

Student Dress Code

Palmview State Secondary College has a well-defined Student Dress Code, which has been endorsed by the Interim Parents and Citizens Association (October 6, 2022). This Student Dress Code reflects the wider Palmview Learning Community standards and is agreed to by each student and their parent/carer at enrolment. The initial Student Dress Code was developed in consultation during Semester 2, 2022.

Wearing a school uniform is conducive to developing a positive College ethos. Just as many workplaces, clubs and sporting teams have uniform expectations and standards, so too does Palmview State Secondary College.

The Student Dress Code is advocated by the school community many reasons, including (but not limited to):






- It fosters mutual respect among students;
- It gives all students a sense of personal pride in their own appearance;
- It is economical and functional;
- It encourages identification with Palmview State Secondary College, and promotes a sense of belonging and connection to our broader Palmview Learning Community (PLC);
- There is a link between dress standards, school discipline and healthy school spirit;
- The safety of students is increased through ready identification of students and non-students at the College;
- It removes the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- It prepares students for the workforce where an employer may stipulate a uniform or dress code, and societal expectations about standards of dress for a range of specific occasions; and
- It reinforces the community values, expectations and perceptions of the College.

Parents/carers must support the accepted standard of dress by ensuring their student/s follow the Student Dress Code as detailed below. Unless otherwise stated, only items purchased from the school's uniform shop with Seaborne Clothing Manufacturers comply with the Student Dress Code of the College.




Dress Code Policy

- Students are expected to wear their College uniform (i.e. royal blue blouse or shirt and tailored navy skirt or shorts) each school day and when representing the College (e.g., excursions, evening events, parades, Anzac Day commemorations, etc).
- An activewear uniform option is available for students to wear on days where curriculum intent suggests such a need.
- Uniforms are to be worn as pictured. The Student Dress Code does not permit students to 'mix and match' the school uniform with activewear items (e.g., blouse with activewear shorts).
- Palmview State Secondary College's uniform is available for purchase from the online shop (<https://palmview.uniform.net.au/>); the shop is operated by Seaborne Clothing Manufacturers and clothing is available for pick up from the shops at each school within the Palmview Learning Community. Lookalike items are not permitted; this excludes socks, shoes and tights, which are purchased separately.
- The Student Dress Code does not include any other item of clothing or accessory unless explicitly referenced, including (but not limited to) visible undershirts, bandannas and beanies. The items not listed are not permitted to be worn at the College.





Student College uniform

College Blouse or Shirt	Royal blue shirt with navy cuff on sleeves and front pocket. Green and royal blue piping on cuff.	
College Skirt	Tailored navy skirt with permanent pleats. Available in two lengths.	
College Shorts	Tailored navy school shorts. (Available in two styles)	
College Hat or Cap	Royal blue Palmview Learning Community hat (reversible side to show PLC house colour) or royal blue school cap (image to come). These options are also worn with the activewear uniform.	
Shoes	Black, enclosed shoes.	See next page for permitted styles
Socks	Plain white socks or plain black socks to be worn, free from logos or brand names. Must be visible. Pairs to match in colour.	

Uniform for subjects and activities requiring activewear

Activewear Polo Shirt	Navy front and back panel with highlight yellow panels on both the front and back. Royal blue sleeves and side panels in line with other Palmview Learning Community schools' activewear shirts. Green piping on the collar and on the sleeve seams. Features PLC logo on back.	
Activewear Skort	Navy skorts with PLC logo on bottom righthand side near hem.	
Activewear Shorts	Navy microfibre shorts with PLC logo on right pant leg.	

Additional items for cooler weather

Fleece Jumper	Royal blue fleece jumper with front zip. PLC logo on left breast. This jumper may be worn with both the College uniform and activewear options.	
Spray Jacket	Royal blue microfibre jacket with front zip. PLC logo on left breast. This jacket may be worn with both the College uniform and activewear options. (Note: jacket lighter in colour than pictured)	
Tracksuit pants	Navy microfibre pants with Palmview Learning Community logo on right pant leg. Polycotton lining.	
Tights	Plain black tights or leggings are permitted to be worn under school shorts, skorts or skirt for additional warmth.	

Additional Student Dress Code Considerations

Footwear

- Students are required to wear fully black, fully enclosed, all-purposes shoes.
- Shoes need to come up high over the top of the foot and below the ankle (as per pictured examples below).
- Shoelaces must be black. No other designs are acceptable.
- Students may change into appropriate footwear for subjects where that curriculum intent suggests such a need.



Sun Safety

- All students must wear the College hat when outdoors for protection from the sun. Fashion beanies and/or bandannas are not a part of the school uniform.
- Headbands and other hair accessories must be blue, gold, green or black. Headbands are not to be excessive in width.
- While students are encouraged to wear sunglasses when they are outdoors, students are not permitted to wear sunglasses in indoor spaces. A close-fitting wraparound style that meets AS/NZS 1067 is recommended.
- Sunscreen (available for free from several locations within the College) should be worn when out in the sun for extended periods of time. This is particularly encouraged if students choose to wear the College cap option.

Jewellery

- The Student Dress Code for Palmview State Secondary College is designed to ready students for professional presentation and future employment.
- Students may choose to wear a watch.
- Students may choose to wear a small, singular pair of plain coloured, matching studs or sleepers in their ears. The diameter of sleepers should be smaller than 10mm.
- Students may choose to have one small discrete flat nose stud. Septum piercings are not acceptable at school.
- Students with other facial piercings are required to wear clear retainers.
- Students may choose to wear a single discrete ring on one finger.
- Any visible jewellery, other than a watch, is not permitted to be worn around the wrist. This does not include medical bracelets or approved charity bands.
- Any visible jewellery (i.e. bracelets and necklaces) is not permitted to be worn on wrists, ankles or neck.
- NOTE: For certain activities and to address safety, students may be directed by staff to remove jewellery. Students should remember that, as per any valuable item, expensive jewellery worn to the College is their responsibility.

Additional Student Dress Code Considerations continued

Personal Grooming

- Students attending Palmview State Secondary College must be clean and well-groomed at all times.
- Students are required to tie back long hair for practical activities to meet Workplace Health and Safety requirements.
- Hairstyles and colours should be natural, as appropriate for the workplace.
- Students who need to wear specific headwear as a part of religious observance or for medical reasons will be supported through leadership conversations. College colours for these items are encouraged.
- A light foundation or tinted moisturiser is acceptable. Excessive make up (including heavy eye make-up or bright lip colours) will be required to be removed if worn.
- Clear or pale pink nail polish only is permitted at the College. Nails, including false nails or fillers, are to be natural length.
- All students will be in the correct College uniform at all times.

Support for students & families

- Families are encouraged to discuss circumstances that present barriers to meet the Student Dress Code expectations with a member of the College's leadership team.
- All students who arrive at school in incorrect uniform or clothing contrary to the Student Dress Code will be provided with the correct item of clothing to change into for the day, using an exchange borrowing system. Parents/carers of students presenting without a note will be contacted to raise awareness and seek support to meet the Student Dress Code.
- For students who have been issued an exchange item of clothing, the student's own article of clothing will be stored until the exchange article is returned at the close of the school day.

Dress Standard for All

- Inappropriate dress must not be worn to school at any time. 'Inappropriate' is defined as clothing or apparel that is, or could be deemed to be:
 - offensive due to being revealing or containing inappropriate images, logos or wording
 - likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal operation of the College
 - unsafe for self or others
 - likely to result in risk to the health of self or others
 - unacceptable writing or skin markings, including temporary tattoos or permanent / whiteboard marker

Casual Dress Day

On specified days, students may be permitted or invited to wear casual dress as part of a fundraising effort for charities. On these occasions, students need to wear appropriate, modest clothing (see 'Dress Standards for All' above). The usual safety regulations regarding the wearing of closed-in shoes and approved jewellery also apply on casual dress days, as do expectations regarding make up. In instances of non-compliance, parents will be contacted, and students may be removed from the activity until compliance is achieved.

Disclaimer: The policies and procedures of Palmview State Secondary College may be subject to change throughout the year. Any changes will be notified to parents and carers through a range of communication channels, including the College website, social media and email notifications. Students will be advised through student notices, emails and student parades.