Rouse Hill
Anglican College

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College Standards

These requirements apply to all onsite and offsite RHAC activities, including travel between school and home. Any approved variations for activities such as mufti days or camps will be communicated directly to parents or carers.

Students who do not meet these requirements will be directed to comply and may face disciplinary consequences. Parents and carers are expected to support staff in the consistent enforcement of this policy, consistent with the College values and the Parent and Community Code of Conduct.



General Appearance and Personal Grooming

The College seeks to foster an understanding of the importance of personal appearance, and all students are expected to wear their full school uniform appropriately and with pride, both at school and in the community.

College uniform garments that become worn, damaged, deteriorated, or ill-fitting are to be replaced and shoes are not to be worn with holes in the front or without laces.

Chewing gum is not allowed at any RHAC related event.

Grooming

Boys are to be cleanly shaven each day and present themselves in clean, pressed uniforms. Boys presenting unshaven will be required to shave at Student Reception.

Hair

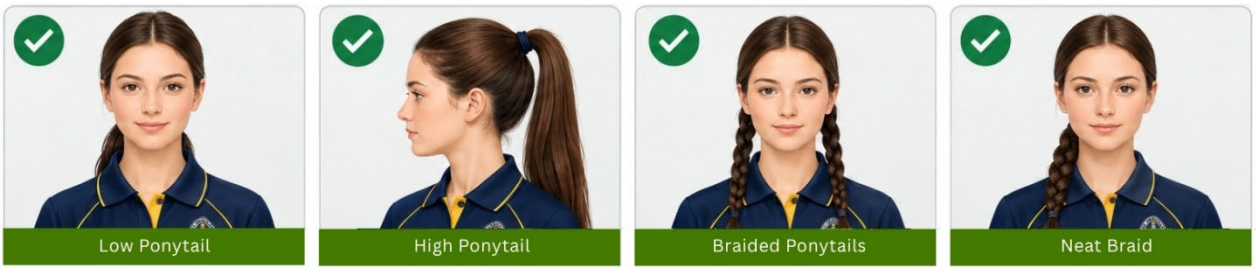
Requirements for boys and girls

No shaved heads or patterns shaved into the scalp, no dyed hair, no mohawks, mullets or similar styles, no beads in hair.

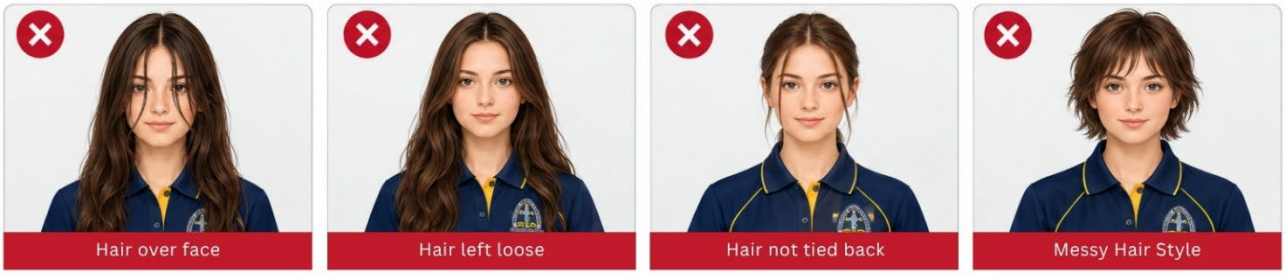
Requirements for girls' hair

If a girl's hair is below shoulder length, her hair must be tied back and not over her face. If a girl chooses to use hair accessories, they must be purchased from the Uniform Shop. If suitable items are unavailable, girls should use modest ribbons in RHAC colours (light blue, navy and yellow) or a black hair elastic.

Acceptable Hairstyles for Girls



Unacceptable Hairstyles for Girls



Hair Accessories



Requirements for boys' hair

Boys' hair should be 'short and well groomed', completely off the collar, not over eyes or tucked behind their ears. A boy's hair should not be long enough to be able to be tied back.

Acceptable Hairstyles for Boys



Uncceptable Hairstyles for Boys



Piercings and Jewellery

Girls may wear one pair of small plain stud earrings or sleepers (rings) in the earlobe. Only one earring is permitted in each lobe. There are to be no other piercings (including clear studs). Boys are not permitted to have any piercings. Attempting to hide piercings that are contrary to the uniform requirements is not allowed.



No other visible jewellery is allowed to be worn.

There are a limited number of religious and medical exemptions to this standard rule, which are explained separately in this document.

Watches

Junior School

Students are permitted to wear analogue watches only. Smart watches are not permitted.



Senior School

Senior School students may wear smart watches at school; however, watches must not be used to access social media, text messages or other unauthorised functions. Any smartwatch used for these purposes may be temporarily confiscated.

Makeup, Nails and Tattoos

Makeup

Students are not allowed to wear makeup, including false eyelashes, eyelash extensions and microblading.



Nails

Nails should be kept short (netball length), natural and suitable for a school environment. Acrylic fingernails are not permitted. In Senior School, natural looking manicures with clear nail polish are permitted. Clear nail polish is not allowed in Junior School.





Tattoos

Tattoos are not permitted.

Seasonal Transition of Uniforms

Students will transition to their winter uniform following the Mother's Day weekend and to their summer uniform following the Father's Day weekend.

A transition period will run for two weeks. During the transition period, students may wear full summer or full winter uniform, but may not mix the two. Please refer to the uniform requirements outlined below.

In the Senior School, blazers are required to be worn for all formal events, regardless of the season.

A RHAC branded scarf may be worn during the winter uniform period, which is available for purchase from the uniform shop.



Dress/Skirt Length

Dress and skirt lengths must reach the knee when standing and must not be altered or worn above the knee. Parents/carers should check dresses/skirts and adjust when necessary.



Junior School | Early Stage 1 Uniform

- Early Stage 1 includes Pre-K and Kindergarten students.
- From 2027 Early Stage 1 students all wear the College sports uniform to school each day.
- The Summer uniform for Early Stage 1 is the Pre-K polo shirt worn with shorts or skorts.
- The Winter uniform for Early Stage 1 is the Pre-K polo shirt worn with tracksuit pants and jacket. During winter a long-sleeved Pre-K polo shirt may be worn for warmth. Students are not to wear long-sleeved shirts underneath the short-sleeved Pre-K polo.
- Early Stage 1 bucket hat.
- White RHAC branded socks
- Sports shoes (Velcro, not lace up)



Summer



Winter



Junior School | Years 1 to 6 Uniforms

- Stage 1 includes Years 1 and 2. Stage 2 includes Years 3 and 4. Stage 3 includes Years 5 and 6.
- In the Junior School girls wear a dress/pinafore in Stages 1 and 2. In Stage 3 they wear a blouse and skirt.
- All Junior School boys from Stages 1, 2 and 3 wear the same uniform.

Summer Uniform - Junior School Girls



Stages 1 and 2 **Stage 3**

- The blazer is optional in summer. If students would like to wear an additional garment for warmth in summer, the winter rules for blazers and jumpers apply.
- Stages 1 and 2, dress.
- Stage 3, blouse & skirt.
- Brimmed hat
- Black RHAC branded socks
- Shoes
  - Stage 1 - black leather (Velcro, not lace up) shoes
  - Stages 2 and 3 - black leather lace up shoes



Summer Uniform - Junior School Boys



- The blazer is optional in summer. If students would like to wear an additional garment for warmth in summer the winter rules for blazers and jumpers apply.
- Short sleeve shirt
- Black shorts
- A tie is optional
- Brimmed hat
- Black RHAC branded socks
- Shoes
  - Stage 1 - black leather (Velcro, not lace up) shoes
  - Stages 2 and 3 - black leather lace up shoes



Winter Uniform - Junior School Girls



- Blazer as outer garment to and from school. Worn at school assemblies and other events as advised by the teachers.
- Jumper is optional and may be worn underneath the blazer. It may also be worn as an outer garment while on school grounds.
- Stages 1 and 2 Pinafore, with long sleeved blouse
- Stage 3, blouse & skirt
- Brimmed hat
- Black stockings or socks
- Shoes
    - Stage 1 - black leather (Velcro, not lace up) shoes
    - Stages 2 and 3 - black leather lace up shoes



Winter Uniform - Junior School Boys



- Blazer as outer garment to and from school. Worn at school assemblies and other events as advised by the teachers
- Jumper is optional and may be worn underneath the blazer. It may also be worn as an outer garment while on school grounds.
- Boys long sleeved or short sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Tie
- Brimmed hat
- Black socks
- Shoes
    - Stage 1 - black leather (Velcro, not lace up) shoes
    - Stages 2 and 3 - black leather lace up shoes



Senior School | Years 7 to12 Uniforms

Summer Uniform - Senior School Girls



- The blazer is optional in summer, except during formal events. If students would like to wear an additional garment for warmth in summer the winter rules for blazers and jumpers apply.
- Blouse
  - Year 7 - 10 – pale blue
  - Year 11 and 12 – midnight blue
- Dark grey skirt or pants
- Black RHAC branded socks
- Formal black leather lace up shoes (Doc Martens are not allowed)



Summer Uniform - Senior School Boys



- The blazer is optional in summer, except during formal events. If students would like to wear an additional garment for warmth in summer the winter rules for blazers and jumpers apply.
- Shirt
  - Year 7 - 10 – pale blue
  - Year 11 and 12 – midnight blue
- Dark grey shorts or pants
- A tie is optional
- Plain black belt
- Black RHAC branded socks
- Formal black leather lace up shoes (Doc Martens are not allowed)



Winter Uniform - Senior School Girls



- A blazer is worn as an outer garment to and from school. It is also worn at school assemblies and other events as advised by the teachers.
- A jumper is optional and is worn underneath blazer to and from school. It may be worn as the outer garment while on school grounds.
- Blouse
  - Year 7 - 10 – light blue
  - Year 11 and 12 – midnight blue
- Dark grey skirt or pants
- Black stockings or black RHAC branded socks
- Formal black leather lace up shoes. (Doc Martens are not allowed)



Winter Uniform - Senior School Boys



- Blazer as outer garment to and from school. Worn at school assemblies and other events as advised by the teachers.
- A jumper or vest is optional and is worn underneath blazer to and from school. It may be worn as the outer garment while on school grounds.
- Shirt
  - Year 7 - 10 – light blue
  - Year 11 and 12 – midnight blue
- Dark grey pants
- Tie
- Plain black belt
- Black RHAC branded socks
- Formal black leather lace up shoes (Doc Martens are not allowed)



Sports Uniform | Junior & Senior Schools

Sports uniform is required for sports day (Junior School) and PE lessons (Senior School) and sporting events.

- RHAC port polo in house colour
- College shorts or skorts. Shorts are to be worn lower-mid thigh to knee length
- Tracksuits may be worn in Terms 2 and 3
- Sports Cap
- RHAC branded sports socks



- Sports shoes are worn on a designated sports day or sporting event. Students may wear white shoes, black shoes or navy shoes. The College acknowledges that purchasing shoes that are only one colour may be difficult. Therefore, shoes which have a limited amount of another colour are acceptable - e.g. a small strip of yellow on a navy shoe. Dominant bright or fluoro colours (including laces) are not permitted.



Dance and Drama

Dance and Drama College crested 'Blacks' are to be worn for all practical lessons. Students can choose from the following combinations, as is appropriate for their context:

- Tops: College crested polo shirt and/or singlet.
- Pants: College crested shorts, tights or trackpants.

Excursions, Camps, Mufti Days

What clothes should students wear to an excursion, camp or other offsite event?

A permission or information note for each event will outline what students are expected to wear.

Mufti Days

On dedicated mufti days, students are welcome to wear casual clothes to school in place of their uniform. Mufti days are part of various fundraising activities and, as such, students may be asked to make a donation which will be specified prior to the day. Students are to wear neat attire, fitting for the venue and in accordance with college expectations of modesty and suitability.

Mufti day clothing requirements

- Shoulders should be fully covered.
- No military style clothing.
- Shorts or skirts must be at the length required by the College sports shorts.
- High necklines.
- No bare midriff: Uniform tops must fully cover the midriff, including when reaching, bending or sitting.
- Shoes should be enclosed (e.g. joggers or runners).
- Words or images on clothing that promotes alcohol, smoking, illegal activities, makes political statements or otherwise could offend others is not allowed.
- Jewellery and watches as already set out above.
- Senior School students who have PE lessons on a mufti day are to change into and out of the College sport uniform.

Exemptions to Uniform Requirements

Religious exemptions

Religious exemptions to RHAC's uniform and general appearance standards are only permitted when jewellery, hair, facial hair or other variation from the College's expectations is a widely recognised religious obligation to be worn all the time, including at school. The College is aware that the Sikh turban and Kara, for example, would meet this exemption. Personal written permission for these items to be worn is not required. However, permission for boys to have facial hair does require an individual application (see below).

RHAC staff are authorised to expect a student to temporarily remove an item which a student has permission to wear e.g. remove an item of religious jewellery for a safety reason. Parents should not expect teachers to justify why a staff member expected a student to temporarily remove an item.

The College recognises that some of our students may participate in recognised religious rites or festivals that results in them temporarily changing their appearance in a way that may appear to be contrary to our published standards. RHAC staff will try to be reasonable and understanding of these very short-term (i.e. a few days) changes to their appearance. A short message may appear in the newsletter to help guide parents in relation to temporary variations for religious reasons at the time a particular religious festival occurs. This message in the newsletter will mean that parents will not be required to write to the school to ask for specific permission for their child.

RHAC is confident that the above exemptions will respect the religious convictions of our students, while also maintaining a high standard of consistent uniform and general appearance.

While it is unlikely that exemptions to uniform and general appearance standards will be granted when that requested variation is not a widely recognised religious obligation, the College is prepared to consider personal requests for an exemption. Parents seeking an individual exemption for their son or daughter should write to one of the following leaders.

- Junior School – Head of Student Wellbeing
- Head of Years 7-9
- Head of Years 10-12

The email should be sent to info@rhac.nsw.edu.au. In the subject line, write *Please forward to (Junior School – Head of Student Wellbeing / Head of Years 7-9 / Head of Years 10-12)*. A letter from a religious leader supporting the request should be provided. This letter does not guarantee that the request will be granted.

Medical and cultural exemptions

RHAC does not grant exemptions or variations for non-religious cultural reasons.

Medical and mental health exemptions – Other than a medical alert bracelet or similar, RHAC cannot identify a specific example of a medical condition that would justify an exemption. However, parents may submit a written request for an exemption. A letter from a doctor is required. The process for submitting a request is the same as for a religious exemption.

Uniform Shop

All uniform items should be purchased from the College Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is under a private contract arrangement with **Valour Schools** and is located within the College campus under the Auditorium.

Valour supplies all College uniform items (except footwear), as well as stationery and other miscellaneous items.

Visit the Uniform Shop website for trading hours.

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