



Harrison College Ltd Student Dress Code

Harrison College Ltd Student Dress Code

At Harrison College, we strive to maintain high standards of appearance and encourage parents and carers to support us in ensuring our students arrive for the day looking smart in appropriate business wear. This teaches students the importance of presenting themselves appropriately and prepares them for the world of work where uniforms or dress codes are necessary—particularly important for our students who are preparing for and accessing internships in real working businesses and organisations.

All Harrison College students and employees are expected to wear smart and professional attire and adhere to the relevant code of conduct or policy. An indication of what this entails is detailed below, as well as communicated and explained within tutorial, self management and career development sessions:

Acceptable clothing Items:

Tops: Shirt, blouse, jumper, polo shirt, cardigan, dresses, waistcoat, ties, 3 piece suit

Outerwear: Suit jacket or blazer (optional)

Bottoms: Tailored trousers, smart chinos, suit trousers, corduroy and linen trousers

Skirts/Shorts: Must be at least knee length and below, no shorter – this is not acceptable. Ensure a proper fit that is neither too tight or too loose.

Footwear: Black shoes, ankle boots, low blocked heels, smart boots that can be polished. These should be clean, free from dirt and in good repair.

Coats: Must be removed and put in the locker during the college day

Bag: Required for personal items. Keep this small so it will fit in your locker.

Summer Term and Hot Weather: During the summer term and in hot weather, students should always wear business-appropriate clothing. Beachwear, vest tops, sleeveless tops, flip-flops, hats, etc., are not allowed.

Cold weather: Dress appropriately for travel into college and to keep out the cold and rain from your college clothes. Hats, gloves, scarves, coats, wellingtons, waterproofs and jackets for cold and wet weather must be removed during college time and put in your locker.

Accessories:

Jewellery: Students are permitted to wear a watch, necklace, and studs in the ear. Discreet bracelets and rings are allowed. Piercings are only permitted in the ear.

Hair: No extreme hairstyles are permitted. Natural hair colour dyes are acceptable. Long hair should always be tied back and tidy.

Make-up: Discreet make-up is permitted.

Tattoos: No visible tattoos are allowed.

Unacceptable clothing and accessory items:

T-shirts, crop tops, sleeveless tops, see-through and clothing exposing the chest, stomach and upper leg area are not permitted

Jeans, jeggings, combat pants, sports shorts, and tracksuits are not permitted

UGG boots, slippers, pumps, fashion branded trainers, sports trainers, wellingtons, hiking boots and stilettos are not permitted; no open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, or sliders.

Large, dangly, or sharp, pointed earrings and other forms of jewellery are not permitted.

Hair dyes of unnatural colours like red, yellow, orange, green, blue, indigo, and violet are not allowed.

General Guidelines:

Students are expected to always wear business dress in college, on external visits when representing the College, and on work placements unless otherwise stated in their work placement contract. Please ensure that your clothes fit well and are clean and ironed and free from dirt and wrinkles.

We will always advise students prior to trips, activities, and work placement visits on the suitable business attire or college uniform to be worn. This may include adaptations to the college dress code and require personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn. The temperature and environment visited may also require certain adaptations to clothing such as hiking or outerwear. This will be communicated to the students in advance and the opportunity given to discuss this with your staff in case you require any reasonable adjustments.

At all times, the individual needs of the student indicated within their EHCP, or SEN statements may require certain adjustments and considerations to ensure that we are adhering to the SEN Code of Practice 2014 and the Equality Act 2010. It is of paramount importance that the student, parent, or carer informs us immediately of any barrier they may feel needs to be considered by the SENDCo and inclusion team regarding this policy.

Harrison College reserves the right to refuse entry to any student not adhering to the dress code if no prior authorisation has been approved. It is essential that any potential issues with the dress code are discussed in advance with the SENDCo or Principal to avoid any disruption to the student's learning experience.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining our standards of professional appearance.