

Policy and Dress Code Agreement

POLICY STATEMENT

All student enrolled at Palmerston College are required to adhere to the College's Uniform Policy and Dress Code. All students and parents are required to complete and sign a College Uniform Policy and Dress Code Agreement.

The College Uniform

The Palmerston College polo shirt with any black shorts, pants or skirts.

DRESS CODE

Footwear

In addition to adhering to the College Uniform Policy, the College's Dress Code requires that all students wear footwear appropriate for the range of learning activities in which they will participate. Specifically, all students enrolled in courses in Science, Home Economics, Art, Technical Studies and Physical Education will be required to wear covered footwear – in compliance with work, health and safety (WHS) requirements – to be able to participate in these courses/classes.

Shorts, Pants and Skirts

Plain black shorts, skirts, slacks or pants worn as part of the College uniform must be appropriately modest. Shorts and skirts must be an appropriate length and reach about half way down the thigh.

Student Leadership Uniforms

From time to time the College Council will approve College uniforms variations to mark particular occasions or College roles such as a student leadership or Year 12 uniform.

Academy uniforms

Palmerston Girls Academy and Clontarf Foundation will not have a different uniform. Academy shirts are only to be worn when representing the Academy outside of college hours. During college all students will wear the Palmerston College uniform.

Jewellery and Accessories

Watches, flat rings, ear studs or sleepers, and neck chains are acceptable for College-wear. The wearing of other jewellery, such as decorative 'dangly' earrings, heavy/large pendants, and body jewellery is discouraged.

Makeup

Students wearing makeup when attending College should do so with the appropriate degree of modesty. Excessive makeup is not permitted.

After Hours

Our uniforms are for wearing at College. If worn outside of College hours in public it is expected that Palmerston College students to behave in a respectful, honest way so that Palmerston College will be proud to have you identified as members of our College. Any issues raised regarding student behavior outside of College hours will be passed onto parents and/or carer.

Specific exclusions which do not meet the college dress code

- Thongs, 'slides', masseur thongs and other similar casual footwear
- Spikey/sharp and other potentially dangerous jewellery items
- Untidy or ripped clothing, and uniform garments bearing graffiti
- Short shorts, skirts, or 'minis', which are deemed not to meet the Uniform Policy and Dress code

Breaches of the College Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Students who present at College attired in a manner which breaches the College's policy will, in the first instance, be reprimanded.

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In the second instance their parents and/or carers will be contacted and the policy will be revisited with the student and their parents and/or carers.

On the third occasion the student will be sent to an Assistant Principal, at which time one of two options will be presented:

1. The student returns home to re-dress suitably so as to conform with the Uniform Policy and Dress Code
2. The parent or carer agrees to deliver appropriate apparel to the College for the student

Students wearing jewellery, accessories or makeup which contravene the Dress Code will be required to remove such items from their person.

A student who presents to College without the Palmerston College shirt will be required to borrow a college shirt for the day, by handing over their own shirt in exchange. Shirts are then swapped at the end of the day over their own shirt in exchange. Shirts are then swapped at the end of the day.

Special or Extenuating Circumstances

Parents/guardians are invited to make an appointment with the Heads of Campus or College Principal should they wish to discuss any special or extenuating circumstances which they believe may prevent a student from temporarily complying with the College Uniform Policy and Dress Code. However, there is no presumption that any situation, or set of circumstances, will result in any temporary exemption.

I have read the **College Uniform Policy and Dress Code** document and agree to abide by the standards set out in the Code while enrolled at Palmerston College.

Student name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Guardian/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Variations

Palmerston College reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time.



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