

Policy – Student Dress Code

Policy Information

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Scope:	School Programs
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Revision History & Ratification

This policy needs to be reviewed by College Council annually or as required and ratified at the College Council meetings when changes are necessary. This policy will be published on the school's website and will be distributed to staff via Compass.

Revision Date:	Council Ratification Date:	Summary of Changes	Prepared/Approved By:
20/10/2021 – V1.0	Approved by College Council Nov 2021	Update and checked against the Policy and Advisory Library (PAL)	Jason Patten

Rationale:

The Hallam Senior College Dress Code assists students to develop a sense of pride in themselves and in belonging to the College community. The Dress Code also allows for comfort, general health and the Occupational Health and Safety requirements specific to the various Vocational Education & Training programs that the school facilitates.

It enables easy identification of our students both at and away from the College. The Dress Code has been designed to minimise the cost of clothing for students while assisting them to present a neat and distinctive appearance.

Aims:

- Assist in the development of self-discipline by attention to dress
- Facilitate student wellbeing and safety when undertaking school activities
- Meet the health and safety requirements of specific VET courses and practical classes
- Help reduce social and economic differences between students
- Assist in the provision of a safe and secure environment through immediate identification of unauthorized people in the College buildings and grounds
- Foster a positive image of Hallam Senior College in the local community

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Guidelines & Implementation:

- All students are required to wear the correct College dress to and from the College, at the College and for all College activities unless the Principal gives an exemption for a particular activity such as a social service free dress day.
- All students are required to dress neatly, modestly and safely whilst undertaking any College based activity. Specific advice will be provided in College documentation detailing dress code requirements.
- All students are required to wear the designated uniform for specific VET courses during class times designated for those subjects only. Specific uniform requirements for these courses will be advised to students through course descriptions and the booklist.
- College uniform should be practical and easily available.
- Provision through such agencies as State Schools Relief Fund will be made available to assist families who have financial difficulty in purchasing a uniform.
- All members of the College community will encourage students to maintain the student dress code appropriately.
- The Uniform Sub-Committee of College Council will oversee the development and implementation of the Hallam Senior College Dress Code. It will make recommendations to Council regarding any changes to uniform, including uniforms for specialised subjects and negotiate the supply of uniform items. The Sub-Committee will consist of staff, student and parent representatives.
- The Uniform Sub-Committee will detail the Dress Code Policy and requirements through documentation that is made available to the College community. Details of the College dress code will be published in the student diary and the Staff and Student Resource Guides.
- Hallam Senior College Student Management staff under the leadership of the appropriate Assistant Principal, will design a process that facilitates maintenance of the dress code. This process will be articulated to the school community through the student diary, Staff and Student Resource Guides, newsletters, assemblies and individual staff / student/ family conversations where appropriate.
- Exemption from the policy will only be varied by the College Administration where special circumstances exist.

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