Uniform Policy

Overview
The Victoria University Secondary College Board has the authority to develop and implement a uniform policy for students as outlined in legislation relating to dress codes.

All dress codes must:
- meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements
- include an exemption process
- include health and safety considerations
- meet requirements relating to uniform supply arrangements.

The college also works with the State Schools' Relief to support students in need as well as supporting their fundraising activities.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. This policy has been designed to implement and enforce the school uniform at the college.

The Victoria University Secondary College Board is responsible for developing and reviewing the college uniform policy in consultation with the school community to:
- ensure the code reflects the values of the school community
- ensure there is a balance between the rights of individual students and the best interests of the whole school community
- decide if amendments or a full review of the dress code are required annually.

After consultation with the school community and the Student Leadership Team, the College Board developed a uniform policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

This uniform policy is a written statement of college expectations regarding student appearance.

Aims:
- To allow students to further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
- Details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the junior and senior student planners, in newsletters and other regular parent correspondence and on the college website.
- The College Board requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the uniform policy in a manner consistent with the DET Student Engagement Policy.
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- The school makes every endeavour to ensure the uniform is affordable for families. Parents should contact the school if they wish to discuss how arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief or a payment plan.
- Students who are not wearing the correct uniform will face disciplinary procedures unless they have a parent note in their school planner explaining the reason why the student is not in full uniform. Teachers will make contact with parents if their child is consistently wearing the incorrect uniform.

Religious, cultural and special health requirements
The College is aware that some students may have special health requirements or wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements while also complying with the uniform policy. These could include:
- head coverings
- facial hair
- clothing lengths
- adornments such as certain jewellery.

Individual requirements will be discussed with students and parents on a case by case basis.

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- All items of uniform must be part of the official Victoria University Secondary College uniform as supplied by Primary School Wear (PSW), 58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park (Tel: 9363 8458).
- The uniform is compulsory for all students. It must be worn correctly during school hours, while travelling to and from school, at all school events including music concerts, on single day excursions and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.
- Students must wear their blazer to and from school, and they must keep their blazer with them until recess.
- Year 12 students may choose to wear the college blazer or Year 12 college jacket.
- The winter uniform must be worn in Terms 2 and 3. The summer uniform must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. There are optional items which may be worn throughout the year.
- Students must appear neat and tidy at all times. Uniforms must be clean and in good repair. Shoes need to be well polished and long sleeved shirts are to be tucked in. Skirts and dresses must be knee length. The top button of shirts must be buttoned when worn with the tie. The uniform may not be altered in style. Beanies and caps other than the college baseball cap are not permitted.
- All items of uniform should be clearly named and shoes should be labelled.
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Boys’ Uniform

1. Summer Uniform
   • Shorts (charcoal grey) or trousers (charcoal grey)
   • Short sleeve shirt (white)
   • Blazer
   • Black leather lace-up shoes (no boots)
   • White socks

   Optional items in summer:
   • Tie
   • Jumper
   • College cap

2. Winter Uniform
   • Trousers (charcoal grey)
   • Long sleeve shirt (white)
   • Tie
   • Blazer
   • Black leather lace-up shoes (no boots)
   • Black socks

   Optional items in winter:
   • Black scarf with logo
   • Jumper

Girls’ Uniform

1. Summer Uniform
   • Summer dress or shorts (black) with short sleeve shirt (white)
   • Blazer
   • Black leather lace-up shoes or T-bars (no boots)
   • White socks

   Optional items in summer:
   • Trousers (black)
   • Tie
   • Jumper
   • College cap
   • Hijabb (black or white)
   • Hair ties in school colours (scrunchie available from PSW)
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2. Winter Uniform
   - Winter skirt or trousers (black)
   - Long sleeve shirt (white)
   - Blazer
   - Black leather lace-up shoes or T-bars (no boots)
   - Black socks or stockings (no leggings)

   Optional items in winter:
   - Black scarf with logo
   - Tie
   - Jumper
   - Hijabb (black or white)
   - Hair ties in school colours

Physical Education Uniform for Boys and Girls
   - Sports shorts or track pants
   - Short sleeved sports polo shirt
   - Runners
   - Long sleeved rugby top
   - Spray jacket