

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform defines who we are. Students who are proud of their school, wear full uniform at all times. It follows then, that it should always be worn complete and in a way that reflects credit both on the school and on the wearer. Personal cleanliness and tidiness and a high standard of appearance and grooming are automatically expected of students of Thames High School.

PURPOSE:

1. To encourage personal cleanliness and tidiness.
2. To foster pride in appearance in a way that reflects well both on the school and on the student.
3. To clarify school expectations with regard to school uniform.
4. To clarify the standards of appearance and grooming required of students.

GUIDELINES:

1. The uniform is to be worn as specified in the prospectus so that the student appears neat, tidy and clean.
2. Standards of appearance need to be appropriate to the wearing of a school uniform. Appearance should not be offensive, extreme or outrageous. In particular these guidelines apply to:
 - a) Facial hair – boys are required to be clean shaven
 - b) Make-up
 - c) Hair style and colour – long hair must be tied back
 - d) Jewellery – one stud in each ear is permitted. Students may apply for a taonga pass, which permits the wearing of a taonga under the conditions outlined in the application form
 - e) Visible piercings are not permitted, except as in d) above
 - f) Tattoos
 - g) Cleanliness and personal hygiene
3. When a student is in uniform, complete uniform must be worn at all times, including travelling to and from school. No non-uniform items should be worn when in uniform.
4. Students who are temporarily unable to wear correct uniform items must bring a note from their parent/caregiver which presents a reasonable explanation and obtain a uniform pass.
5. All articles of clothing should be clearly marked in a fashion that is difficult to remove. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged uniform.
6. Any student who experiences difficulty obtaining uniform items should discuss the matter with the appropriate member of the guidance network.
7. Any matter related to dress or appearance not specifically covered by the uniform regulations and above guidelines is to be as directed by the principal. Any student who needs any long term exemption must have a signed doctor's certificate.
8. The school dress uniform is to be worn on occasions such as senior prizegiving and when representing the school as directed by the teacher in charge.
9. Where students wear non-uniform items of clothing at school, these may be confiscated and may be returned to the students after 5 school days. A non-uniform item of clothing may be returned earlier than the 5 school days only if it is personally collected from the deputy principal by the parent/caregiver. The school accepts no responsibility for non-uniform items of clothing that are lost, stolen or damaged while at school. Students bring such items to school at their own risk.