Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the college community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this uniform dress code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our college
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our college environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

Implementation:

- In consultation with the College community, the College Council endorses the Koonung regulation uniform as its dress code. This provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied college activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The uniform code applies during college hours, while travelling to and from college, and when students are on college excursions.
- Year 12 students may wear the approved year 12 jumper/jacket as an alternative to the college blazer in terms 2-4, embroidered with appropriate names for each Year 12 student, as approved by the Uniform Committee.
- Sport uniform:
  a) to be worn at every PE and Sport Education class
  b) students in Years 7 & 8 may wear the college’s regulation sport uniform on the Sport Education designated day in place of the academic uniform, and the sport uniform may be worn to and from school on these days
  c) When students participate in PE class in period 4, the students may wear the sport uniform home from the college
  d) Koonung sport caps are compulsory items to be worn for PE and Sport Education classes, in Terms 1 & 4
  e) Mouth guards: The purchase and wearing of mouth guards for PE and Sport is strongly recommended. Students should have these with them at all times when scheduled to participate in these activities

- Koonung regulation summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn. Note that the prescribed summer uniform is required to be worn from the start of the college year until the end of term 1, and for term 4. Winter uniform is to be worn for terms 3 & 4. VARIATIONS: There will be a two week changeover period at the beginning of Terms 2 and 4 to allow for weather variations
- Koonung blue blazer must be worn to and from school, as well as period 1, as the outer garment, except for days when the forecast temperature is 28 degrees or over
- The college regulation spray jacket may be worn for Physical Education and Sport Education or for outside use only.

- Aprons, provided by the Science Domain, are required to be worn in Year 7 to 9 Science classes when practical sessions are undertaken for safety requirements
• Senior Science students are required to purchase their own lab coat
• In Food & Health classes all students are required to purchase and wear the regulation black chef’s cap, and wear the aprons provided for health and safety requirements when completing practical classes
• Students are expected to keep a neat and tidy appearance at all times
• Two studs or sleepers per head, plus a watch worn on the wrist, are the only acceptable items of jewellery.
• Hair style and colour is to be unremarkable (extreme hair colours, e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses, and/or extreme hairstyles, e.g.: spikes or Mohawks, are not permitted)
• Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• The College regulation dress code, including details of uniform items, will be published on the college web page. The College Council requires the college staff be responsible for the implementation of the uniform dress code in a manner consistent with the college rules its students.
• Families experiencing economic hardship are asked to contact the business manager in regards to financial support with Uniform.

**Uniform breaches:**

The college aims to resolve conflicting interests to:

• Maintain the standards expected by our wider school Community
• Be fair and reasonable in the expectations and the enforcement of the uniform policy
• Ensure safety in the classroom-e.g. Sport Education, Physical Education classes, Woodwork, Food and Health, and Science
• Offer an opportunity to redeem the behaviour – i.e. of students not agreeing to the wearing of the appropriate prescribed college uniform

Depending on the severity, consequences range from counselling and detention, loss of privileges including leadership positions and attending excursions and incursions, and suspension.

The College Council requires

The Principal team and all teaching staff to be responsible for implementation of the college prescribed dress code in a manner consistent with the college rules. The sub school managers and coordinators, in addition to the principal team, will enforce the consequences for any breach of the uniform policy.

**Consequences for breaches:**

• Students who are unable to be in complete uniform on any given day must bring a note to their appropriate sub school Administrator explaining the reason for this. Students should bring their diary to record the uniform pass and these should be obtained prior to their first scheduled class for the school day. There is also provision online for notes to be recorded by parents/ carers
• If there is an ongoing uniform breach, the college will offer a 1 week period in which the parent/ carer is required to provide the required uniform item/s
• If no approval for being out of uniform is provided, students will be allowed two warnings. If there is a third offence, the student will be required to attend an
afterschool detention. Repeated failure to attend after school detentions will result in other consequences such as Saturday detentions and suspension.

- If students attend school dressed inappropriately, parents and carers will be contacted and students may be required to remain at home until the dress code is adhered to. E.g. if hair is considered ‘extreme’ students will be asked to return home until the hair is considered ‘unremarkable’
- If uniform items are not able to be provided by the student, alternative uniform may be given from the sub school administrators. Some items, such as school ties, may be provided on loan from the Sub school team on a temporary basis
- If there is a need for support due to financial reasons, the wellbeing team may provide uniform items on a loan basis
- If extra earrings/studs are worn, these will be removed and confiscated. Other items of jewellery will also be confiscated. Parents will be required to collect the confiscated items from the college reception
- Students will be asked to remove coloured nail polish at the sub school offices prior to the school day

In regards to breaches of the regulation college sport uniform the Sport Education and Physical Education staff enforce a 3 strike policy

- Students are not able to participate in Sport Education or Physical Education classes without the Physical Education/Sport Education uniform.
- Students require a note from their parent/guardian if their child is unable to participate in the PE/Sport Education activity
- A student without parental/guardian’s permission to not have the PE/Sport Education uniform will be required to complete the ‘out of uniform’ sheet
- A Student will fail the practical component of the subject if they are out of Physical Education/Sport uniform four times or more for a semester without a note from home or they do not provide a medical certificate. After their 3rd time out of uniform, the child’s parent/guardian will be informed by letter that if they fail to wear their uniform again, that their child will fail the practical component of the subject.