



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 the 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*. Eyelash extensions are not permitted as they pose a health and safety risk.
- 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 stud earrings, no bigger than 5mm, are permitted to be worn in the ears. Only one small stud in the side of the nose is acceptable. Clear plastic keepers are acceptable for other facial or ear piercings, plaster coverings are not. Students and whaanau are responsible for providing the plastic keepers. No hoop earrings of any kind are permitted. New piercings are not an excuse for incorrect jewellery



Example of ear studs



Example of nose stud

- 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 - From 2025:

- **Year 7-8:** Unisex red polo shirt
- **Year 9-10:** Pale green short sleeved blouse
- **Year 11-13:** White striped short sleeved blouse
- Knee-length grey pleated skirt **or** mid-calf grey skirt **or** shorts **or** grey trousers
- White or plain black socks **or** black stockings.

Boys

- **Year 7-8:** Unisex red polo shirt
- **Year 9-10:** Pale green short sleeved shirt
- **Year 11-13:** White striped short sleeved shirt
- Grey shorts **or** grey trousers.
- Knee-high grey socks with red & green stripe or plain black socks.

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.
- Unisex: Te Kauwhata College Polar Fleece.

Hoodies or any other non-uniform jerseys are not permitted.

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. Crocs are not acceptable.
- Shoes – ENTIRELY plain black sneakers or school-style shoes with black soles. The school recommends a leather look-a-like shoe. All shoes must be flat-heeled.
- 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, to be worn during PE lessons only. Hoodies are not permitted.

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>

(Except junior PE Tops - available at the Student Office)

When enrolling at Te Kauwhata College, we can assist you with your online purchases. A credit/debit card is required for online ordering. Zip payment plans are also available. 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.

Non-Regulation Uniform Items

Where we are able, the school will provide substitute uniform items for students to use for the school day. 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. Any non-uniform items including crocs, hoodies and incorrect jewellery items may be confiscated and held at the student centre or in the dean's office. Any items that are not collected at the end of the term will be donated to a local charity

Details of College uniform can also be found on our website