Uniform Modifications for 2016 and Beyond

Unifying our School for the future
From the Principal

Over the past year, the School Uniform Committee, comprising parents, Board members and staff, have been working towards releasing a number of uniform changes. These changes have been in response to parent and student feedback and demonstrate the School’s desire to simplify and unify our existing collection. Throughout its 33 year history, SHCS has proudly worn bottle green and navy blue and this was considered vital in maintaining the School’s strong identity in the Southern Highlands.

Many factors were considered in making these changes; unity for a P-12 School, durability of items, cost minimisation associated with uniform changes at each schooling stage, overall affordability and warmth. As part of our commitment to working with families, a period of transition has been established which will allow existing families time to purchase new items and to maximise the lifespan of old items. We pray that students will proudly wear this modified uniform and I thank all those who have made a contribution to this process.

Andrew Middleton - Principal
History
Some elements of the uniform at Southern Highlands Christian School have changed very little since the School opened in 1983.

This photo depicts the summer Junior School and the sport uniform. Girls wore green cardigans until they became difficult to source. Uniforms were available from Whytes, and Brafels (now closed) and dress material was available for those who wanted to make the girls’ dresses. The original logo was designed by Howard Boughton, one of our early Principals. ‘The hills’ logo was designed by Tracy Staples, the wife of David, another Principal, which has since been adapted and modernised to become the logo we see today.

The High School uniform for boys remains as it is today. The High School girls originally wore the green Primary winter tunic all year round. The red jumper and second tartan were introduced when the High School reopened.

Today we celebrate a vibrant and cohesive Prep to Year 12 School and seek to reflect this in our uniform collection.

Our objectives for change

- A uniform which clearly identifies SHCS in our local community
- A uniform which unifies the Junior School and High School yet maintains some points of difference
- A uniform which is cost effective to parents
- A uniform which presents well and looks good on our students
- A uniform which meets our climatic needs and is comfortable
Girls & Boys:
Green polo shirt
Green shorts
Green fleecy track suit
Green wide brimmed school hat
Socks – white short
Predominantly white sport shoe
Green hair accessories
Green school bag
Junior School (K-6)
Summer Formal Uniform

Girls:
Summer tartan dress
Green woollen jumper
Socks – white short
Black lace up shoes
Blue or green hair accessories
Green wide brimmed school hat
Green school bag

Boys:
Light green short sleeve shirt
Green woollen jumper
Grey shorts
Socks – grey short
Black lace up shoes
Green wide brimmed hat
Green school bag
Junior School (K-6)
Winter Formal Uniform

Girls:
- Green winter tunic
- Light green long sleeve shirt
- Green woollen jumper
- Tartan tie
- Green stockings
- Black lace up shoes
- Green or blue hair accessories
- Green school bag

Boys:
- Grey long trousers
- Light green long sleeve shirt
- Green woollen jumper
- Tartan tie
- Black lace up shoes
- Green school bag
High School (Year 7-10)
Summer Formal Uniform

Girls:
- Summer tartan dress
- Green woollen jumper
- Green blazer
- Socks – white short
- Black lace up shoes
- Blue or green hair accessories
- Blue school bag

Boys:
- White short sleeve shirt
- Green woollen jumper
- Green blazer
- Grey shorts
- Socks – grey short
- Black lace up shoes
- Blue school bag
High School (Year 7-10)
Winter Formal Uniform

Girls:
- Tartan skirt
- White long sleeve shirt
- Tartan tie
- Green woollen jumper
- Green blazer
- Navy stockings
- Black lace up shoes
- Green or blue hair accessories
- Blue school bag

Boys:
- Long grey trousers
- White long sleeve shirt
- Tartan tie
- Green woollen jumper
- Green blazer
- Socks – grey
- Black lace up shoes
- Blue school bag
High School - Senior (Year 11-12)
Summer Formal Uniform

Girls:
- Summer tartan dress
- Blue woollen jumper
- Green blazer
- Socks – white short
- Black lace up shoes
- Blue or green hair accessories
- Blue school bag

Boys:
- White short sleeve shirt
- Grey long trousers
- Tartan tie
- Seniors tie badge
- Green blazer
- Blue woollen jumper
- Socks – short grey
- Black lace up shoes
- Blue school bag
Girls:
Tartan skirt
White long sleeve shirt
Tartan tie
Blue woollen jumper
Green blazer
Navy stockings
Black lace up shoes
Green or blue hair accessories
Blue school bag

Boys:
Long grey trousers
White long sleeve shirt
Tartan tie
Blue woollen jumper
Green blazer
Socks – short grey
Black lace up shoes
Blue school bag
Girls & Boys:
Green & blue short sleeve polo shirt
Green shorts
Green microfibre track pants
School sport jersey
Socks - white short
Predominantly white sport shoes
Green or blue hair accessories
Green school bag
High School (7-12)
Sport Uniform

Girls & Boys:
Blue & green polo shirt
Blue shorts
School sport jersey
Blue microfibre track pants
Socks – white short
Predominantly white sport shoe
Green or blue hair accessories
Blue school bag
Optional Accessories

Prep- Year 6
- Green scarf
- Green gloves
- Green beanie
- Sport track jacket
- Green school folder bag

Year 7-12
- Scarf (green Yr 7-10; blue Yr 11-12)
- Gloves (green Yr 7-10; blue Yr 11-12)
- Beanie (green Yr 7-10; blue Yr 11-12)
- Sport track jacket
- Blue roller school bag

Uniform Q&A

Why the change to the current uniform?
Our current collection lacks cohesion. It has become important to our School to celebrate our P-12 student body as one that learns together and supports each other. Our current uniform has too many colours and patterns across its collection resulting in unnecessary expense for parents as students transition from one stage of their schooling to another. There may be confusion amongst the Southern Highlands community as to which School the students belong.

Is there a transition period and when will new items be compulsory?
- A period of transition will exist to allow families time to purchase new items and to maximise the ‘lifespan’ of old items.
- For existing students, our transition period will end at the end of 2016 and all students will be required to wear the modified uniform collection from Term 1, 2017.
- The tartan tie is the only item that will be compulsory earlier than this date. Students will be required to wear the tartan tie from Term 2, 2016.
- All new students and students entering Kindergarten and Year 7 will be required to purchase the new uniform items or borrow old items from the School if stock levels permit. Please note that the tracksuit jacket will not be a compulsory item, but an optional outer layer for those who require added warmth.

When will the new items be available for purchase?
The new items will be available for purchase from Wednesday 20th January 2016. The Uniform Shop will be open the following extra days in the School holidays for items you would like to purchase before school starts. Otherwise from week 2 regular uniform shop hours will apply.

January 2016 School Holiday Hours
- Wednesday 20th January - 11am to 2pm
- Friday 22nd January - 11am to 2pm
- Monday 25th January - 10am to 2pm

Term 1 Week 1 Hours
- Thursday January 28th - 8:30am to 10:30am
- Friday 29th January - 8:30am to 10:30am

My child has some items of the current uniform which will need to be replaced. Can they wear them with pieces from the new uniform range?
Yes. Students will be allowed to mix and match old with new. Sport uniform may include old or new track pants or shorts, the old or new polo shirt and the old track jacket or new jersey.
What will happen to the old, unsold stock?
We intend to donate the old stock to a school in need of uniform. This may be a mission school in another country.

What about my child’s current uniform? What can I do with the items as they grow out of them?
If the items are to be discontinued but are still in good condition, they may be brought in to the Uniform Shop to add to the collection which will be sent to a mission school or school in need. If the items are still to be worn as part of the modified collection and are in good condition, you may contribute them to the Uniform Shop clothing pool as usual.

How much will the new items cost?
- Sport polo shirt - $33.00
- Sport jersey - $80.00
- Sport trackpants - $55.00
- Woollen jumper - $67.00 (size 6 & 8) $75.00 (all other sizes)
- Grey shorts - $31.00
- Girls’ summer dress - $64.00
- Tartan tie - $19.00
- Short grey socks - $7.00
- Tracksuit jacket – optional item ($TBA)

Are there any changes to the Prep uniform?
The Prep uniform will remain unchanged. It is already in keeping with the rest of the School, is functional, comfortable and durable.

Are the K-2 students no longer wearing the fleecy sport tracksuit?
The K-2 students will now wear the same track pants and sport jersey that the rest of the Junior school will wear. An ongoing issue for this age group is that they wear through the knees of their tracksuit. Stockists are unable to supply pants which avoid this problem. The school has opted to supply a cheaper microfiber pant than the current item to minimise the cost of replacing them.

Why has the sport jersey been introduced?
By introducing the jersey we hope to provide a more suitable item of clothing to wear for sport. Introducing the jersey for K-12 students will help to unify our School and make them easily identifiable at interschool sporting events.

Will the Year 12 students still have their own Year 12 Jersey?
This will be under review. It may depend on whether the students are still interested in purchasing a Year 12 jersey.
Uniform Shop Hours

Regular Hours
Monday - 8:30am to 10:30am
Thursday - 2pm to 4pm
Friday - 2pm to 4pm

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If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during opening hours, you may contact the School Office and order goods which will then be sent home with your child on the next Uniform Shop Day. Cheque, cash or credit card payment options are available both in the Shop and the Office for your convenience. You may also email an order through to uniformshop@shcs.nsw.edu.au, and the order will be filled when the Uniform Shop is next open.