrangements. Failure to follow this procedure will result in consequences being applied according to the school's Code of Conduct.

Variations to the uniform will not be accepted.

The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is an integral part of the fundraising activities of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) of the school. The School Locker manages uniform sales.

Acceptable Shoes

CORRECT FORMAL DAY SHOES - EXAMPLES



INCORRECT FORMAL DAY SHOES - EXAMPLES



SPORTS SHOES - ACCEPTABLE



SPORT SHOES - UNACCEPTABLE





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V1.0	27 Nov 2019	School Council endorsement – see minutes of 27 November 2019
V1.1	27 Nov 2019	Marketing update only, no substantive changes made.
V2.0	Dec 2020	Wearing the School Uniform p.3-4 In the dress code change to only students in year 7 are permitted to wear the sports uniform all day. Students must change into their sports uniform when they have their HPE lessons. Shoe change not required if practical PE class is scheduled in p.4. Other Uniform Items - Senior Jersey p.7 Senior Jersey will be permitted only on Fridays with the formal uniform during terms 2 and 4. Jewellery remove exemption statement re necklace for religious/cultural reasons.
V2.1	Feb 2021	Minor Updates – Annette Priest
V2.2	Aug2023	Changes to formal uniform names – option A and Option B Addition of laptop bag permission; Addition of religious necklace clause; Amendments to watch requirements; Clarification on wearing of senior jersey; Sketches added for clarity
V2.3	Oct2023	Addition of application process to school jersey section
V2.4	Dec2023	Addition of long-sleeved blouse and shirt options; Additions to Rationale
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		Addition of crew sock option to Uniform B section Changes to Laptop bag section to include Corinda branded laptop bags
V2.6	Aug 2026	Revision of Facial Hair expectations to state "All facial hair must be neat and tidy"