

OPIHI COLLEGE



Code of Conduct

At all times students are expected to behave in a manner which makes Opihi College community a safe environment, conducive to learning, where students show respect and consideration for others. This includes during travel to and from school.

At Opihi College we:

- Are thoughtful, co-operative and tolerant to each other, to staff and to visitors.
- Respect others' right to learn without interruption.
- Are well-mannered, considerate and friendly to each other, to staff and to visitors and the wider community.
- Are proud of your school environment and keep it clean, safe and attractive.
- Wear the school uniform correctly and behave well at all times This makes it easier for us all to learn and work together.

Unacceptable Conduct

Opihi College sets high standards and expectations for students in the quality of behaviour expected. These standards will be met through personal responsibility and positive encouragement by staff and the support of caregivers.

The following are examples that contravene Opihi College Code of Conduct:

N.B. The list is not exhaustive and judgements by the Principal and Board of Trustees may augment this list.

- Wear the school uniform correctly and behave well at all times This makes it easier for us all to learn and work together.
- Failure to adhere to the uniform standards and every aspect of the Code of Conduct
- Disruption of classroom learning
- Rude or abusive language to other students/staff/members of the public
- Lying, concealing or failing to tell the whole truth
- All types of verbal, physical, cyber harassment/bullying that may cause harm to any individual or group, or any discrimination on the basis of disabilities, religious affiliation, race, gender, or sexuality
- Truancy/Out of bounds areas
- Defiance/Disobedience
- Inappropriate use of ICT (including mobile devices / phones) and / or not adhering to the IT responsible use agreement.
- Damaging or stealing property
- Physical, verbal violence / assault
- Possession and/or use of weapons, tobacco, alcohol or harmful/banned drugs or substances, or replicas and substitutes for banned substances / Items
- Lighters or any other items that have the potential to cause harm or concern or cause offence, must not be carried onto the school grounds.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE Uniform is to be worn by students who are:

- Attending the school (except for Year 13 students during Term 4)
- Travelling to or from school
- Attending school functions
- Representing the school
- Identifiable as Opihi College students in a public place.

The school is judged in public by the uniform standards shown by students. We value the support of parents to ensure the standards are adhered to as agreed upon enrolment. Incorrect uniform or a combination of school uniform, the sports uniform or out-of-school clothing is unacceptable. Please ensure all items are labelled clearly with name inside the garment.

GENERAL UNIFORM

Junior Uniform - (Years 7-10)

Tops

- Mid-blue polo shirt with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water resistant jacket.

Bottoms

- Navy blue (walk or ladies) shorts
- Inverted 2-pleat navy skirt
- Navy blue skort
- Long black dress trousers
- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt

Socks

- White turn over top ankle socks (not sports socks)
- Black turn over top ankle socks
- Black stockings
- Black over the knee socks (**to be worn with kilt/skirt only and must look like tights, therefore not visible as socks**)
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Senior Uniform - (Years 11-13)

Tops

- White straight hem, short sleeve, collar band, shirt
- White long sleeve, collar band shirt (must be tucked in)
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water resistant jacket.
- School blazer and tie (highly recommended Year 11-12, compulsory in Year 13)

Bottoms

- Navy blue (walk or ladies) shorts
- Inverted pleat skirt navy
- Long black dress trousers
- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt

Socks

- White turn over top ankle socks (not sports socks)
- Black turn over top ankle socks (not sports socks)
- Black stockings
- Black over the knee socks (**to be worn with kilt/skirt only and must look like tights, therefore not visible as socks**)
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Uniform items are available from SchoolTex online www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/opihi-college, The Warehouse Timaru or the College Office.

Other items - Junior and Senior

- All students wear black shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are strongly advised to wear a plain black or navy blue bucket hat or cap. Both styles can be purchased from the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies and scarves may be worn during Term 2 and 3.
- PE uniform - Opihi College PE shirt with black shorts (mid-thigh maximum length and no cycle type shorts). A change of socks is to be worn with gym shoes. On cold days a black tracksuit or a plain coloured sweatshirt in your house colour and black track pants can be worn. *(The P.E. shirts are only available to purchase through the school office.)*

PERSONAL PRESENTATION – SCHOOL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all students.

- Hair must be clean and tidy (out of eyes). No extremes including changing hair to unnatural colours. Boys must be clean-shaven.
- A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required.
- Students may only wear **plain** stud earrings in their ears at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with our school uniform.

The school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly at all times.