



# 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 attire 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.
- The only allowable visible undergarment is a black, close-fitting thermal style top, OR a tucked in black or white singlet/short sleeved tee-shirt.
- Any form of stick-on or artificial nail is not permitted and any make-up is to look natural\*.
- The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch. No Smart/Internet capable watches permitted.
- 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 stud per ear on the **lower lobe**, no bigger than 5mm, is permitted. Only clear plastic keepers are acceptable for other facial or ear piercings, plaster coverings are not. New piercings are not an excuse for incorrect jewellery.
- 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.
- Any facial hair must be tidy and well-groomed.
- The tattooing of young people of school age is strongly discouraged. There is no allowance for any visible tattoos that are deemed to be offensive\*.

(\* Interpretation of 'natural', 'extreme' and 'offensive' 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.**

## Regulation items of uniform\*\*

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

### Girls

- Pale green short sleeved blouse (Junior girls; Year 7 – 10)
- White striped short sleeved blouse (Senior girls; Year 11-13)
- Knee-length grey pleated skirt **or** grey shorts **or** grey trousers
- White ankle socks **or** black stockings.

### Boys

- Pale green short sleeved shirt (Junior boys; Year 7 – 10)
- White striped short sleeved shirt (Senior boys; Year 11-13)
- Grey shorts **or** grey trousers
- Knee-high grey socks with red & green stripe

Students are recommended to wear the following items of regulation uniform:

- Unisex: Te Kauwhata College jacket (no other jackets are permitted at school or on school trips)
- Unisex: Bottle green v-neck jersey OR (Girls only): Bottle green zipped cardigan

### Optional unisex items for all students

- Te Kauwhata College tie
- TKC school beanie or Te Kauwhata College cap. NO other non-cultural headwear is allowed

### Optional item for Year 12 & 13 Students

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

### Shoes

- Sandals – Entirely black school-style sandals. These must be flat and have a low ankle AND back strap. NO SOCKS are to be worn with sandals.
- Shoes – ENTIRELY plain black sneakers or school-style shoes. The school recommends a leather look-a-like shoe. All shoes must be flat-heeled and low-top.
- Covered shoes are essential for technology classes for safety reasons.

### PE Attire

All students are expected to bring a change of clothes appropriate for physical education. Junior students are encouraged to wear a tee-shirt in their house colour and black sports shorts.

### How to Buy your Uniform

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

<https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/waikato/te-kauwhata-college>

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. 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)



Unisex Trousers  
(All Year levels)



Girls Cardigan



Unisex Jumper  
(All year levels)



Unisex Softshell Jacket  
(All year levels)



Optional Unisex School Tie



Boys' Sock  
(All year levels)

- House PE shirts sold through the College \$25.00

## **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 given a uniform pass to carry for the day which must be presented to staff upon request. Please note hoodies are an unacceptable form of non-regulation uniform and no uniform pass will be issued for them. 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 at the end of the school day.

**Details of College uniform can also be found on our website**