



## Uniform Guidelines

***We expect the Northcote College uniform will be worn correctly and with pride.***

School uniforms are a great way to distinguish students and instill a sense of community and pride in our school. These guidelines have been reviewed after consultation with students, staff, the community, and alongside the [New Zealand Human Rights Commission School Uniform Guidelines](#). Please contact your year level dean if you have concerns about meeting these expectations.

### **School Uniform Years 9-12**

The Northcote College uniform is worn by students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Correct uniform is to be worn at school, to and from school, and at all school functions.

All uniforms must be tidy, clean and in good repair.

Parents and students may select from the list of Northcote College items below. No other items, including sports team uniform, may be worn with the school uniform. *Uniform items are available from Yarnton's, Birkenhead.*

Short or long sleeve shirt (tailored or plain style)	Navy wool V-neck jersey
Navy school jacket with hood	Navy fleece
Navy Trousers (straight or tailored leg)	Navy skirt - long or short style
Navy shorts	Navy sarong/tupenu/lava lava
Black shoes (refer below)	Black socks or Black opaque tights
Black belt	Plain navy cap or bucket hat
Items of cultural or religious significance (e.g. hijab, tā moko, ie faitaga)	School beanie

### **Student Appearance**

- Facial hair is to be neatly trimmed.
- T-shirts worn under uniforms are not to be visible.
- Skirt lengths are to be modest.

### **Hairstyles**

- The expectation is that hair styles and colour are not extreme.
- Long hair must be tied up for Health & Safety reasons in a workshop or laboratory and when wearing the No. 1 uniform.
- Plain navy blue or black headbands may be worn.

### **Jewelry and Nail Polish**

- Students are permitted
  - a watch
  - two small earrings per ear. If hoops, you must not be able to fit more than your little finger through
  - one small nose stud (no other facial piercing is permitted)
- One fine necklace may be worn, with or without a small pendant.
- Nail polish colour must not be extreme.

## Footwear

- Plain black (no colour), low heeled, low cut, shoes are required with uniform. No boots, or sports boots are to be worn. Note: plain black socks or black stockings must be worn with black shoes.
- Students may wear plain black flat sandals with a back strap, without socks. Black double strap Birkenstock-type sandals (with or without a back strap) may be worn. Shoes with a full heel and toe must be worn in any laboratory or workshop.

## Sports Uniform

- Physical Education - a change of clothes must be worn for all P.E. classes. The PE uniform is to be worn by all students Year 9 to 12. Shorts and a T-shirt suitable for the purpose must be worn by Year 13 students participating in PE (refer to Year 13 dress code).
- Students playing sport for Northcote College will wear complete and correct sports uniform.

**Formal Dress Uniform** (aka No. 1 Uniform – to be worn when representing the school at formal events/occasions)

School blazer

School tie

White shirt with a collar to take a tie (buttoned to the neck)

Navy blue school skirt, or Navy Sarong/Tupenu/Lava lava, or black dress trousers

Black socks or black opaque tights

Black leather dress shoes (clean and polished)

## Year 13 Dress Code:

Presentation will be tidy, clean, work-place appropriate, and show respect for other people's values.

- i) Suitable footwear must be worn. Footwear must have a back strap (i.e. no jandals or slip on footwear).
- ii) Facial hair is to be neatly trimmed.
- iii) Hairstyles and hair colour must not be extreme. For safety reasons long hair must be tied up in a workshop or laboratory and wearing the No.1 uniform.
- iv) One small nose stud (no other facial piercing is permitted).
- v) Make-up, nail polish and jewellery should be minimal.

## REVIEW

The policy will be reviewed annually.

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Presiding Member

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