



# Armidale Secondary College

## School Uniform Policy

### Purpose:

- To ensure all Armidale Secondary College students have the opportunity to wear an appropriate, affordable and safe uniform.
- To foster in Armidale Secondary College students a sense of belonging and pride in their school.

### Aims:

- To encourage all students to wear the school uniform
- To develop pride in the wearing of school uniform
- To further promote the image of the school in our community

### Rationale:

Armidale Secondary College will promote the wearing of a school uniform as it relates to the overall image and tone of the school and reflects the schools values of resilience, respect and responsibility. The wearing of a school uniform reflects our high community standards and expectations and ensures that the school is easily identifiable within the community. It contributes to our students' feeling of equality, belonging and pride in their school. Requirements of occupational health and safety and discrimination and equal opportunity legislation have been considered in the wearing of school uniform.

### Procedures and Standards:

- Our school uniform policy takes into account the diverse nature of our student population.
- The new school uniform was decided upon by the whole school community (students, parents and staff) and this policy has been developed within the local school community.
- It is the responsibility of the Principal to provide parents and carers with the school's uniform policy statement and uniform requirements.
- The student dress code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the newsletter and on the school website.
- It is the responsibility of the total school community to encourage and support the wearing of school uniform.
- The school uniform is available from selected retailers (Lowe's, Armidale Independent Sports and Mallee Bull clothing).
- Uniform requirements will be reviewed at least every five years and necessary changes made.
- Parents will be advised about ways they can access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items.
- Parents are encouraged to clearly label all uniform items with their child's name.

- Reminders relating to the wearing of uniform, particularly in relation to Work Health and Safety matters eg unsafe jewellery and inadequate footwear will be communicated regularly by the Principal in the school newsletter.
- The wearing of school uniform will be encouraged by positive reinforcement. The Principal and Staff should actively promote the wearing of school uniform. Positive comments and/or rewards should be made to individual students who support the school ethos, display pride in their school and represent it well.
- Responses to students who do not wear uniform will be fair and consistent. Students will not be prevented from participating in curriculum activities except where safety issues are involved.
- Stage assemblies to encourage uniform and identify lapses

**Strategies to be used if an individual student is out of uniform:**

- Student's name is recorded on Sentral and reminders issued verbally by CREW teacher.
- Providing advice to the parents by means of a phone call or letter from the CREW teacher and/or executive staff member.
- Inviting the parents to school to discuss the situation with Principal or another staff member
- Students are issued with correct items of clothing on loan for the day (if required).

**Outcomes:**

- All students wear school uniform proudly
- The school community is supportive of the uniform policy
- The school uniform enhances the school image

**References/Appendices:**

1. Department of Education School Uniform Policy (2004)
2. School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools Guidelines (2004)
3. NSW Work Health and Safety Act (2011)
4. Behaviour Code for Students (2015)