

UNIFORM POLICY

Rossbourne School is an independent secondary school with high expectations of its students.

We expect that our students wear their school uniform with pride and that parents encourage and support their child to comply with the Rossbourne School uniform policy.

Rossbourne embraces human diversity. Students can wear the Rossbourne uniform, consistent with their gender identity.

Wearing the uniform eliminates peer pressure associated with school dress, freeing students to express themselves through their character, behaviour and other personal qualities. This contributes to creating a positive learning environment. Furthermore, the uniform standards prepare students for adhering to workplace safety requirements and impart skills related to maintaining professional dress in the workplace environment.

Students should be mindful that while in school uniform they are the public face of the School and should dress and behave accordingly. Compulsory uniform items are listed below.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4 of each school year.

Boys

- School Blazer
- Short sleeve white school shirt with Rossbourne logo
- Grey school shorts
- Grey school socks
- Black leather shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper

Girls

- School Blazer
- Blue, yellow and white chequered Rossbourne dress
- White school socks
- Black leather shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper
- Navy, white or yellow hair ties and scrunchies

Alternatively girls can wear

- School Blazer
- Short sleeve white school shirt with Rossbourne Logo
- Grey school shorts
- White school socks
- Black school shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2 and Term 3 of each school year.

Boys

- Rossbourne Blazer
- Long sleeve white school shirt
- Navy and yellow Rossbourne tie
- Grey school trousers
- Grey school socks
- Black leather shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper

Girls

- Rossbourne Blazer
- Long sleeve white school shirt
- Navy and yellow Rossbourne tie
- Blue, yellow and white chequered Rossbourne skirt
- Navy stockings or Navy school socks
- Black school shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper
- Navy, white or yellow hair ties and scrunchies

Alternatively girls can wear

- Rossbourne Blazer
- Long sleeve white school shirt
- Navy and yellow Rossbourne tie
- Grey school trousers
- Grey school socks
- Black leather shoes, **not black leather runners**
- Blue Rossbourne jumper
- Navy, white or yellow hair ties and scrunchies

Sport Uniform

Students may wear sports uniform to and from school if they have a whole school sports carnival, for example: swimming, athletics, walkathon.

Boys/Girls

- Short sleeve polo with Rossbourne logo
- Blue shorts with Rossbourne logo
- Blue track pants with "Rossbourne" down left leg
- Polar fleece jacket with Rossbourne logo
- Navy and yellow Ruby top
- Navy soft shell jacket
- White sport socks
- Appropriate Sport shoe

Students who have a physical education (P.E) class, must wear school uniform to and from school. They will change into their sport uniform at the break immediately preceding the P.E class, and back into their school uniform at the break immediately after the P.E class.

Blazers, Jumpers and Spray Jackets

Blazers are an integral part of the school uniform and the school's identity. They are to be worn to and from school throughout the year, unless the weather has surpassed 28°C when departing from school. Blazers can be removed once at school and left in the classroom. Blazers must be worn on school excursions unless the warm weather threshold has been met.

Rossbourne soft shell jackets do not replace the school blazer.

The navy Rossbourne school jumper can be worn throughout the year. This is not an alternative for the school blazer, which must be worn to and from school.

Personal Grooming

Unobtrusive jewellery and a watch may be worn.

Small sleepers or small unobtrusive studs are permitted.

Minimal make-up and clear nail polish may be worn.

Students are permitted to dye their hair providing it remains a natural colour and not extreme contrasting colours.

Where make up or jewellery is considered not appropriate for school, students will be addressed on an individual basis.

Students in uniform are expected to be clean-shaven.

Shoes

Students are to wear all black leather school shoes with a defined low heel (no boots). Black leather runners are not permitted. These styles comply with the OHS safety requirements to access all learning spaces within the school.

Hats, scarves, gloves and beanies

Rossbourne School strongly recommends wearing appropriate, sunsmart headwear. Students have the choice of the Bucket hat or Sports cap. All hats must be the Rossbourne school hats. No external logos or sport teams are allowed. Caps must be worn with the brim facing the front, covering the face, and are not to be worn inside during class time.

During the colder months, students are permitted to wear plain navy scarves, gloves and beanies, as these match the school colours. Scarves or beanies that represent sporting teams or have large logos are not permitted.

Uniform Supplies

Bob Stewart is Rossbourne's uniform supplier. Their store is located at 203-207 High Street Kew, (03) 9853 8429, www.bobstewart.com.au. Parents can shop in person or online. Bob Stewart recognises that some of our students have sensory issues and will endeavour to offer alternative fabrics where possible. Please speak to Bob Stewart staff with any concerns.

Second Hand Uniforms

Rossbourne Parents Association holds a Second Hand uniform sale, at school, at the end of each term. Donated items are costed at 50% of retail prices. Donations of clean, gently worn uniform items are greatly appreciated. Blazers are sold on consignment. For further information or stock availability please email rpauniforms@gmail.com

Casual dress days

There will be a limited number of approved casual dress days throughout the year. Students and parents will be notified in advance. On these days a range of styles of clothing of individual choice may be worn, provided they are neat and appropriate for school.

Examples of inappropriate items include singlets of any type, low cut tops, strapless/thin strapped tops and students are not to wear thongs, sandals or other unsafe footwear.

Exemptions

Should there be medical reasons why a student cannot wear a particular item of uniform, families are required to provide a medical note specifying the reason for and duration of the requested exemption. Dependent on the item, appropriate clothing in school colours must still be worn. A note will be placed on the student's record detailing the reason for the exemption.

Students Attending TAFE

Students who attend TAFE during school time will be permitted to wear casual clothes to and from TAFE under the following stipulations:

Students who attend TAFE in the morning:

- Attend TAFE in casual clothes
- Upon returning to Rossbourne in the afternoon, change into full school uniform

Students who attend TAFE in the afternoon:

- Arrive at Rossbourne in full school uniform
- Change into casual clothes prior to departing Rossbourne for TAFE

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