

Uniform Policy



At all times the school uniform must be worn in a manner which brings credit to the student and Te Kauwhata College.

All students enrolled at Te Kauwhata College must be in correct uniform. When enrolling your student please be prepared to purchase the necessary and correct uniform items. It is a condition of enrolment, and a parent/caregiver responsibility, that the student adheres to the school's uniform and grooming standards.

Students must wear their uniform neatly and completely whilst at school (except during PE classes when PE uniform must be worn), when travelling to and from school, and at school functions unless mufti has been specified.

The following guidelines apply to all students:

- Students are expected to be well groomed.
- Uniform should be clean and in a good state of repair.
- Coloured or glitter nail polish is not permitted and any make-up is to look natural*.
- The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch.
- Items of personal significance, e.g. tāonga, may be worn subject to parental/caregiver request in the form of a letter. The student is then to attend an interview with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss the personal significance of the item in question.
- Only one plain gold/silver coloured stud per ear on the **lower lobe**, no bigger than 5mm, is permitted. No other visible facial or ear piercings are allowed and plaster coverings or clear plastic keepers are not acceptable.
- Extreme* hairstyles and non-natural colours are not permitted. All students with long hair will have to tie it back in classes where health and/or safety is an issue, e.g. Technology classes.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- The tattooing of young people of school age is strongly discouraged, however, ta moko may be accepted on students aged over 16 years subject to a parental/caregiver request in the form of a letter. The student is then to attend an interview with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss the personal significance of the item in question. All other tattoos are to be covered and not visible at all times.

(* Interpretation of 'natural' and 'extreme' is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team and designated personnel who have responsibility for uniform. Non-natural hair colours will include, for example, red, blue, purple, green. Extreme hairstyles include shaved designs.)

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with the student's name.

Junior (Year 7-10) Students

Students are required to wear the following regulation items of uniform**:

Girls

- Pale green short sleeved blouse
- Knee-length grey pleated skirt **or** Grey shorts
- Bottle green zipped cardigan **or** Bottle green v-neck jersey
- White ankle socks **or** Black tights

Boys

- Pale green short sleeved shirt
- Grey shorts
- Bottle green v-neck jersey
- Knee-high grey socks with red & green stripe

Senior (Year 11-13) Students

Students are required to wear the following regulation items of uniform**:

Girls

- White striped short sleeved blouse
- Knee-length grey pleated skirt **or** Grey shorts
- Bottle green zipped cardigan **or** Bottle green v-neck jersey
- White ankle socks **or** Black tights

Boys

- White striped short sleeved shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey trousers
- Bottle green v-neck jersey
- Knee-high grey socks with red & green stripe

Optional items for Year 12 & 13 Students

- School blazer (unisex) – available for purchase through the school

Unisex

- Bottle green v-neck jersey
- Grey shorts
- Te Kauwhata College jacket (no other jackets are permitted at school or on school trips)
- Te Kauwhata College scarf
- Te Kauwhata College tie
- Sandals – Roman-style black sandals with back strap
- Shoes – plain, black, polishable, leather shoes – see details on next page for accepted styles

PE Uniform

Correct PE uniform is compulsory for all Year 7-10 students.

- Sports t-shirt in student's House colour (i.e. gold, red or green)
- Black techno dry sports shorts

**** The College crest or initials is on our uniform. Pictures of the uniform can be found on the next page.**

How to Buy your Uniform

The uniform can be purchased online from Argyle Schoolwear (they do not have a retail outlet).

http://www.argyleonline.co.nz/Upper-North-Island_372?CategoryId=322

When enrolling at Te Kauwhata College computers can be made available to facilitate online purchases. A credit/debit card is required for online ordering.

WINZ quotes can be requested from the Argyle Schoolwear website.

Paper orders are also available. A cheque will be required for payment. Please enquire at the school office or Student Centre about this option.

Please ensure you measure your student carefully before ordering because school uniform sizes can differ from other clothing sizes.



Senior (Years 11-13)
Girls' Blouse and Boys' Shirt



Junior (Years 7-10)
Girls' Blouse and Boys' Shirt



Girls' Skirt
(all year levels)



Unisex Shorts
(all year levels)



Senior Boys' Trousers
(Years 11-13)



Girls' Cardigan
(all year levels)



Unisex Jumper
(all year levels)



Optional Unisex
School Tie



Unisex Jacket
(all year levels)



School Scarf
(available from the school)



Boys' Socks
(all year levels)



PE Uniform – black shorts and t-shirt in House colour (compulsory in Years 7-10)

Shoes

All shoes are to be “dress” shoes that are black, polishable, leather or leather in appearance. Sports shoe-styles, sneakers, ballet-style, “Converse” styles, canvas, plastic, suede and jandals are **not** permitted. (Socks must not be worn with sandals and closed shoes must be worn in Technology classes for safety reasons.)

There are numerous standard school styles available, just as there are cost-effective suppliers. Below are examples of the styles that are acceptable at Te Kauwhata College.

Examples of Boys’ Styles



B52 Julius Sandals
(Style no. 9400048316810
at The Warehouse)



Detention School Shoes
(Number One Shoes)



Dress Slip-Ons

Examples of Girls’ Styles



B52 Julius Sandals
(Style no. 9400048316810
at The Warehouse)



Detention School Shoes
(Number One Shoes)



Zipper School Shoes
(Number One Shoes)

Non-Regulation Items

Students who have no option but to wear an item of non-regulation uniform must bring a note from their parent/caregiver and present it to their Dean/Deputy Principal on arrival at school. The student may be issued with the correct uniform item for the day or, failing that, be given a uniform pass to carry for the day which must be presented to staff upon request. Students without a note may have non-uniform items confiscated.

Non-approved jewellery will be confiscated and kept in a locked cabinet in the Student Centre. It can be collected by the student on the last day of the term.

Uniform Transition Period

All new students enrolled from the start of 2016 are required to be dressed in our new school uniform.

From the start of 2016 all Year 13 students will be required to wear school uniform. Mufti will no longer be permitted.

For existing students there will be a natural period of transition to the new uniform. Existing students should note that when replacement shoes are purchased they must be in the styles shown above. Converse, “Converse-style” shoes and ballet-style shoes will no longer be permitted. The option to borrow shoes from the Student Centre will also be phased out so the correct shoes must be worn to school.

Details of College uniform can be found on our website