



## Student Dress Code Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Whittlesea Secondary College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Whittlesea Secondary College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Whittlesea Secondary College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### Definitions

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Whittlesea Secondary College's students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat (navy blue) during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sun-screen.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible. Please note that the school will not be responsible for any damaged or lost sunglasses.



## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from

### Academy Uniforms

#### Thomastown Store

Ph: 03 960 8011

238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown, 3074.

*Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm and Saturday 9am – 12pm.*

*Online shop: <https://academyuniforms.com.au/login.php>*

*Pw: Whittlesea*

**These are the only items which may be worn when travelling to and from the College:**

### Upper Garment

- Whittlesea Secondary College Polo shirt, long or short sleeve version
- Whittlesea Secondary College Rugby Shirt
- Whittlesea Secondary College Spray Jacket
- Whittlesea Secondary College Softshell jacket
- Whittlesea Secondary College Dress
- Whittlesea Secondary College scarf
- Whittlesea Secondary College Beanie
- White business shirt with long or short sleeves, may be worn with the College tie
- Whittlesea Secondary College Year 12 jacket and/or senior polo (optional item arranged through Year 12 only)

### Lower Garment

- Whittlesea Secondary College navy tracksuit pants with school logo
- Whittlesea Secondary College navy sports shorts with school logo
- Whittlesea Secondary College navy blue cargo pants with school logo
- Whittlesea Secondary College pleated skirt
- Navy tights (under skirt or dress)
- Black leather low heeled school shoes or appropriate runners
- Safety boots must be worn in all technology classes, fully enclosed shoes are required for all food technology classes



## Sports uniform when representing the College:

### Upper garment

Students will wear the specified top appropriate to the sport being played.

- Whittlesea Secondary College Polo shirt, long or short sleeve version
- Whittlesea Secondary College Rugby Shirt

### Lower Garment

- Whittlesea Secondary College navy tracksuit pants with school logo
- Whittlesea Secondary College navy sports shorts with school logo
- College netball skirt/dress

Students will also wear either the College jacket or the College tracksuit top. No other coat or outer garment is permitted.

## Technology and VET subjects:

<p><b>Automotive</b> <b>First Year Students</b> All items <i>Hi-Vis Yellow / Lime</i> JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear JB6MCP Navy Pants Syzmik Coverall Blue (Optional) Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>	<p><b>Second Year Students*</b> All items <i>Hi-Vis Orange</i> JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear JB6MCP Navy Pants Syzmik Coverall Blue (Optional) Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>
<p><b>Building and Construction</b> <b>First Year Students</b> All items Hi-Vis Yellow / Lime JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear 6H4AP Polar Fleece JB Wear 6MCP Khaki Pants Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>	<p><b>Second Year Students*</b> All items Hi-Vis Orange JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear 6H4AP Polar Fleece JB Wear 6MCP Khaki Pants Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>
<p><b>Engineering</b> <b>First Year Students</b> All items Hi-Vis Yellow / Lime JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear 6MCP Black Pants Syzmik Coverall Charcoal (Optional) - Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>	<p><b>Second Year Students*</b> All items Hi-Vis Orange JB Wear 6HWSS Cotton Shirt JB Wear 6MCP Black Pants - Syzmik Coverall Charcoal (Optional) Student Preferred Safety Boots (must comply with AS/NZS 2210:2010)</p>



<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checked chef pants</li> <li>• Double breasted jacket</li> <li>• Neck tie</li> <li>• Apron</li> <li>• Chef’s Hat</li> </ul> <p>(All uniform items provided as part of course fee)</p>	
<p><b>Trade electives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate PPE</li> <li>• Long sleeved HI VIS work shirt</li> <li>• Navy Blue work pants with school logo</li> <li>• Steel Capped boots</li> <li>• Safety Glasses and ear muffs</li> </ul>	

**Support for families experiencing financial difficulty**

Please contact the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools’ Relief. Further information about State Schools’ Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Whittlesea Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through COMPASS newsfeeds, assemblies, meetings and letters. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school, or to remove the item.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the Head of House will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Whittlesea Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.



## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Whittlesea Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Whittlesea Secondary College](#) Parent Complaint Policy
- Whittlesea Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2021
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