26th June 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wearing uniform is a symbol of belonging, pride and identity. We are proud of our uniform at Somerville Secondary College and expect every student to arrive at school every day in full school uniform.

Any school policy depends upon parent support and willingness to ensure that their child complies with school rules. The Uniform Policy was agreed upon by our parent representatives on the School Board and by extensive feedback sought from parents and students. The college has a clearly stated dress code and has the right to enforce that code.

Our uniform requirements have been in place for some time so it is disappointing that some students are not prepared to meet these expectations.

We are willing to help as much as we possibly can within the confines of the Uniform Policy particularly when financial hardship is a factor, however in the end students attending Somerville Secondary College are required to comply with the college dress code.

Therefore, the following actions will be taken from the start of Term Three if a student arrives at school out of uniform with no note containing an acceptable explanation from home.

**Students in Years 10-12:**

Any student in Years 10-12 who is out of uniform with no note containing an acceptable explanation will be sent home to change into full school uniform. A letter will be given to the student on the day and that same letter will be posted home. Those students who are unable to go home due to transport issues will be issued with an internal suspension.

**Students in Years 7-9:**

Any student in Years 7-9 who is out of uniform with no note containing an acceptable explanation will be issued with a lunchtime detention every day they are out of uniform.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5973 1000.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Lynn Motteram
Assistant Principal