Ryde Secondary College Uniform

We are all aware that that general public judge a school (whether rightly or not) very much on its appearance. To ensure that students receive positive support within the community, our College has chosen a uniform which is striking, dignified and practical.

Our College is in the public gaze, with our students being seen as representatives of this college.

The approach our students use in wearing our uniform is also a potential source of community support. When students wear their shirts tucked in, buttons done up and skirts at the appropriate length, the community perception is enhanced.

As such, each student must be prepared to accept responsibility of meeting the College standards in uniform, appearance and general behaviour.

Your support of this policy is appreciated.

The wearing of uniform is supported by the P&C and is compulsory at Ryde Secondary College. The correct College Uniform is ONLY available from Lowes at Top Ryde City.

If you are out of uniform, you must bring a note from home stating the reason why your uniform is not being worn and show this note to the Deputy Principal before 8.35 am. If no reason is given, you will receive a detention, or your parents may be contacted and you may be sent home to change into the correct uniform. In a recent survey of parents, most supported this course of action.

You may be requested to leave your non-uniform items with the administration staff and wear a college uniform item to comply with this policy. You may apply to have your non-uniform items returned when you return to school the next day wearing full school uniform.

**Junior Boys**
- Grey serge trousers (Standex brand)
- Blue tailored shorts (Terms one and four only)
- Sky blue short sleeve (deluxe) shirt with College crest - tucked in at all times
- Grey ankle-length socks with the trousers
- White ankle-length socks with the shorts

**Senior Boys**
- Grey serge trousers (Standex brand)
- Blue tailored shorts (Terms one and four only)
- White short sleeve (deluxe) shirt (no College logo) - tucked in at all times
- Woven College tie
- Grey ankle-length socks with the trousers
- White ankle-length socks with the shorts
- Senior blazer navy serge with College crest

**Junior Girls**
- Pleated check skirt OR girls serge navy tailored trousers (optional winter ONLY)
- Special over blouse Sky Blue with trim
- Plain white ankle-length socks (no coloured bands or logos) or panty hose (natural colour or black)
Senior Girls
Pleated check skirt OR girls serge navy tailored trousers (optional winter)
Special club fabric over blouse white with trim
Scarf (College design)
Plain white ankle-length socks (no coloured bands or logos) or panty hose (natural colour or black)
Senior blazer navy serge with College crest

All Boys and Girls
Navy woollen jumper or cardigan with College crest
Black lace-up leather shoes
Jewellery minimal
College scarves to be navy with College crest

All Boys and Girls Sport/PE
Navy shorts with RSC and College Crest
Sky blue and navy blue polo shirt with RSC collar and College crest
Joggers or sandshoes with white socks
Navy blue tracksuit with sky blue panel style jacket in College colours with RSC and College crest

Shoes
All students must wear shoes with solid leather uppers in all practical lessons. This includes Science lessons as well as those in the Technology area. This safety procedure must be strictly followed and is a legal requirement of the Department of Education & Community for the protection of your feet. Joggers and similar footwear are only acceptable in PE and Sport periods.

UNIFORM:
PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Technology mandatory
In Year 7 & 8, all students, both boys and girls, undertake similar work, spending time in the technology classrooms (kitchens, textiles rooms, timber workshop and drawing rooms. You will need to meet the following requirements for uniform and equipment, in order to participate in the lesson.

For safety requirements, when using practical rooms you must wear:-
1. Protective clothing: an overall or bib-and-brace type apron. (In keeping with hygiene requirements, the overall or apron must be clean when worn in the kitchen).
2. Sturdy closed toe leather shoes.
3. Eye-protection when using machines. (This is provided)
4. Shoes with solid soles and firm uppers are needed for practical lessons.
5. Long hair is to be tied back
You are also required, for each lesson in the kitchen, to provide an apron and plastic container.
Visual Arts
You will need a pencil eraser, a pencil sharpener and a ruler. Students are to wear an old shirt (preferably with wrists elasticised), in Art lessons to protect their uniforms.

Jewellery
A positive image of the College is achieved when students wear our uniform with pride. This extends to wearing jewellery, which contributes to a dignified image of our students.

Acceptable jewellery is:
- Studs or sleepers in ears
- ONE fine chain if worn under uniform
- ONE non decorative ring

FOR SAFETY REASONS, YOU MUST NOT WEAR JEWELLERY WHATSOEVER DURING PDHPE LESSONS OR SPORT

Ryde Secondary College Parents Support the Uniform
Ryde Secondary College has the full support of our P & C Association regarding the wearing of the College uniform. Below is an extract from a letter that was received from the P & C Association:

“We believe the proper wearing of the uniform by all students is important for College presentation, community image, and for the students to develop pride in their College and in themselves. It shows they are proud to belong and to be part of the College.

Recent surveys of parents showed overwhelming support for the wearing of a College uniform. Therefore, it is the policy of our Association that Ryde Secondary College has a uniform and this uniform be worn by all students. Recently we have assisted the College in clarifying some ambiguities relating to certain items in the uniform, so as to avoid any misunderstanding.

We request that the College works in conjunction with our Association and that you enforce the proper wearing of the uniform and appropriately discipline students who do not wear the College uniform”.

The members of our Association voted unanimously to issue this letter to the College.
This policy was reiterated again in a motion passed on Feb 15 2017 by the Association:
“Ryde Secondary College Parents and Citizens Association endorses the School’s Uniform policy and encourages parents and carers to reinforce the correct wearing of the uniform.”

PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO LABEL CLEARLY ALL ITEMS OF COLLEGE WEAR AND EQUIPMENT