Student Dress Code

Students enrolled in the Faculty of Veterinary Science are required to dress appropriately for all Extramural Studies (EMS) and Intramural Studies (IMS) program placements. This Student Dress Code represents the minimal acceptable standard. Specific placements may impose additional standards and students are responsible for ensuring they meet these requirements.

Statement of Purpose

Students at The Faculty of Veterinary Science, The University of Sydney, represent their peers, the Faculty, the University and the veterinary profession during placements. Placements may also present a number of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) risks. The purpose of this dress code is to ensure:

1. Students are clearly identified whilst on placements
2. Students present themselves in a professional manner
3. Students minimise OHS risks associated with placements

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1. Students must wear the nametag, issued to them by the Faculty upon admission to the program, during all placements. Replacement nametags may be organised through the Faculty at the student’s expense.
2. Students must wear clean, Faculty of Veterinary Science tee-shirts, polo-shirts or chambray shirts on placements. These garments may be purchased through VetSoc: http://www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/vetsoc/ or the Online store: http://vetscience.sydneyestore.com.au/
3. Students must wear clean, Faculty of Veterinary Science overalls, or suitable work pants or shorts, that are khaki, white, tan/brown, green, black, or blue whilst on placements. These garments may be purchased through the Online Store: http://vetscience.sydneyestore.com.au/
4. Students must wear footwear that is appropriate to the placement and minimises OHS risks.
5. Students must wear personal protective items such as gloves, hat and sunscreen to minimise OHS risks as required.
6. Students must not wear any jewellery that could interfere with their ability to safely and effectively undertake required tasks.

The following are examples of unacceptable clothing:

1. Clothing that exposes the abdomen, hips or undergarments
2. Clothing that is dirty, stained, torn, frayed or otherwise in poor condition
3. Singlet tops  
4. Denim shorts  
5. Sweatsuits and track pants  
6. Sandals and thongs

Note that some piercings, bracelets and necklaces present an OHS hazard, and some types of earrings may interfere with auscultation.

Students are financially responsible for meeting these dress code requirements.

**Enforcement**

The Faculty of Veterinary Science Professional Conduct Committee will enforce this dress code using feedback from placement supervisors. Breaches of this code may result in a finding of unsatisfactory professional conduct or misconduct.