



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

The Atwell College Dress Code Policy is consistent with the Department of Education (DoE) [Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy - Policies - Department of Education](#) and [Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Procedures - Policies - Department of Education](#)

Changes to this policy were completed in June 2022 and have been ratified by the Atwell College Board and Atwell College Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association.

School uniform is a very important part of the Atwell College ethos and tradition. It contributes to the positive College image and establishes a sense of community identity. The wearing of school uniform brings with many benefits such as the promotion of the school's public image, an enhanced school spirit, a reduction in rivalry between students, an increase in convenience and cost-saving for parents, and preparation for work environments which have dress and safety codes.

There is an expectation that all students comply with the school uniform policy and that valuable school time need not be diverted into following up breaches of the school uniform policy. New students and families to the college will be informed of the dress code upon enrolment.

All uniform items can be purchased through our supplier [Jandakot Super Store - Nell Gray](#)

The following items make up the school uniform for Atwell College:

SCHOOL TOPS (with College Logo) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polo shirt• PE cool max polo shirt• Long Sleeved T Undershirt – Navy or White• Soft shell jacket• Rugby Jumper• Track top• White shirt (lower school)• Stripe shirt (senior school)	SCHOOL BOTTOMS (Navy Blue) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track pant• Shorts• Skirt• Skort
NOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strictly no denim or black garments.• Leggings/bike shorts are not suitable to be worn as a part of the uniform unless they are worn under a skirt or shorts.	

HAIR AND HEADSCARVES

Hair colour and style does not constitute part of the School Dress Code. However, due to occupational health and safety regulations, certain hairstyles may be considered hazardous in some contexts within the college and students may be requested to make necessary ammendments to ensure their ongoing safety (e.g., wear a hairnet). We ask that hairstyles also comply with the following Atwell College standard:

- Promote a positive perception of Atwell College
- Would be considered appropriate at any employment or training facility

Head scarves or religious headwear must be either navy or white. The Atwell College peak cap is encouraged during break times. No other head adornment is permitted (e.g., durags).

MAKE-UP, JEWELLERY, AND BODY ADORNMENTS

Make-up, jewellery, and body adornments must be minimal, unobtrusive, and safe. Earrings should be kept to sleepers or studs. Students may be requested to remove any jewellery or body piercings if considered potentially hazardous.

FOOTWEAR

Students must wear suitable and enclosed, low heeled shoes (e.g., joggers). Thongs, slides, ugg boots, or other forms of similar footwear are not acceptable.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

Specified PE attire must be worn during all Physical Education lessons. This attire is not to be worn during other classes.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

School staff actively monitor the wearing of the correct school uniform, with full support from the P&C Association and the School Board. A student that is not exempted from wearing the school uniform and who does not comply with the requirements will be unable to:

- To attend any activity in which the student would have been representing the school.
- To attend or participate in any school activity which is not a part of the essential educational program.

Students arriving to school who are non-compliant with the uniform requirements must report to Student Services between 8.20 and 8.40 AM (or present immediately if arriving late), where they will be required to change into uniform clothing supplied by the college. An entry will be created in Compass to record the incident. The student will be required to leave non-compliant personal items of clothing in the Student Services office. The item(s) will be returned at the end of the day when the article(s) of uniform clothing issued are returned. All uniform items will be freshly washed following use.

Compass entries will be monitored by the year coordinators to ensure uniform non-compliance issues are addressed. Parent contact will be made for repeated breaches of the uniform code and other behaviour management sanctions may be applied.

Students who do not meet the school uniform requirements and choose to not to follow the above process will be directed by teachers to Student Services. Refusal to follow instructions will result in sanctions that are part of the school's behaviour management plan.

Families who experience difficulties complying with the uniform policy are encouraged to contact Student Services on 6174 2200 for support.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DRESS CODE

Exemptions from complying with one or more of the requirements of the School Dress Code may be granted on any of the following grounds:

- The unavailability of a component of the dress code.
- A matter relating to the student's health.
- A matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or student's family.
- A matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family.
- Any other matter, which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Parents wishing to obtain an exemption from the School Dress Code will need to submit a request in writing to the principal, including the grounds for exemption.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Students in Years 7 and above may be eligible for a Clothing Allowance of \$115 from the Department of Education. Claim forms for this allowance and other Secondary Assistance Schemes will be available from the school during Term 1.