



# UNIFORM POLICY

## 1. The purpose of a student dress code.

The students at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College will be required to wear a uniform as specified by the College Council.

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.

## 2. General Uniform Regulations

### 2.1 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 the navy jumper with a white embroidered college crest and "VCE" or their personalised VCE jumper.

### 2.2 Footwear

The following options are available for both boys and girls:

Black lace up or buckle school shoes free of all markings. If, for safety reasons, footwear other than that which is part of school uniform is required, students are expected to wear shoes or sports shoes.

### 2.3 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.

### 2.4 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 ring.

Watch.

Small plain necklace.

Navy or black or white hair accessories.

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

### 2.5 In cold weather, students may wear a plain navy waterproof coat with logo, navy or grey or black jackets or coats which may have minimal markings in white, black, navy or grey. Navy or black gloves and scarves and plain navy or black beanies. Jackets or coats may only be worn over a jumper or polar fleece top. 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 coat with logo in class and during school time. Non-uniform jackets and coats may be worn to and from school only.

### 2.6 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.

### 2.7 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

### 2.8 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.

### 2.9 All uniform items should be named.

- 2.10 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.
- 2.11 Shirts may be worn not tucked into shorts, skirts, slacks or trousers. When these are being worn, shirts should not hang below a jumper, windcheater, rugby top or jacket.
- 2.12 VCE students may have "VCE" embroidered on items of uniform, provided that it conforms with school specifications.
- 2.13 Blazer  
A navy blue blazer with logo is available for students to wear when representing the school on formal occasions.

### 3. Sports and Physical Education Uniform

- 3.1 General sport and physical education  
Navy or black shorts, or navy skirt for girls.  
Sports Shoes.  
Sports socks  
Green and gold DMSC sport shirt.  
School jumper, or school windcheater, school rugby top or approved DMSC football jumper.  
Tracksuit, as approved by DMSC Council, or a navy or black tracksuit which may be either plain or incorporate white stripes or trim.
- 3.2 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. Students may wear a T-shirt over bathers provided it is either white or in the appropriate house colour. When competing beyond the school level, students must abide by whatever dress rules apply to those events.

### 4. Girls Uniform:

- 4.1 Girls Summer Uniform
- 4.1.1 Option 1  
Short sleeved dress of prescribed material, collar with open neck, buttoned down the front.  
**or**
- 4.1.2 Option 2  
Approved navy tailored shorts with a white polo top carrying the college crest.  
**or**
- 4.1.3 Option 3  
A designated navy skirt.
- 4.1.3 White socks
- 4.2 Girls Winter uniform
- 4.2.1 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 socks or navy/black panty hose or tights.  
**or**
- 4.2.2 Option 2  
Navy tailored slacks or DMSC track-style pants with logo.
- 4.2.3 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.
- 4.3 Nail polish  
Only clear or pale nail polish may be worn.
5. Boys Uniform
- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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 or of tracksuit style.

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

## 6. Sources of Uniform

6.1 Most items of uniform are available from the local *Mensland* store: All items for both boys and girls with the exception shoes, pantyhose or tights for the girls winter uniform and small size white socks. Mensland is the sole supplier of all items carrying the embroidered college crest. Girls' uniform items can be made to order for a minimal extra charge.

6.2 Second-hand uniforms are available from the school.

## 7. Enforcement of Uniform Rules

7.1 Student uniform will be monitored on a regular basis and any deficiencies will be reported to the Level Coordinator who may follow up the matter with parents/guardians.

7.2 Any student who is unable to wear uniform for a specific time is expected to bring a note from their parent/guardian to the year level coordinator who will issue a uniform pass. This pass should be carried by the student and produced when required to do so by a teacher.

7.3 In the case of persistent offenders, parents will be informed and requested to discuss the matter with the college. Where this fails to resolve the matter satisfactorily, the student may have privileges withdrawn.

## 8. Exemptions from the wearing of college uniform.

8.1 All students are required to conform to the college's uniform regulations unless they have been granted an exemption.

8.2 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.

8.3 Students who have enrolled under the provision of the Adult Student Policy will be exempt from the wearing of college uniform.

8.4 Applications for exemption are to be made to the Assistant Principal who will determine the outcome following appropriate consultation.

8.5 Students who have been granted exemption from the wearing of college uniform will be expected to dress in a neat and presentable manner.

8.6 All cases of exemption from the college's uniform regulations will be reported to College Council

## 9. Procedures for communication, consultation and review.

9.1 All students and parents will be notified of the dress code at enrolment.

9.2 Any major change proposed to uniform regulations will only be implemented following extensive consultation with parents, students and teachers, and discussions with suppliers.

9.3 It is the responsibility of the Student Welfare Sub-committee of the college council to consider matters related to the Student Dress Code and to make recommendations to College Council.

9.4 Suggestions for any change to the Student Dress Code will be accepted from parents, students and staff. Any requests for changes to the Student Dress Code must be considered by the Student Welfare Sub-committee and presented to a single meeting of School Council in any year, no later than September. Proposals for change are to include a date of implementation, which must consider any implications for the suppliers of uniform items.

## 10. Casual Day Dress Code

10.1 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.

10.2 Covered shoes only may be worn.

10.3 Garments displaying inappropriate language or images may not be worn.

10.4 In Terms 1 and 4, only the approved school hat may be worn.

