

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College

UNIFORM POLICY



Rationale:

The College Council has developed the Uniform Policy as set out below. All students are expected to respect the rules. If this is not possible, students are asked to provide a note to the office at the start of the day if they are out of uniform for any reason. Temporary uniform items should be as similar as possible to uniform (same or close colour). Students who wear inappropriate items may be asked to remove them and wear an item of second-hand uniform.

The wearing of a uniform aims to:

- Promote a sense of individual and collective pride in students, and their identification with the college.
- Minimise social and economic distinctions by ensuring that all students wear the specified uniform.
- Remove forms of peer pressure to conform to fashion trends.

Non-compliance with the dress code, or seeking to stretch the boundaries by wearing slight modifications, is not in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the uniform. Breaking the dress code for non-genuine reasons shows a lack of consideration for other students.

Aims:

- To provide clear directions regarding the wearing of the school uniform
- To positively promote the College's image to the wider community

Implementation:

General Uniform Requirements

Jumpers

A navy blue V-necked woollen blend jumper with logo or a navy blue polar fleece zip up jacket or navy blue polar fleece zip up sleeveless jacket, with logo. VCE students may wear their personalised VCE jumper.

Footwear

The following options are available for both boys and girls:

Black school shoes free of all markings

Hats

The College as a part of its Sunsmart Policy expects all students to wear the College approved hat during terms 1 and 4. Please note: Students who do not wear the hat will be required on the first occasion be counselled and shown a Sunsmart Video on the dangers of skin cancer and thereafter be required to sit in a designated shaded area for recess and lunch. Sunglasses may be worn when outside. Spare hats are available at the Front Office.

Jewellery

Jewellery worn by boys and girls is restricted to:

Sleepers or plain studs (no more than four per ear).

No more than two bracelets or bangles.

One discreet ring.

Watch.

Small plain necklace – worn under the shirt so it is not visible

Navy or black or white hair accessories.

One only of a small pinhead size plain metal nose stude, OR eye OR lip piecing (not sleeper or ring)

In cold weather, students may wear:

- a navy jacket with DMSC logo
- navy polar fleece vest with logo
- navy or black gloves and scarves
- DMSC beanies
- gloves and beanies are not to be worn in class
- Plain navy or black scarves may be worn in non-practical classes
- Students may wear the navy jacket with logo in class and during school time

Hair

Hair colour should be in natural shades, including foils, tips and other hair treatments.

Bright and unnatural colours are only acceptable if they are minimal section of an individual's hair.

No other items of clothing should be visible under the uniform unless specified with the policy. No motifs, other than the college crest, are to be worn on the uniform.

Year 12

Year 12 Students are accorded the privilege of selecting an additional item of clothing to be worn as part of their uniform to mark their final year at school, provided the design has the prior approval of the Principal. This can be a jumper or jacket with collar in navy blue, red or yellow, embroidery and detailing in navy blue, yellow, red or white. The school logo is to be part of the design and nicknames and slogans, if any, which send a positive message and have prior approval of the Principal.

All uniform items should be named.

Students are expected to wear the designated uniform in a manner which reflects its purpose as a means of fostering collective pride, and identification with the College.

Shirts may be worn not tucked into shorts, skirts or long pants.

Blazer

A navy blue blazer with logo is available for students to wear when representing the school on formal occasions. Students are permitted to purchase and wear their own blazer if they should choose to do so.

Sports and Physical Education Uniform

General sport and physical education

Navy or black shorts which may be either plain or incorporate white stripes or trim on the side, or navy skirt for girls.

Sports Shoes.

Sports socks

DMSC sport shirt.

School jumper, school jacket or approved DMSC sport top.

Tracksuit, as approved by DMSC Council, or a navy or black tracksuit which may be either plain or incorporate white stripes or trim on the side.

Swimming

For school level Sport and Physical Education, students are required to wear swimwear which would be acceptable for recreational or competition swimming at the Dimboola pool. When competing beyond the school level, students must abide by whatever dress rules apply to those events.

Girls' Uniform

Girls' Summer Uniform

Option 1

Short-sleeved dress of prescribed material, collar with open neck, buttoned down the front.

or

Option 2

Approved navy shorts with a white polo top carrying the college logo.

or

Option 3

A designated navy skirt. Tights are not to be worn with the summer skirt.

White or black socks

Girls' Winter uniform

Option 1

A navy skirt as provided for in the summer uniform or a designated winter skirt, between knee and mid-calf length. Skirts are to be worn with white or black socks or navy or black panty hose or tights.

or

Option 2

Navy tailored slacks or approved navy tailored trackpants with or without DMSC logo.

Plain cotton white school shirt with a collar, or white polo top with College crest or white skivvy or long sleeved white turtle neck top. A white long-sleeved turtle or crew necked top may be worn underneath.

Navy tie (optional) may be worn with a white cotton shirt, not a polo shirt.

Nail polish

- Clear or pale nail polish is the preferred option
- Long false nails are not permitted

Boys' Uniform

Boys' Summer uniform

Grey or white polo top carrying the College crest.

Tailored navy shorts, or trousers as specified in the winter uniform.

White or black socks with shorts.

Boys' Winter uniform

Grey or white polo top carrying the College crest with the option of a long sleeved white or grey turtle or crew neck top worn underneath.

Trousers - grey dress pants or grey elasticised-waist trousers. Trousers may not be of fleecy, interlocked or stretch material.

Navy tie (optional) may be worn with a white cotton shirt, not a polo shirt.

Unisex Uniform

Unisex uniform to be determined in negotiation with the Principal.

Sources of Uniform

- Most items of uniform are available from the local Dimboola Trading Co. store, which is the sole supplier of all items carrying the embroidered College crest.
- Second-hand uniforms are available from the school.

Enforcement of Uniform Rules

- Student uniform will be monitored on a regular basis and any deficiencies will be reported to the Year Level Coordinator who will follow up the matter with parents/carers.
- Any student who is unable to wear uniform for a specific time is expected to bring a note from their parent/carer to the Year Level Coordinator.
- In the case of persistent offenders, parents will be informed and requested to discuss the matter with the College.

Exemptions from the wearing of College uniform.

- All students are required to conform to the College's uniform regulations, unless they have been granted an exemption.
- Exemptions from the wearing of the College uniform may be granted on the basis of health, disability, religion or cultural considerations. Where economic circumstances cause difficulties in meeting uniform requirements, the College accepts the responsibility of providing assistance.
- Applications for exemption are to be made to the Assistant Principal who will determine the outcome following appropriate consultation.
- Students who have been granted exemption from the wearing of the College uniform will be expected to dress in a neat and presentable manner.
- All cases of exemption from the College's uniform regulations will be reported to the College Council

Procedures for communication, consultation and review.

- All students and parents will be notified of the dress code at enrolment.
- Any major change proposed to uniform regulations will only be implemented following extensive consultation with parents, students and teachers, and discussions with suppliers.

Casual Day Dress Code

- On days of casual dress, students should wear tops that fully cover all upper parts of the body to provide adequate protection from the sun and other hazards. They should also wear skirts and shorts that provide adequate coverage of the body.
- Covered shoes only may be worn.

- Garments displaying inappropriate language or images may not be worn.
- In Terms 1 and 4 **only**, the approved school hat must be worn.
- In Terms 2 and 3 **only**, the approved DMSC Beanie may be worn.

This policy was last ratified by School Council March 2024, and is due for review in March 2027.