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NEW UNIFORM FAQs

1 TRANSITION TO THE NEW UNIFORM

1.1 Why is the College introducing a new uniform?

Our current uniform has served the College well since RJ opened in 1997. Since then, fashion trends and fabric technology have evolved significantly, creating opportunities to improve comfort, flexibility and performance.

The new uniform has been designed to provide a contemporary look while maintaining a strong sense of College identity. It also supports the College's future direction as we approach our 30th anniversary and introduce a refreshed logo in 2027.

1.2 How was the new uniform developed?

Following College-wide surveys conducted in 2024, a Uniform Committee was established to review the feedback and guide the design process.

The Committee met regularly and included representatives from the Executive team, College staff, parents and students. Their work focused on creating a uniform that reflects the College's values, incorporating new fabrics and styles, with the aim of creating a unique uniform that students would enjoy wearing.

1.3 When will the new uniform be introduced?

The new uniform will be introduced in 2027 and will be phased in to help families transition gradually, allowing existing families to spread purchases over time. The following year groups and students must wear the new uniform.

2027

- All Kindergarten students
- All Year 7 students
- All Year 11 students (formal uniform only, may continue to use House/Sports items)
- All new students joining the College

2028

- Kindergarten and Year 1
- Years 7 and 8
- Years 11 and 12
- All new students joining the College

2029

- All JS & SS students *except for Year 10 (i.e. they were in Year 8 in 2027, 9 in 2028, 10 in 2029 and will require a new uniform in Year 11)*

2030

- All students

1.4 Are all the uniform elements finalised?

Not all uniform elements have been finalised yet. While the core uniform design has been confirmed, some items may be refined following further consultation.

1.5 What if my child is one of the non-compulsory year groups and I need to purchase new items?

Students in year groups not yet required to wear the new uniform may continue wearing the existing uniform during the transition period. However, the two uniforms must not be mixed. Students must wear either the full existing uniform or the full new uniform, not a combination of both. The new uniform can be worn by non-compulsory year groups.

1.6 Why does RJ have a uniform?

At its deepest level, a school uniform is a visible expression of belonging. Human beings are relational by nature. We find meaning through our membership in families, communities, teams, churches, and schools. Throughout history, communities have used symbols, traditions, and forms of dress to communicate identity and shared purpose.

A school uniform reflects the understanding that education is not merely an individual pursuit but participation in a learning community. It reminds students that they are part of something larger than themselves.

In a culture that often emphasises personal expression above collective responsibility, the school uniform provides an important counterbalance. It teaches students that individual freedoms coexist with responsibilities to a community. The uniform therefore becomes more than clothing; it is a symbol of shared identity, mutual respect, and collective purpose.

The uniform reinforces the belief that students are not solely defined by their economic means, social status, cultural background, or personal style, but by their identity as valued members of the College community.

2 PURCHASING THE NEW UNIFORM

2.1 Who is the College's new uniform provider?

The College has partnered with Noone, one of Australia's leading school uniform suppliers, to provide families with high-quality garments, professional fitting services, and personalised customer support.

2.2 Where can families purchase the new uniform?

Noone will operate a retail store within approximately 8km of the College, as required under its agreement with the College. Families will also be able to purchase uniform items online.

2.3 When can families try on the new uniform?

Noone plans to offer a fitting service during Term 4, allowing Kindergarten, Year 7 & 11 and other families to be professionally fitted before the 2027 school year.

2.4 Can I still purchase uniform items from Lowes?

Lowes will continue to support the College until 31 December 2026. From 1 January 2027, all new uniform purchases will be made through Noone. Pre-loved items may be sourced from the Oakhurst Anglican Op Shop or the [RJ Pre-Loved Uniform](#) Facebook page.

2.5 Will there be uniform sales or discount periods?

Noone's pricing model focuses on providing consistent value and quality throughout the year rather than periodic sales events.

2.6 Is Noone more expensive than Lowes?

The College has worked closely with Noone to provide a high-quality uniform that offers good value and durability. Whilst some items may be slightly dearer, others will be similar or less than current prices.

3 SUPPORTING FAMILIES DURING THE TRANSITION

In addition to providing a transition timeline, the College has introduced several measures to reduce the cost to families of moving to the new uniform.

3.1 Year 11 Blazers

To support families during the final years of schooling, all Year 11 students commencing in 2027 will receive a new blazer as a gift from the College.

3.2 Senior School Caps

All Senior School students will receive a complimentary '*limited-edition 30th Anniversary*' College cap. Previous RJ caps will no longer be permitted. Senior School bucket hats will also be available for purchase for students seeking additional sun protection.

3.3 Junior School Bucket Hats

All Junior School students will receive a complimentary House-themed bucket hat. No other hats may be worn.

3.4 School Bags

Existing RJ school bags, excursion bags and library bags may continue to be used until students complete the relevant Junior or Senior stage of schooling. For example, a current Year 1 student may continue using their existing bag until Year 6 before purchasing a new Senior School bag; a current Year 8 student may continue using their existing bag until graduation, except for the laptop bag.

3.5 Laptop Bags (Discontinuation)

To simplify the uniform and reduce costs, a separate laptop bag will no longer be permitted. Students will use the dedicated laptop compartment within their existing or new school bag and may use a **protective sleeve for additional protection** when moving between classrooms. Existing students may continue to use their current laptop bag until the end of 2028.

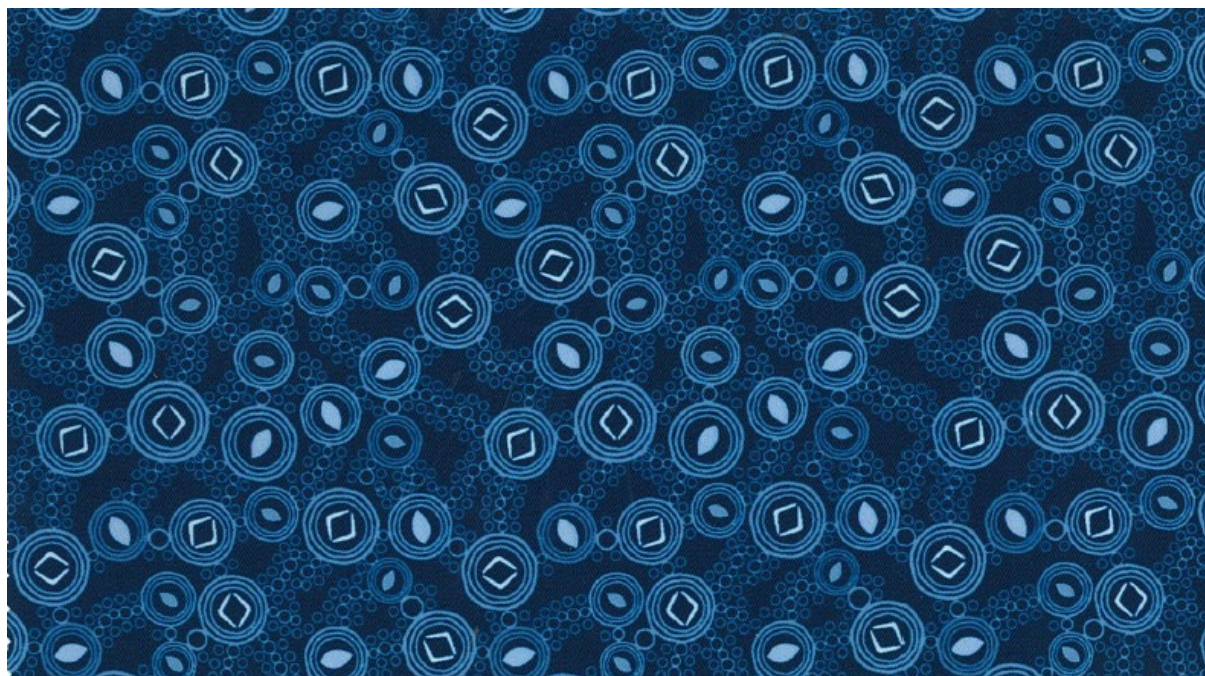
4 UNIFORM DESIGN & FEATURES

4.1 Who designed the Indigenous artwork featured in the blazer lining?

The College engaged multi-award-winning Indigenous artist Blak Douglas to create the exclusive artwork featured in the blazer lining.

The design incorporates the leaf motif from the College logo and symbolises growth, learning and belonging within the College community. Through interconnected imagery, the artwork reflects the journey of students as they learn, develop and flourish together.

Blak Douglas is one of Australia's most respected contemporary artists and was awarded the prestigious Archibald Prize in 2022. His contribution adds a meaningful and uniquely Australian element to the new College uniform.



4.2 Will there still be separate summer and winter uniforms?

The new uniform has been designed for year-round use, simplifying requirements for families. Senior School students will continue to wear blazers to and from school during Terms 2 and 3 and on designated formal occasions throughout the year.

4.3 Will students still have a special transition into Year 7 and Year 11?

Yes. While the uniform now provides greater continuity from Junior to Senior School (e.g. the Year 3 dress continues through to Year 12), several elements continue to mark important milestones.

Examples include:

- Senior School blazers.
- Girls may choose to wear a skirt from Year 7. (The Junior School tunic does not continue into Senior School.)
- Senior students in Years 11 and 12 retain their distinctive white shirts.
- Boys retain a more formal senior tie in Years 11 and 12.

4.4 What options are available for staying warm?

Students now have a greater choice, with the option of a vest, jumper or cardigan. However, the blazer remains the outer garment for the Senior School uniform (Terms 3 & 4) and the new soft-shell jacket is the outer garment for the Junior School uniform (all year round).

Two scarf options are also available (a wool mix and a synthetic).

4.5 Do Senior School girls still need to wear a decorative scarf?

No. The decorative scarf is no longer part of the uniform.

4.6 Have the sock colours changed?

Yes. To simplify purchasing and minimise costs, sport and formal school socks are now the same colour. A darker colour was selected following feedback that lighter socks quickly showed signs of wear and discolouration. They are the only type of sock to be worn with the new uniform.

4.7 Will beanies be available?

Yes. Styles are being finalised.

5. SUSTAINABILITY

5.1 What can families do with old uniform items?

As part of our commitment to sustainability, the College will partner with a specialist recycling provider to responsibly process old uniform items.

Items will be de-branded before recycling, helping protect the College's identity while reducing waste. Collection bins are expected to be available on campus to make participation easy for families.

6. RECOGNITION

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