SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

Ruyton Girls' School is committed to maintaining a positive and respectful learning environment. Our Senior School Uniform Guidelines ensures equality among students, promotes school pride, and minimises distractions. This policy applies to all senior school students unless specific exemptions are granted.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

A trans seasonal approach to uniform is designed to promote dressing for comfort and functionality. While we continue to have winter and summer uniforms, on some days the weather conditions do not reflect the season, and it is not practical or comfortable for students to wear the seasonal uniform on such occasions. A trans seasonal approach provides greater flexibility in catering for individual student needs, while also providing choice. Please note that the trans seasonal approach does not permit mixing items of the winter, summer and/or PE uniforms. Please refer to the Uniform List HERE available at Bob Stewart.

When students are taking part in excursions or formal occasions, families will be advised which uniform is required to be worn on the day (included in Consent2Go for excursions). Students must wear the designated school uniform as outlined below:

Academic Uniform

Academic Uniform (Blazer as outer garment)

- Uniform 1 summer dress and blazer with crested jumper optional under blazer (knee high or short white socks must be worn)
- Uniform 2 tailored shorts, white shirt and blazer with crested jumper optional under blazer (knee high or short white socks must be worn)
- Uniform 3 tailored pants, white shirt and blazer with crested jumper optional under blazer (navy socks to be worn).
- Uniform 4 winter skirt, white shirt and blazer with crested jumper optional under blazer (navy knee high socks or navy tights must be worn)

Please note:

- the short-sleeved white shirt is designed to be worn out, and if a jumper is worn over the top, the shirt must not be seen underneath the jumper.
- The long-sleeved white shirt must be tucked in at all times, with or without a jumper or blazer.

Unless specified, all four options may be worn without a jumper or blazer.

Please note:

- from 2025 the yellow school shirt is no longer permitted as part of the school uniform.
- the Polar Fleece Sports Vest is NOT to be worn at any time with the academic uniform.

PE Uniform – the official Ruyton PE Uniform consists of:

- Sports shorts with emblem
- Trackpants with emblem
- Team Polo
- House Polo
- Summer Training Top
- Winter Training Top
- Sports Skort with emblem
- Ruyton Hoodie
- Ruyton Softshell Jacket
- Ruyton Polar fleece vest
- White socks
- Ruyton hat or Ruyton cap

The Ruyton PE Uniform may be worn on days when a student has a timetabled PE class on that day, GSV Carnival event or CCA activities or lessons involving practical elements eg Dance Classes.

Students who have before school training and no PE on the day are to change into Academic Uniform before Period 1.

Please note that the following items of clothing are **NOT** considered part of the PE Uniform and are only to be worn for **sport specific sessions** – as detailed in the Bob Stewart Uniform List

- Bike Shorts / Compression Shorts
- Athletic Singlet
- Compression Leggings
- Rowing Suit
- School scarf

Shoes – As of the start of 2025 school shoes are to be black. Shoes must be either plain leather lace up school shoes or T-bar shoes and are to be kept clean and in good repair. No platform shoes or ballet flats.

Uniform Expectations – all senior school students are required to adhere to the following:

- Uniforms are to be clean, neat and in good condition
- Summer Dress and Winter Skirt to maintain a professional and respectful appearance, the dress and skirt length should be just above or on the knee length. Short hemlines are not in line with the school's uniform standards and are not permitted.
- Hair should be neat, of a natural colour and tied up once it is at shoulder length or longer (not half in half out)
- Earrings a maximum of one small stud (gold, silver or pearl) or matching small hoops (5mm) in each lower earlobe
- Necklaces and rings are also not permitted
- Makeup must be minimal and natural looking
- Nails are to be neatly trimmed with no bright or artificial colours

Special Considerations

- Students with medical or religious reasons requiring uniform modifications must submit a request in writing to the Head of Senior School
- On designated non-uniform or themed dress days, students must follow guidelines outlined by the School

Enforcement and Review

Responsibility of Staff - Teachers and School Staff are responsible for enforcing the School Uniform Guidelines with all students. The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains appropriate and inclusive for all students. For any uniform-related enquiries or exemptions, please contact the Senior School Office.

Responsibility of Students – Students who attend Ruyton Girls' School accept, on enrolment, the responsibility of wearing the school uniform in line with the School Uniform Guidelines.

Responsibility of Parents/Guardians – Parents/Guardians are expected to support and implement the School Uniform Guidelines of Ruyton Girls' School. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure their child is equipped with the correct school uniform and to support the School by ensuring their child wears the uniform correctly and with pride. Any uniform enquiries should be directed to the Head of Senior School.

Uniform Breaches

In the first and second instance:

When a student is in incorrect uniform, the student's name will be recorded. An email will then be sent to the following people advising them of the infringement:

- The student
- The student's Mentor
- The student's Wellbeing Leader

Subsequent Breaches

Once a student has been found to be in incorrect uniform on more than 3 occasions, an email will be sent informing the student of a requirement to complete a service session either at lunchtime or after school. This will be determined by the Wellbeing Support Leader and Mentor. An email will also be sent to the student's parents to inform them of the infringements.

Further Infringements

If further infringements occur, parents will be required to attend a meeting to discuss extra measures that may need to be put in place.