



Camden High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to clarify a few issues in regard to uniform and to request your support in the wearing of it.

Please find attached a copy of Camden High School's uniform policy. Since the beginning of 2006 we have seen the standard of uniform lift dramatically and, as a resultant effect, a positive community perception of the dress standards of our students.

Our school uniform policy and dress code emphasises affordable, attractive and practical clothing which is worn appropriately by all students.

Of great concern this year is the choice of shoes worn by students, in particular the ballet slipper shoe worn by some female students and the canvas slip-on ie. Rabens and Volleys.

It is important that all students wear the correct items of uniform, wear the uniform without coloured undershirts or longer shirts with bands and wear **black leather school shoes or skate shoes**. Lighter shoes leaving feet exposed neither provide protection nor support for students. The non leather, canvas slip-on or ballet slipper footwear is of great concern from an occupational health and safety perspective and **cannot** be worn in practical classes.

From the commencement of the 2009 school year, staff will be diligently checking uniform daily and referring issues to their Head Teacher. Failure to follow uniform procedures without reasonable explanation will be noted and referred to Senior Executive for follow up.

There will be an expectation that students commence the year wearing uniform neatly and appropriately and I trust that I have your support in this matter.

If there are issues preventing students from obtaining correct uniform the school may be able to assist. Please contact Mrs Gail McBride on 4655 9191 to discuss the school assistance scheme.

The majority of students do wear the uniform correctly and with pride and I thank both the students and parents for this. It is a minority of students who are out of uniform. It is a reality that the school's reputation is a reflection of each individual student.

I have numerous positive comments from within and outside the school about the high standard of dress code at our school. We have positive feedback from excursions, sporting events and student visits within the community.

I am seeking your active support in providing the correct uniform and in assisting us to reinforce that it is being worn neatly by our students.

Yours faithfully

J.Jarvis
Principal

Benefits of school uniforms

The wearing of school uniforms by students at Camden High School assists our school community in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- is easily recognised within the school community as it bears the CHS logo
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders within the school
- promoting the positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothing

Health and safety legislation

Under the Occupational *Health and Safety Act 2000* (OH&S Act) the Department of Education and Training must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises.

The Act also requires the department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks.

School uniform at Camden High School has taken these requirements into account by:

- requiring students to wear appropriate **footwear**, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
- requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate
- requiring that jewellery or other items that could potentially cause an injury to themselves or other students are **not** worn

Staff have a responsibility to report potential and actual health, safety and welfare hazards to the principal.

For your convenience a copy of the Senior and Junior Uniform is attached.

Junior School Uniform 2009

Every student must wear full school uniform every day; sports uniform on Wednesday (except Year 7).

<u>JUNIOR BOYS</u>	<u>JUNIOR GIRLS</u>
Mid-grey shorts or trousers. (No denim) “Penguin style” sky blue knit shirt with school crest.	School dress or navy slacks (no denim , non fade, no contrast stitching, non button front), or tailored navy blue shorts and worn with “Penguin style” sky blue knit shirt with school crest, or tailored blue poly/cotton shirt with school crest on pocket.
Navy sloppy joe with school emblem.	Navy sloppy joe with school emblem.
Black leather shoes with black laces. NO VOLLEYS OR OTHER CANVAS SHOES.	Black leather shoes with black laces. NO CANVAS OR OTHER CUT-DOWN SHOES (eg BALLET SHOES)
Short white socks OR Camden High School (2 blue) socks.	Short white socks that cover the ankle.
*Apron (\$7.70) – for Food Technology (White) (\$7.70) – for Technology (I/A – Blue)	*Apron (\$7.70) – for Food Technology (White) (\$7.70) – for Technology (I/A – Blue)
<u>PD/HEALTH/PE/SPORT</u>	<u>PD/HEALTH/PE/SPORT</u>
Navy blue shorts or Navy blue “Air Flow” shorts. Plain navy trackpants.	Navy blue shorts or Navy Blue “Air Flow” shorts. Plain navy trackpants.
Camden High School Sport / PE shirt “Penguin” style sky blue shirt with yellow/royal blue. (Students must change for PE).	Camden High School Sport / PE shirt “Penguin” style sky blue shirt with yellow/royal blue. (Students must change for PE).
Sport Shoes – NOT to be canvas and <u>must be lace-up sport shoes.</u>	Sport Shoes – NOT to be canvas and <u>must be lace-up sport shoes.</u>
Camden High School (2 blues) socks, or White socks.	White Socks
Navy Sky and Gold Jacket	Navy Sky and Gold Jacket

**Aprons available from Home Economics & Industrial Arts faculties.*

All other items available from Lowes, Narellan.

Senior School Uniform 2009

Every student must wear full school uniform every day; sports uniform on Wednesday.

<u>SENIOR BOYS</u>	<u>SENIOR GIRLS</u>
<p>Grey trousers or shorts (shorts not to be below knee length).</p> <p>NO DENIM.</p>	<p>Navy blue tailored shorts (not to be below knee length), or Navy blue pleated skirt (above knee/knee/mid calf) or Navy slacks (NO DENIM, non fade, no contrast stitching, non button front).</p> <p>Navy Woollen coat available.</p>
<p>White collared shirt. (Available with school emblem).</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper.</p> <p>Navy sloppy joe with school emblem.</p>	<p>Long sleeved collared white blouse or collared "Penguin" style white knit shirt.</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper.</p>
<p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>NO VOLLEYS OR OTHER CANVAS SHOES.</p>	<p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>NO CANVAS OR OTHER CUT-DOWN SHOES (e.g. BALLET SHOES).</p>
<p>Camden High School (2 blues) socks or white socks.</p>	<p>Short white socks that cover the ankle or navy blue tights.</p>
<u>SPORT</u>	<u>SPORT</u>
<p>Navy blue shorts with 2 sky blue stripes on each side or Navy Air Flow shorts.</p>	<p>Navy blue shorts</p> <p>Navy blue pleated Netball skirt (Navy or black briefs)</p> <p>Navy Air Flow shorts.</p>
<p>"Penguin" style sky blue shirt with school emblem, or "Penguin" style sky blue shirt with yellow/royal blue stripes.</p>	<p>"Penguin" style sky blue knit shirt with school emblem, or "Penguin" style sky blue shirt with yellow/royal blue stripes.</p>
<p>Sport shoes – NOT to be canvas and <u>must be lace-up sport shoes</u>.</p>	<p>Sport shoes – NOT to be canvas and <u>must be lace-up sport shoes</u>.</p>
<p>Camden High School (2 blues) socks or white socks.</p>	<p>White socks.</p>
<p>Navy Sky/ Gold Jacket.</p>	<p>Navy Sky / Gold Jacket.</p>

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