

## **STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY**

*"It is the responsibility of the school Principal in consultation with the community to determine acceptable minimum standards of dress and grooming and to ensure that this information is conveyed to parents and students. If particular parents do not support the wearing of school uniform their wishes must be respected but a detailed written explanation should be presented."*

The uniform policy at Prairiewood High School has the approval and full endorsement of the Student Representative Council, and Parents' and Citizens' Association and **is endorsed by the New South Wales Department of Education as follows:**

*Failure to meet established general standards of uniform, and the correct wearing of uniform, may prevent students from participating in excursions, sports visits and other representative events.*

It is important that all students take pride in their dress, their uniform and their school, and in a large school such as Prairiewood with its proximity to a large retail centre, uniform provides a ready means of identification and belonging and is therefore a significant element in relation to the safety and security of all students.

The requirement to wear uniform assists all families to send their children to school in affordable attire that is attractive.

The community makes general assumptions and judgments of the school and those who attend it based on many factors. Presentation and general behaviour are powerful elements in the setting of the reputation for our students, so it is every student's duty to uphold and promote the name of the school in a proud and positive way.

***The Principal has authority to take disciplinary action against students who persistently or deliberately breach the school uniform policy.***

### **OUT OF UNIFORM: PROCEDURES**

- Students out of uniform on any day must bring a note, dated and signed by the parent or guardian, with a brief explanation of the reason for being out of uniform.
- All students with a uniform note from home must report to their Year Advisor, the Head Teacher Administration or a Deputy Principal. A yellow school uniform pass will be issued and is to be carried for the remainder of the day for presentation to staff, upon request.
- All staff have the duty to assist in the maintenance of high uniform standards.
- Students OUT OF UNIFORM WITHOUT A NOTE from the parent/carer, may be issued with a school consequence such as a detention.
- Students out of uniform for exceptional reasons will be assisted by the Head Teacher Wellbeing.
- Parents of students facing hardship are welcome to contact the Year Adviser or Head Teacher Wellbeing who is able to give assistance in such matters of uniform.

## PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school colours are green, yellow and navy blue.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNIOR GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM</b> (Years 7-10)</p> <p>Blackwatch tartan skirt or grey school shorts (not cargo style and above the knee) and lemon blouse with school logo (available only at the school) Plain white socks above ankles Black leather school shoes (no steel toed boots) Bottle green 'V' neck school jumper (with school logo) Navy woollen cardigan with school logo (optional) Winter Jacket (optional)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNIOR GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM</b></p> <p>Same as for summer, with the addition of: Black pantyhose Plain bottle green slacks or grey school trousers Bottle green 'V' neck school jumper (with school logo) Navy woollen cardigan with school logo (optional) Winter Jacket (optional) Dark navy woollen blazer with school crest (optional) School tie (optional)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNIOR BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM</b> (Years 7-10)</p> <p>College grey school shorts (not cargo style and above the knee) or trousers Lemon shirt with school logo (available only at the school) White socks above ankles with shorts Black leather school shoes (no steel toed boots) Bottle green 'V' neck school jumper (with school logo) Winter Jacket (optional)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNIOR BOYS WINTER UNIFORM</b></p> <p>Same as for summer, with the addition of: Long trousers – college grey Grey socks above ankles Bottle green school jumper (with school logo). Winter Jacket (optional) Dark navy woollen blazer with school crest (optional) School tie (optional)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIOR GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM</b> (Years 11-12)</p> <p>Blackwatch tartan skirt or grey school shorts (not cargo style and above the knee) and green blouse with school logo (available only at the school) Bottle green school jumper (with school logo) (Optional) Dark navy woollen blazer with school crest Navy woollen cardigan with school logo (optional) Plain white socks above ankles Black leather school shoes (no steel toed boots) Winter Jacket (optional)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIOR GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM</b></p> <p>Same as for summer, with the addition of: Plain bottle green slacks or grey school trousers (instead of skirt) Black pantyhose Bottle green woollen jumper (with school logo) or Navy woollen cardigan with school logo. Dark navy woollen blazer with school crest (optional) Winter Jacket (optional) School tie (optional)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIOR BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM</b> (Years 11-12)</p> <p>Same as for Juniors, but green shirt with school logo (available only at the school) Bottle green school jumper (with school logo) Black leather school shoes (no steel toed boots) Winter Jacket (optional)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIOR BOYS WINTER UNIFORM</b></p> <p>Same as for summer with the addition of: College grey trousers with grey socks above ankles Winter Jacket (optional) Dark navy woollen blazer with school crest (optional) School tie (optional)</p>

## UNIFORM OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

- BOTTLE GREEN, BLACK, WHITE or NAVY SCARVES may be worn in winter – no other colours.
- SUN PROTECTING HEADWEAR may be worn out-of-doors.
- Girls who, for religious or cultural reasons are required to wear a head scarf are asked to maintain the school's dress code by limiting the fabric to plain colours only i.e. bottle green, black, white or navy.
- Girls who, for religious or cultural reasons, prefer to wear a full length skirt are able to wear a version of our school skirt in the blackwatch tartan fabric only. They may also wear a white long-sleeve shirt underneath the official school blouse/shirt.

## SPORTS UNIFORM for GIRLS and BOYS

The PHS sports uniform (shirt and shorts) can only be purchased at the school (not available in stores). Due to COVID19 and minimising use of change rooms, the sports uniform (including joggers) may be worn to school on days when students have PE or Sport. Students may remain in this uniform all day. However, if students have practical subjects that day which require black leather shoes, such as TAS subjects or Science for example, then they MUST bring those shoes for that lesson.

Football socks and parts of the sports uniform may not be worn as regular non-sport school uniform. However, Regional or Zone white and green Representative Sporting Team jacket/jumpers are acceptable as well as Zone Blues jumpers.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Department of Education regulations under The Work, Health and Safety Act, insist that students wear adequate protective leather footwear during all practical lessons. **Thongs, soft topped sports shoes, sandals and other open-toed shoes are banned for safety reasons.** Parents and students are reminded of the need to consider this matter when purchasing footwear for school use.
- Jewellery is generally not permitted. However, a watch and stud/sleeper earrings may be worn as well as religious jewellery that is not overstated. **NB. Oversized hooped and pendant earrings** are banned along with **facial/tongue piercings** on the grounds of WH&S.
- Under the Work Health and Safety Policy 2013, the Department of Education must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises. The Act also requires the Department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks.
- School uniform requirements must take into account these requirements. Examples of where a school has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting include, but are not limited to:
  - requiring students to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
  - requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate
  - requiring that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn.
  - Staff have a responsibility to report potential and actual health, safety and welfare hazards to the principal.

✓		<p>Acceptable Boys Shoes: Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black Leather</li> <li>- Laced or Velcro</li> <li>- Upper foot protection</li> <li>- Non-slip sole</li> </ul>
✗		<p>Unacceptable Boys Shoes: Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Splashes of colour/white</li> <li>- Shoes must be totally black, including laces &amp; soles</li> <li>- Canvas uppers</li> </ul>
✓		<p>Acceptable Girls Shoes: Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black Leather</li> <li>- Laced or Velcro</li> <li>- Upper foot protection</li> <li>- Non-slip sole and heel</li> </ul>
✗		<p>Unacceptable Girls Shoes: Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The majority of the upper foot is unprotected</li> <li>- Smooth sole with little grip</li> <li>- No or 'token' heel</li> <li>- Thin / soft leather offering little protection</li> <li>- <b>NO</b> ballet flats or Mary-Janes</li> </ul>
✓		<p>Acceptable Sports Shoes: Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lace-ups / Velcro (<b>NO</b> slip-ons or dress shoes)</li> <li>- Covers whole of top of foot</li> <li>- Provides arch support and sole protection.</li> </ul>

***Students undertaking practical based subjects need to wear leather lace-up shoes that protect their feet against drops and spills. WH & S requirements may result in students who are not wearing shoes with sufficient protection being excluded from some practical / subject areas.***