



Sunbury College Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Sunbury 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 Sunbury 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 Sunbury 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Sunbury College's compulsory school uniform items is available in Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Sunbury College 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.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Excessive amounts of make-up, jewellery and nail polish are not to be worn. (One ring, watch, bracelet, necklace and one pair of earrings are the recommended maximum). Jewellery must be non-prominent.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back during practical classes such as food studies, science, health and physical education, product design and technology etc. to ensure OH&S requirements are met.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen

Only college approved hats and beanies are to be worn at school. Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Academy Uniforms at school during the regular uniform shop hours that are published on the college website or Compass Newsfeed.

Parents/carers may order uniform directly from www.academyuniforms.com.au which can be click and collected from the college office or delivered to home.

Parents can also purchase the uniform from the Academy Uniforms Thomastown retail store.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the college 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

Sunbury College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, the school diary and in the enrolment pack for new students. 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.

Students who are out of uniform on a given day must have a note from their parent/carer and seek a uniform pass from their year level coordinator. In lieu of a uniform pass, the year level coordinator may loan an item of uniform to the student for the day.

If a student is out of uniform and does not have a uniform pass they may be issued a consequence as outlined in the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

The college will work with families where a student is repeatedly non-compliant with the dress code to ensure they become compliant.

Any measures taken by Sunbury 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.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Sunbury 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

- Sunbury College Parent Complaint Policy
- Sunbury 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

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| Policy last reviewed | June 2022 |
| Consultation | School Council Oct 2021 Subject to full review in 2025 |
| Approved by | School Council |
| Next scheduled review date | June 2025 |

APPENDIX A – LIST OF UNIFORM ITEMS

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| Blazer | Burgundy with logo |
| Spray Jacket | Black with logo |
| Soft Shell Jacket | Black with logo |
| Jumper | Burgundy with logo Available in poly/cotton |
| THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE OUTER GARMENTS ARE THE COLLEGE SPRAY JACKET, SOFT SHELL JACKET, BLAZER OR JUMPER | |
| Blouse | White blouse with logo. Available in short and long sleeve. Approved design. |
| Summer Dress | Approved design only. No more than 4cm above the knee. |
| Winter Skirt | Approved design only. No more than 4cm above the knee. |
| Pants | Approved design only. |
| Stockings | Black or flesh coloured stockings or tights only to be worn with winter skirt. NO socks to be worn with tights. |
| Socks | Plain white without logos. |
| Shirt | Striped shirt with logo. Available in short and long sleeve. Approved design. |
| Trousers | Plain college grey (not canvas or jeans). |
| Shorts | Approved design only. |
| Sport Polo | Compulsory for PE & Sport. Burgundy & grey polo top with logo. Approved design. |
| Sports Shorts | Compulsory for PE & Sport. Lightweight dark grey with piping. Approved design. |
| Track Top | Compulsory for PE & Sport. Microfibre dark grey with logo. Approved design. |
| Track Pants | Compulsory for PE & Sport. Microfibre dark grey. Approved design. |
| Shoes | Traditional black, polishable, hard leather upper, lace up school shoes with heel for boys and girls. No court shoes, buckle shoes, boots, soft leather or suede shoes. |
| Bag | Compulsory (School supplies one bag per student upon commencement in Year 7) |
| College Cap | Compulsory (School supplied one cap per student) |
| College Beanie | Black, maroon and yellow with logo |
| College Scarf | Grey scarf with logo |
| Academic Sports Program | Compulsory additional uniform for students selected into the program |