



# Armidale Secondary College

## School Uniform Process

### **Purpose:**

To ensure all Armidale Secondary College students have the opportunity to wear an appropriate, affordable and safe uniform.

To engender in Armidale Secondary College students, a sense of belonging and pride in their school.

### **Rationale:**

Armidale Secondary College is a uniform wearing school. The school will promote the wearing of a school uniform as it relates to the overall image and tone of the school and reflects the school's 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.
- It is the responsibility of the Principal to provide parents and carers with the school's uniform policy statement and uniform requirements.
- The 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. Former uniforms from Armidale High and Duval High are no longer permitted.
- The student dress code, including details of uniform items are published on the school website and on display in the school front office. The school uniform is available from selected retailers (Lowe's, Armidale Independent Sports and Mallee Bull clothing)
- Parents are advised that they can readily access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items.
- Uniform requirements will be reviewed at least every five years and necessary changes made.
- The wearing of school uniform will also be encouraged by positive reinforcement. The Principal and staff will actively promote the wearing of school uniform.
- 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.
- Responses to students who do not wear uniform will be fair and consistent.
- Stage assemblies to encourage uniform and identify lapses.

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

- Student name is recorded on Sentral and student will be sent to Stage Head Teacher or Deputy

- Stage team will contact home and request that the correct item be sent into the school, or a loan item will be issued.
- Loan item will be returned at the end of the day.
- Inviting the parents to school to discuss the situation with executive staff member if students continue to disregard the uniform requirements.

**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)