

17 December 2021

Dear Parents

RE: Standard of uniform in school

Uniform is an important part of life in a school. Students wearing the correct uniform has significant benefits within a school, most importantly it impacts positively on behaviour for learning. Over the last few weeks, I have had increasing concerns about the uniform standards of some students. I know there have been challenges with COVID, however after being back in school a term, all students are expected to have full and correct uniform. This is a non-negotiable part of coming to Lees Brook.

The dress code policy hasn't changed for a few years, however some students are still not conforming to it. The main issues are trainers instead of formal school shoes, hoodies/jumpers instead of blazers, not wearing a tie and jewellery (rings and bracelets). Shirts must also be tucked in at all times and headphones are not allowed to be worn in the building.

Piercings in particular are a concern, earrings must only be plain studs. Nose studs, tongue piercings, belly button and facial piercings are not allowed under any circumstances. Please be aware that false eyelashes and false nails (longer than normal nail length) are also not allowed, any nail varnish must be a neutral colour.

Currently any item that shouldn't be worn is confiscated. If students regularly have items confiscated, parents will be required to come into school to collect these items. You will be notified if this becomes the case.

All students must wear their blazer into school every day. Year 11 students have exams until July 2022, they will need a blazer for the next seven months in school. Students are expected to wear their blazer at all times and must ask the teacher's permission to take it off in the classroom.

From January, there will be a no coats rule in the building. Students must remove their outside jacket as they come into the school building. The school is very warm, there are no concerns about being cold in school.

Students will return to school on Wednesday 12th January, we will have a staggered start on this day, return times will be as follows:

Year 7:	8.40am
Year 11:	9.00am
Year 8:	9.30am
Year 10:	10.15am
Year 9:	10.30am

As students return into school, they will all have their uniform checked. Any student who is not conforming to the school uniform will be asked to go home and correct their uniform before returning to school. You will be informed if this is happening, however this letter ensures that parents have adequate notice to address any dress code issues for their child to prevent this from happening.

If there is a financial concern with getting the correct uniform for your child, please ring and discuss this with your Year leader as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support with this. I am sure you will agree that ensuring high standards are maintained in school will benefit everyone within it.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'ZL House'.

Zoe House, Principal
Lees Brook Community School