



## Yanco Agricultural High School Uniform Policy.

The Yanco Agricultural High School (YAHS) community (P & C Association, Staff and SRC) have agreed that our school will have a uniform, and fully supports a policy to ensure that all students meet the uniform requirements. Our school community strongly believes that the wearing of a uniform reflects a commitment to our school and helps maintain our school identity. The Department of Education supports the wearing of a school uniform, and the YAHS Uniform Policy reflects the departmental uniform criteria which includes the varied nature of our students and the activities that they all undertake.

It is compulsory for all students to wear the YAHS uniform every day, and it is an expectation that all parents will provide their children with a proper YAHS school uniform. The Department of Education also supports the wearing of a school uniform while traveling to and from school and during school related activities outside of school hours. A neat, clean and well-kept uniform is a visible sign of respect for self and for the school. The wearing of a school uniform also identifies you to be a member of our school community, and in this regard you are representing our school whenever you are seen by anyone outside of the school.

Yanco Agricultural High School has a long and proud history that all students should become aware of and try to live up to. This includes the wearing of our distinctive school uniform.

The purpose of wearing a school uniform is to-

- encourage a sense of belonging, respect and pride among students which promotes self-esteem.
- promote a sense of equality amongst students by everyone wearing the same thing.
- assist in reinforcing an ordered, purposeful and safe atmosphere at the school.
- increase the personal safety of students by identifying them as part of the YAHS community, while also allowing for easier recognition of visitors or intruders to the school.
- ensure that all Work, Health and Safety (WHS) codes of practice are met during the wide variety of activities that our students are involved during the day at YAHS.

Work, Health and Safety requirements include the wearing of enclosed shoes by all members of the school community when on school grounds. Canvas shoes, Rabens, Converse and ballet style flats do NOT meet WHS or NSW Department of Education safety standards. Students must wear sturdy sports joggers for PDHPE and weekly sport, durable leather boots for practical lessons and black leather lace up shoes when outfitted in Formal Dress. Our school's Practical uniform is worn by both girl and boy students at our school and also complies with the Department of Education's WHS regulations for the many hands-on lessons in which our students are involved. The wearing of sun safe hats for outside activities is also part of the school's uniform requirements.

All uniform items can be purchased through the uniform shop at the school canteen (except for footwear) where there is also a selection of second-hand uniforms for sale at reduced prices.

The uniform shop is run and operated independently of the YAHS P & C and has donated a great deal of money over the years to the school to benefit our children's education.

If students cannot wear a school uniform for any reason they should see the Deputy Principal (day) before school starts to receive a uniform pass for the day or until a uniform is available for that student. Financial support may also be available to assist parents unable to purchase uniforms. Contact the Principal or the Head Teacher of Welfare for more information.

Students who do not wear the school uniform regularly will not be able to-

- represent the school in sporting or cultural events (show-stock, subject specific excursions, regional athletics, drum corp, shooting, fishing club etc).
- participate in activities where WHS issues are relevant including the mandatory Agriculture lessons. This also includes practical lessons for subjects where safety precautions are important such as Metal Technology. In this case alternate activities will be provided where possible.
- attend or participate in non-curriculum based activities such as shopping leave and excursions.

Uniform checks are conducted regularly by all staff.

## **Uniform:**

The YAHS Uniform Policy and some examples of our school uniform can be viewed on the Yanco Agricultural High School website.

### **Boys:**

Summer Uniform: Blue crested polo shirt or blue crested work shirt, plain, khaki coloured shorts, long khaki socks, black leather shoes or brown/black leather work boots, crested school hat or cap.

Winter Uniform: Plain khaki coloured trousers, blue crested polo shirts or long sleeved blue crested work shirts, V neck school jumper (grey- juniors, royal- blue seniors), black leather shoes or brown/black leather work boots, YAHS jacket.

Practical Uniform: long, plain khaki coloured trousers, long sleeved crested blue work shirt, black leather shoes or brown/black leather work boots.

Formal Dress: Crested School Blazer (hired through the Canteen), long grey trousers, long sleeved white shirt, plain black belt with simple buckle, black leather lace-up shoes, school tie, grey socks, school hat- Akubra. A V neck school jumper is optional under school blazer.

Travel dress: Crested blue polo shirt, plain straight leg blue jeans, plain belt with simple buckle, V neck school jumper or navy YAHS jacket.

Sport: PDHPE uniform- crested school polo shirt, navy football shorts, sport socks and sport shoes and school hat/cap. Polo shirt in house colours for carnivals.

Sporting House colours- McCaughey- red, Mutch- white, Breakwell- yellow, Gardiner- green.

### **Girls:**

Summer Uniform: Blue and yellow checked short sleeved dress worn at a modest length, ankle length plain white socks, black leather lace up shoes and crested school hat.

Winter Uniform: Navy checked, pleated school skirt with modest hem length worn at the knee, navy stockings, white shirt, V neck school jumper (grey- juniors, royal blue-seniors), black leather

lace-up shoes, **or** long, plain coloured khaki work trousers (prac pants), blue crested long sleeved practical work shirt, black leather shoes or brown/black leather work boots, YAHS jacket.

Practical Uniform: Long, plain coloured khaki trousers, long sleeved crested blue work shirt, plain black or brown leather work boots.

Formal Dress: Crested School Blazer (hired though the Canteen), grey pleated skirt worn at modest length, white shirt, school tie, sheer grey/nude stockings, black lace up leather shoes, school hat with royal blue band (Madeline style). A V neck school jumper is optional under school blazer.

Travel Dress: Crested blue polo shirt, plain straight leg blue jeans, V neck school jumper or navy YAHS school jacket. Long hair should be neatly pulled back away from the face.

Sport: PDHPE uniform- crested school polo shirt, navy sport shorts, sport socks, sturdy sport shoes and school hat or cap. Polo shirt in house colours for carnivals.

Sporting House colours- McCaughey- red, Mutch- white, Breakwell- yellow, Gardiner- green.

## **Accessories and Optional Extras:**

Hats: School crested bucket hats and caps are available from the Canteen and are mandatory for all outside activities. These are NOT to be worn with the Formal Uniform. Girls' Madeline style formal hat and Boys' uniform Akubra are also available to buy from the Canteen.

Jumpers: V necked, long sleeved, knitted woollen school jumper in grey (Juniors) and royal blue (Seniors).

Scarves: Navy school crested scarves are also available from the canteen and are a welcome warmer in winter. These are also NOT to be worn with the Formal Uniform and are not compulsory uniform.

Beanies: Navy school crested beanies- worn at school or sporting events only.

Vests: Navy school crested vests are optional and are NOT to be worn as part of the standard uniform or with Formal Dress.

YAHS Jackets: Navy, padded school crested all-weather jackets are also optional, and may be worn with all standard uniform choices except for Formal Uniform.

YAHS Backpacks: School backpacks are also available but are not compulsory uniform.

Sew on School Crests: Sew on school crests are also available.

### **In general:**

- All uniforms are to be **neat, clean** and in **good repair**.
- Footwear should be kept clean and polished. Black lace up leather shoes are worn with the school Formal Uniform by all students, and plain, sturdy leather work boots (in black or brown only) are worn with the practical uniform and by the boys with their summer uniform.
- Boots are to be worn covered by long pants: practical pants and jeans and are NOT to be tucked into boots.
- Hats: The crested school 'bucket' hats or caps are worn all year whenever outside. This rule is especially enforced in Term 1 & 4 when the UV index is at it's highest. Students and their parents should be aware that with the continued high level of UV index in terms 2 & 3, that the students should continue to wear their bucket hats or caps all year long when outside.

The full school uniform includes a school crested 'bucket' hat or cap. There is a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy enforced at the school. (Refer to YAHS Sun Smart Policy).

- The Show Stock Uniform: Hats, vests, jackets, shirts and moleskins are to be worn to show stock events only. Show stock uniform is NOT to be worn on a normal school day or any school excursion (other than show stock events), during or after school hours.
- Travel Uniform: Consists of a school crested polo shirt or long sleeved blue crested practical shirt, standard blue straight leg jeans, plain belt with simple buckle, V neck school jumper or YAHS jacket. No show stock jackets or vests are to be worn. **Students are expected to stay in travel dress for the entire journey until they are home or back at school.**
- Jeans: Jeans are to be standard blue in colour, straight legged (not skin tight or skinny jeans) and unembellished. Jeans are to be worn over boots- not tucked inside of them. The jeans should be comfortable enough to wear on a bus for long journeys.
- Jewellery and Makeup: A watch may be worn but may need to be removed for practical lessons. One set of ear-rings are permitted which should be small studs (diameter less than 5 mm). Discreet religious necklaces may also be worn although these may also need to be removed for practical lessons. There is NO makeup or nail polish to be worn during school hours.
- Hair: Should be neat and tidy. Long hair for both male and female students should be tied back and secured, particularly when attending practical lessons (WHS issues). The acceptable length of hair will be determined by any staff or teachers of the practical subjects within their own lessons. If ribbons are worn, they should ideally be in the school colours- blue/navy, yellow/gold. House ribbon colours may be worn for carnivals.
- Beards and moustaches: Students should be clean shaven at all times. Exceptions may occur for fundraising events.
- Belts: Should be plain black or brown with a standard buckle.
- Shopping leave: Students are to wear school uniform or travel dress. Failure to do this will result in students being unable to attend shopping leave.
- The following items are not to be worn during the school day, on school excursions or school organised after school activities-
  - Rings
  - Nose rings/studs
  - Other piercings
  - Necklaces or chains.

**All clothing should be labelled with sew on labels or laundry marker.**

**Labels should be checked on a regular basis so that they are still readable.**

**All items of uniform should also be regularly checked at home to ensure that they are still in good condition, that they still fit and are the appropriate length. Holiday times are a good time to do this.**