



# Sunbury College 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 whilst encouraging 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
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations and values of Sunbury College

## SCOPE

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

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Sunbury College has a gender neutral uniform.

### General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school, or participating in school activities, Sunbury College students must comply with the following:

- the standard uniform at Sunbury College is the full academic uniform
- the full PE uniform is only permitted to be worn on days when practical physical education is timetabled, at interschool sport, and approved practical programs
- a combination of the academic and PE uniform is not permitted
- uniforms must be clean and in good repair

- uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- alternative uniform options, must be plain in approved school colour, without any brand logo
- additional layers of clothing (not including hoodies) may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are not visible when external layers of uniform are removed i.e. Sunbury College jumpers, soft shell/spray jackets

### **Health and Safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back during practical Technology and Science classes to ensure OH&S requirements are met.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords or similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted. Excessive amounts of makeup, nail polish or jewellery are not to be worn.

As a secondary school, we expect students to take personal 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 Sunbury College approved hats and beanies are to be worn as part of the College uniform. These are not to be worn inside.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Compulsory and optional uniform items may be purchased from PSW Sunbury during their regular open hours published on the College website.

Parents/carers may order uniform items directly from <https://academyuniforms.com.au/>.

Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores as outlined in Appendix A to this policy.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, by including information about acceptable cost effective alternative uniform items. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs, the [Help With School Costs and Fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting Year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the College Year Level Coordinator or Business Manager to discuss support options that may be available in your situation.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Sunbury College will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website, 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.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school if their child is out of uniform on any given day, and the student must report to their sub school at the beginning of the day. Students wearing items that are non-compliant may be asked to change into school approved items of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code, a consequence may be issued as outlined in the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. In this event, the College will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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 acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

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

- An aspect of this code:
  - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of their personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements
  - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
  - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the Student Dress Code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them complying with the Student 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
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- encourage the student or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence

The Principal or delegate will then aim to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. 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 is available in our *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our [website](#).

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Sunbury College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- [Sunbury College Complaints Policy](#)
- [Sunbury College Inclusion and Diversity Policy](#)
- Sunbury College Sun Protection Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement Policy and Guidelines](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- emails and Compass newsfeeds to parents/carers
- surveys

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Policy last reviewed	September 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2029

## APPENDIX A - LIST OF UNIFORM ITEMS

Students can wear any uniform regardless of season.

Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 12 jumper are accepted as part of the uniform.






<b>Blazer</b>	Burgundy with logo
<b>Spray Jacket</b>	Black with logo
<b>Soft Shell Jacket</b>	Black with logo
<b>Jumper</b>	Burgundy with logo - Available in poly/cotton
<b>THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE OUTER GARMENTS ARE THE COLLEGE SPRAY JACKET, SOFT SHELL JACKET, BLAZER OR JUMPER</b>	
<b>Academic Uniform</b>	
<b>Blouse</b>	White blouse with logo. Available in short and long sleeve. Approved design.
<b>Summer Dress</b>	Approved design only.
<b>Winter Skirt</b>	Approved design only.
<b>Pants*</b>	Approved design only.
<b>Stockings</b>	Black or flesh coloured stockings or tights only to be worn with winter skirt. NO socks to be worn with tights.
<b>Socks</b>	Plain white without logos.
<b>Shirt</b>	Striped shirt with logo. Available in short and long sleeve. Approved design.
<b>Trousers*</b>	Plain college grey (not canvas or jeans).
<b>Shorts*</b>	Approved design only.
<b>Physical Education (PE) Uniform</b>	
<b>PE Polo</b>	Compulsory for PE & Sport. Burgundy & grey polo top with logo. Available in short and long sleeve. Approved design.
<b>PE Shorts*</b>	Compulsory for PE & Sport. Lightweight black regular fit. Approved design.
<b>PE Track Pants*</b>	Compulsory for PE & Sport. Plain black regular fit cuffed. Approved design.
<b>Shoes</b>	Traditional black, polishable, hard leather upper, lace up school shoes with heel or t-bar shoe with heel. No court shoes, boots, soft leather or suede shoes.
<b>Accessories</b>	
<b>Bag</b>	Compulsory (School supplies one bag per student upon commencement in Year 7)
<b>College Cap</b>	Compulsory (School supplied one cap per student)
<b>College Beanie</b>	Black, maroon and yellow with logo
<b>College Scarf</b>	Grey scarf with logo
<b>Head Scarf</b>	Black or maroon for religious reasons are acceptable
<b>Academic Sports Program</b>	
	Compulsory additional uniform for students selected into the program

\* approved lower cost alternatives available refer appendix B

## APPENDIX B - LIST OF APPROVED LOWER COST ALTERNATIVE UNIFORM ITEMS

Students can wear any uniform regardless of season.

The following are approved lower cost alternatives for designated uniform items:

Lower cost alternative academic uniform	
<b>Pants *</b> 	<p>Plain grey tailored dress pants (not canvas or jeans).</p> <p>Can be purchased from Target - <a href="https://www.target.com.au/p/school-structured-twill-pants/70164862">https://www.target.com.au/p/school-structured-twill-pants/70164862</a></p>
<b>Trousers *</b> 	<p>Plain grey tailored dress pants (not canvas or jeans).</p> <p>Can be purchased from Target: <a href="https://www.target.com.au/p/school-structured-twill-pants/70164862">https://www.target.com.au/p/school-structured-twill-pants/70164862</a></p>
<b>Shorts*</b> 	<p>Plain light grey tailored shorts</p> <p>Can be purchase from Best and Less:  <a href="https://www.bestandless.com.au/Categories/School-Uniforms-%2526-School-Clothes/Boys-School-Uniforms/Boys-School-Shorts-and-Pants/Boys-School-Shorts/Kids-School-Drill-Shorts---Grey/SW0108_SW0108_GREY_NA">https://www.bestandless.com.au/Categories/School-Uniforms-%2526-School-Clothes/Boys-School-Uniforms/Boys-School-Shorts-and-Pants/Boys-School-Shorts/Kids-School-Drill-Shorts---Grey/SW0108_SW0108_GREY_NA</a></p>
Lower cost alternative PE uniform and Academic Sport Program	
<b>School Shorts*</b> 	<p>Plain black (no logo) regular fit basketball shorts or microfibre sports shorts. No activewear permitted, this includes lycra, leggings, running/bike/yoga shorts</p> <p>Can be purchased from Target:  <a href="#">School Microfibre Shorts - Black   Target Australia</a></p>
<b>School Track Pants*</b> 	<p>plain black (no logo) regular fit cuffed. No activewear permitted, this includes lycra, leggings, running/bike/yoga pants</p> <p>Can be purchased from Target:  <a href="#">Cuffed Trackpants - Black   Target Australia</a></p>