

UNIFORM POLICY: JUNIOR SCHOOL

NB: This policy applies to Year 7, 8 & 9 students enrolled at Barkly and Pilgrim Campuses in 2022.

The development of our uniform policy has been a consultative process involving students, parents, staff and the wider community. This policy has been written in accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines. The acceptance, respect and equality of all students is an inherent feature of this policy. We embrace diversity and individuality through a range of choices offered.

The new Footscray High School uniform has been designed and ethically sourced to reflect the contemporary nature and values of our school. The uniform has been designed by students and offers a range of options to ensure comfort in all conditions, inclusivity, choice, durability and value for money.

The new uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of identity amongst students and the community.

Footscray High School is a full uniform school with all students expected to uphold the school value of *Unity* in their wearing of the correct school uniform at all times. All students attending Footscray High School are expected to wear the uniform as prescribed in this policy. All items, with the exception of shoes, must be purchased from Noone, the official uniform supplier for the school.

For 2022, matters relating to uniform purchase, financial hardship, cultural or religious needs, can be raised with the school leadership team at the campus level. Parents can do this by contacting the school and they will be directed to the correct support.

The following uniform has been decided upon and approved by the Footscray High School Interim Advisory Group. Responsibility for the uniform will go to the official School Council. It is expected that all students and families support and abide by this policy. The uniform supplier will have a copy of this policy and will support its correct implementation at the time of fitting and purchase.

WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

All items should be worn as approved by the Interim Advisory Board and in this policy. Items should be layered appropriately, for example, the puffer vest and jacket must be worn with another uniform item underneath. The jumper and cardigan must be worn over a shirt or dress. The school dress, skirt and shorts have been designed at the appropriate length. If alterations are needed, the measure is to be no more than 10 centimetres above the knee. Head scarves will be available at the uniform shop in black, white or grey. All items of the uniform are to be clearly labelled with the student's name (particularly those items that are regularly removed at school). Only specified clothing items and accessories will be deemed acceptable uniform. Coloured or printed tops are NOT permitted to be worn as visible undergarments at any time, this includes hoodies and any long sleeve tops

SUMMER / WINTER

The uniform has been designed to have a core base with a 'wardrobe' of additional items that students can choose to purchase and wear depending on the weather, comfortability etc. with no specified

summer or winter items. Students are able to choose the items that best suit their needs on any given day and worn according to the policy.

SCHOOL HAT

The uniform consists of both a bucket hat and a cap and are available to be worn by students for PE and outdoor activities as part of the Sun-Smart strategy. Students choosing to wear the cap would be strongly recommended to apply sunscreen prior to outdoor activities. Only the school hats can be worn when in full school uniform including travelling to and from school but must not be worn in class.

SHOES

Students are to wear all black leather school shoes with a defined low heel (no boots) and can also wear a soft all black leather non branded black sole shoe. The closed toe school shoe shown complies with the FHS safety requirements to access all learning spaces within the school. Students wearing T-Bar shoes are to change into their runners (closed toe) during practical Tech classes where tools and woodworking equipment are sometimes used. Both school shoes are to be worn with the school grey coloured socks only.



TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is expected that students will be travelling to and from school in school uniform. At these times the uniform must be worn as per the policy and no 'non-uniform' items added.

FORMAL OCCASIONS

When representing the school on formal occasions and if the school tie is worn the shirt must be tucked in. The tie may be worn with a jacket, jumper or cardigan and skirt, pants or shorts. The school dress may also be worn formally on its own or with the jacket or cardigan.

BLAZER AND TIE

The school blazer and tie are not compulsory. They may be worn at any time but only in the manner described and with a short or long sleeve shirt or school dress.

PE UNIFORM

The PE uniform is compulsory and consists of a crew neck tee shirt, FHS rugby top and shorts. Additional optional items include tracksuit pants, sport leggings (only to be worn under track pants or sport shorts), rugby top and jacket. This uniform is to be worn on days students have PE lessons, Sport, inter-school sporting events and other occasions as designated appropriate by the school. Sports shoes and socks are not prescribed, but shoes must have non-marking soles. Additional Footscray High School specialist sport uniforms required for some sports will be supplied by the school. The FHS academic uniform must be worn at all other times and should not be mixed with any sport uniform items, for example, the rugby top should not be worn with the academic uniform.

THE FHS BACKPACK

The FHS backpack is a compulsory item in the uniform as of 2021.

JEWELLERY

Unobtrusive jewellery and a watch may be worn.* add facial piercings detail

**Only small sleepers or small unobtrusive studs are permitted.*

HAIR AND MAKE UP

Minimal make-up and clear nail polish may be worn.* Hair can be dyed in a natural hair colour .*

Students in uniform are expected to be clean-shaven.

**Where make up, hair or jewellery is considered not appropriate for school, students will be addressed on an individual basis.*

APPROPRIATE WEAR FOR CASUAL DRESS DAYS

There will be a limited number of approved casual dress days throughout the year.

On these days a range of styles of clothing of individual choice may be worn, provided they are appropriate for school. Clothing that is akin to beachwear or suitable for wearing out in the evening is generally not appropriate for school.

Examples of inappropriate items include singlets of any type, low cut tops, strapless/thin strapped tops and thongs, sandals or other unsafe footwear.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from complying with the uniform requirements will be granted if one or more aspects of the code

- Prevent compliance with a religious belief
- Prevent students with disabilities from being able to participate in school
- Have a detrimental effect on a health condition

An Application for Exemption from Uniform Requirements can be obtained from the General Office.

This form must be completed and submitted to the Campus Principal, who has the capacity to grant an exemption or refer the matter to the college council.

UNIFORM PURCHASE

Noone is the official uniform supplier for Footscray High School. Please see contact details below and separate price list for fitting information.

For 2021, families with financial hardship please contact the school to discuss payment options.

Students will not be disadvantaged.

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TRADING HOURS DURING TERM

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Closed Sunday & Public Holidays

For assistance outside of trading hours please contact Noone head office on telephone 03 9379 5037
Please see attached Uniform Price list for dates and information regarding new student uniform fitting appointments.

