



## YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Yanco Agricultural High School (YAHS) has a long and proud history that includes the wearing of our distinctive school uniform.

The YAHS community (P&C Association, Staff and SRC) believes that the wearing of a uniform reflects a commitment to our school and helps maintain our school identity, and fully supports a policy that ensures all students meet the uniform requirements.

The Department of Education also supports the wearing of a school uniform. The YAHS Uniform Policy reflects departmental uniform criteria, which includes the varied nature of our students and the activities that they all undertake.

The wearing of our school uniform identifies you as 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. A neat, clean and well-kept uniform is a visible sign of respect for self and for the school.

It is compulsory for all students to wear the YAHS uniform during school hours, during school related activities outside of school hours and while traveling to and from school.

It is an expectation that all parents will provide their children with the proper school uniform.

The purpose of wearing a school uniform is to:

- encourage a sense of belonging, respect and pride among students, promoting self-esteem
- promote a sense of equality amongst students with everyone wearing the same thing
- increase the personal safety of students by identifying them as part of YAHS, distinguishing visitors or intruders to the school and
- ensure that all Work, Health and Safety (WHS) codes of practice are met.

YAHS staff conduct uniform checks regularly.

All uniform items can be purchased through the uniform shop at the school canteen - except for footwear. 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 donates money 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) or Head Teachers of Welfare before school starts to receive a uniform pass for the day or until a uniform is available for them. 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 at different events - sport, show-stock, subject specific excursions, drum-corps, clubs etc.
- participate in WHS compliant lessons, including Agriculture, Metal and Wood Technology etc. In this case alternate activities will be provided where possible and
- attend or participate in non-curriculum based activities such as shopping leave and excursions.

## 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: YAHS crested blue polo or long-sleeved work shirt, plain khaki shorts, long khaki socks, black leather shoes or work boots. YAHS crested school hat or cap.

Winter Uniform: YAHS crested blue polo or long-sleeved work shirt, plain khaki trousers, black leather shoes or work boots. V-neck school jumper (grey- juniors, blue- seniors) **or** YAHS crested RB Sellers school jumper **or** YAHS Jacket.

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

### Girls:

Summer Uniform: Blue and yellow checked summer dress, plain white ankle socks, black leather lace-up shoes **or** YAHS crested blue polo or long-sleeved work shirt, plain khaki shorts, long khaki socks, black leather shoes or work boots. YAHS crested school hat or cap.

Winter Uniform: Navy checked pleated skirt, navy stockings, long-sleeved white shirt, black leather lace-up shoes **or** YAHS crested blue polo or long-sleeved work shirt, plain khaki trousers, black leather shoes or work boots. V-neck school jumper (grey- juniors, blue- seniors) **or** YAHS crested RB Sellers school jumper **or** YAHS Jacket.

Formal Dress: YAHS crested school Blazer (hired through the Canteen), grey pleated skirt, long-sleeved white shirt, school tie, sheer grey/nude stockings and black leather lace up shoes. Madeline school hat. The V-neck school jumper is optional under the blazer.

### All Students:

Practical: YAHS crested blue long-sleeved work shirt, plain khaki trousers, plain black or brown leather work boots. RB Sellers school jumper **or** YAHS Jacket.

Travel: YAHS crested blue polo shirt, plain straight-leg jeans, plain belt with a simple buckle. RB Sellers school jumper **or** V-neck jumper **or** YAHS jacket.

Sport PDHPE: YAHS crested polo shirt, navy sport shorts, sport socks, sport shoes and school hat or cap. A polo shirt in house colours is worn for carnivals.

Sporting House Colours- McCaughey- Red, Mutch- White, Breakwell- Yellow, Gardiner- Green.

Show Stock Uniform: Hats, shirts, vests, jackets and moleskins are worn to show stock events only. Show stock uniform is not to be worn on a normal school day or at times other than show stock events.

**Optional Extras** – all available from the school canteen

Backpacks: YAHS crested School backpacks are optional

Beanies: YAHS crested navy school beanies - worn at school or sporting events only

Hats: YAHS crested bucket hats and caps are mandatory for all outside activities and are not worn with the Formal Uniform. Girls Madeline and boys Akubra hats are worn with Formal Dress.

Jumpers: YAHS crested V-neck school woollen jumper in grey (juniors) and blue (seniors) or YAHS crested RB Sellers school jumper.

Vests: YAHS crested navy vests. Note - those vests with 'showstock' printed on them are only to be worn as part of the ShowStock and Equine uniform.

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

YAHS Jacket: Navy crested all weather jacket can be worn with all uniform choices, except Formal

## **In general:**

All uniforms are to be **neat, clean** and in **good repair**.

- **Footwear:** should be kept clean and polished and comply with WHS requirements including the wearing of enclosed shoes when on school grounds:
  - students must wear sturdy sports joggers for PDHP and weekly sport
  - black lace up, leather shoes are worn with the school Formal Uniform by all students
  - plain leather work boots (black or brown are worn with practical and summer uniforms).
- **Boots:** are to be worn covered by long pants.
- **Hats:** the YAHS crested 'bucket' hats or caps are worn all year whenever outside. There is a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy enforced at the school. (Refer to YAHS Sun Smart Policy).
- **Jeans:** are to be standard blue denim, straight legged with no rips or sequins. Jeans are to be worn over boots, not tucked inside them. Jeans should not be skin-tight and should be comfortable enough to wear on a bus for long journeys.
- **Jewellery:** no rings, nose or other piercings, necklaces or chains are worn during school hours, excursions or school organised after school activities.
  - a watch may be worn but removed for practical lessons if necessary
  - one set of earrings are permitted which should be small studs only
  - discreet religious necklaces may be worn but removed for practical lessons if necessary.
- **Make-Up:** no makeup or nail polish is to be worn during school hours.
- **Hair** should be neat and tidy:
  - long hair for all students should be tied back and secured, particularly when attending practical lessons (WHS requirement)
  - hair ribbons should be in the school colours of navy, yellow/gold. House ribbon colours may be worn for carnivals.
- **Beards and moustaches:** students should be clean shaven to maintain a tidy appearance-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 or they will be unable to attend shopping leave.

**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.**