



School Uniform & Dress Code Policy

Policy Statement

All students enrolled at Rosebery Middle School are required to adhere to the School's Uniform Policy and Dress Code. All students and parents are required to complete and sign a *School Uniform Policy and Dress Code Agreement*.

School Uniform

All students are required to wear a Rosebery Middle School Polo Shirt, which is jointly badged with the Palmerston City Schools logo, black shorts, pants, skirt or slacks.

Dress Code

Footwear

In addition to adhering to the School Uniform Policy, the School's Dress Code requires that all students wear footwear appropriate for the range of learning activities in which they will participate.

Specifically, all students enrolled in courses in Science, Home Economics, Art, Technical Studies and Physical Education will be required to wear covered footwear – in compliance with occupational, health and safety (OHS) requirements – to be able to participate in these courses/classes.

Students enrolled in courses other than these, in which there is no OHS imperative, may wear other suitable footwear which isn't covered but which must have a heel strap or similar.

Shorts, Pants and Skirts

Black shorts, skirts, slacks or pants worn as part of the School uniform must be appropriately modest and appropriate for school-wear. It is preferable that students wear the Rosebery Middle School uniform shorts or skirts, however the alternative is students wear plain black shorts, skirts or long pants. **Denim is not permitted.** Shorts and skirts must be an appropriate length and reach about half way down the thigh.

Jewellery and Accessories

Watches, flat rings, ear studs or sleepers, and neck chains are acceptable for school-wear. The wearing of other jewellery, such as decorative 'dangly' earrings, heavy/large pendants, and body jewellery is discouraged.

Makeup

Students wearing makeup to school should do so with the appropriate degree of modesty and for the purposes of aesthetic enhancement only. Excessive makeup is not permitted.

Academy uniforms

Palmerston Girls Academy and Clontarf Academy shirts are acceptable school uniform whilst at school. They are acceptable on academy focussed excursions but they are not acceptable school uniform on school excursions that are school focussed.

After School Hours

Our uniforms are for wearing at school. If worn after school in public we expect RMS students to behave in a respectful, honest way so that RMS will be proud to have you identified as members of our school. Any issues raised re: after school behaviour will be passed onto parents and carers.

Specific Exclusions which do not meet the School's Dress Code

- Thongs, 'slides', masseur thongs and other similar casual footwear
- Spikey/sharp and other potentially dangerous jewellery items
- Untidy or ripped clothing, and uniform garments bearing graffiti
- Short shorts, skirts, or 'minis', which are deemed inappropriate for school wear

Breaches of the School Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Students who present at school attired in a manner which breaches the School's policy will, in the first instance, be reprimanded; in the second instance their parents will be contacted and the policy will be revisited. On the third occasion the student is to be sent to an Assistant Principal, at which time one of two options will be presented:

1. The student returns home to re-dress suitably so as to conform with the Uniform Policy and Dress Code
2. The parent agrees to deliver appropriate apparel to the School for the student

Students wearing jewellery, accessories or makeup which contravene the Dress Code will be required to remove such items from their person.

A student who presents to school without the school shirt will be required to borrow a school shirt for the, by handing over their own shirt in exchange. Shirts are then swapped at the end of the day.

Special or Extenuating Circumstances

Parents/guardians are invited to make an appointment with the Principal should they wish to discuss any special or extenuating circumstances which they believe may prevent a student from temporarily complying with the School's Uniform Policy and Dress Code. However, there is no presumption that any situation, or set of circumstances, will result in any temporary exemption.