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WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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INTERPRETER SERVICE

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our college on 9741 1822 or werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au so interpreters may be arranged via VITS or local services.



PURPOSE

All Victorian School Councils have the authority to determine and implement a dress code for the students enrolled at their schools. This authority was granted in 1998 as a result of Government Legislation. Since opening in 1956, it has been the policy of Werribee Secondary College that all students shall wear a uniform. Teachers, parents and guardians support a school uniform for a number of sound reasons. It distinguishes our students, promotes a positive self-image and addresses an issue of **safety** and **security** for both students and staff. Uniforms provide a ready means of identification within the school grounds essential in helping to identify trespassers. We are confident that all parents and students will continue to recognise the significance of the College Uniform and actively abide by this Policy.

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COLLEGE MISSION AND VALUES

At Werribee Secondary College we strive for success in all the chosen endeavours of our students. We nurture the values of **respect** and **responsibility**.

We **respect**, and are **responsible** for embracing our identity and that of others; taking care of our local and global communities, and valuing the right to learn.

We respect and are responsible for our:

Learning

I respect my own right to learn and that of others, and I recognise my responsibility to become a lifelong learner.

Identity

I respect the diverse cultures, religions, languages, beliefs, genders, sexual orientation and the specific needs of those around me. I respect my own role within this community and take responsibility to show respect for both myself and others.

Community

I respect the local and global communities within which I live. I understand my responsibility in protecting these communities to ensure a safe and sustainable future in which everyone feels they belong.

POLICY

COLLEGE UNIFORM

All items must have the college logo, excluding socks, tights, shoes and gloves:

- College Maroon Blazer
- College White Shirt (*Long or Short Sleeves*)
- College Tie
- College Navy Trousers
- College Navy Shorts
- College Tartan Skirt (*with socks or black tights*)
- College Summer Dress (*with socks or black tights*)
- College Year 7-9 Navy Jumper
- College Years 10-12 Cherry Red Jumper
- Socks: Plain White or Black
- Black Leather School Shoes: Buckles or Laces (*acceptable examples below*)
- College Navy Rain Jacket (*Optional*)
- College Navy Cap Hat (*Optional, Sun Smart item*)
- College Navy Bucket Hat (*Optional, Sun Smart item*)
- College Navy Beanie (*Optional*)
- College Tartan Scarf (*Optional*)
- Gloves: Plain Navy Blue (*Optional*)
- **Terms 2, 3 & 4 only for year 12 students:** College Year 12 Navy Jacket (*Optional*)

SPORTS (P.E.) UNIFORM

May be worn all day on P.E. days only.

All items must have the college logo, excluding socks and shoes:

- College Rugby Top
- College Sports Softshell Jacket
- College Polo Sports Shirt (*Long or Short Sleeves*)
- College Navy Sports Shorts
- College Navy Track Pants
- College Navy Cap Hat or Bucket Hat (*compulsory terms 1 & 4*)
- Appropriate Sports Footwear

OTHER COMPULSORY ITEMS

- **Backpack:** Students are required to use the **official Werribee Secondary College backpack** as their school bag. Bags must be clean and graffiti free.
- **Art Coveralls:** Art coveralls are compulsory for all Year 7 and 8 students.

PLEASE NOTE

- Wearing neat and tidy uniform is an expectation, including during travel to and home from school.
- Students may come dressed in, and remain in, full P.E. uniform on days they have a P.E. class only.
- Students cannot wear a hybrid (mix) of school and P.E. uniform items, only one or the other.

- Please ensure that all items of uniform carry the student's **name** for identification purposes.
- The minimum **length** for all dresses, skirts and shorts is just above the knee.
- Students may wear a **turban, headscarf or hijab**, which is **plain** in style and **navy** in colour.
- The college hats, beanie and gloves are only to be worn when students are outdoors.

UNIFORM RULES

WEARING OF THE SCHOOL BLAZER

- The blazer **must** be worn every day, including while traveling to and from school.
- At school the blazer must be worn **to and from** classes.
- In the classroom, the blazer may be taken off and hung on the back of the seat.
- **Blazers must be worn on all official occasions** (i.e. assemblies, excursions or photographs).
- Principal (or delegate) may announce that, during a particularly warm day, students may remove their blazers for the rest of the day and on the way home.

JACKETS

- The **Rain jacket** with the College logo may be worn **over** the school uniform **blazer** as protection from rain. It **cannot** be worn as an alternative to the school blazer.
- The **sports jacket** is only to be worn with the **PE uniform** and **cannot** be worn over the school uniform blazer or as an alternative to the school uniform blazer.
- Year 12 students may wear the approved college **year 12 jacket** during terms 2, 3 and 4, in place of the blazer (except on official occasions). Year 12 students will have the opportunity to design the front and rear design on a navy-blue jacket.
- No other jackets are permitted to be worn with the uniform at any time.

BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES

- Black leather school shoes are the only footwear acceptable as part of uniform (except when students are participating in physical education).
- Acceptable footwear items are illustrated below.
- Socks must be above the ankle in length.

Acceptable school shoes:



GARMENTS WORN UNDER THE UNIFORM

- Any garments worn under the school uniform must not be visible.
- Coloured or monogrammed T-shirts, singlets or skivvies are not permitted to be worn under shirts.

FACIAL PIERCINGS AND HAIR STYLES

- Students and parents should note that unnatural hair colours, unconventional hair styles or visible facial piercings of any kind are **not permitted** at the College.
- Cultural nose piercings may wear a clear, flat retainer, or a band-aid to cover the piercing.
- If unsure, please check with a Coordinator or Principal **before** making changes in these areas.

WEARING THE UNIFORM

students are required to wear their uniform appropriately and in a clean, well-maintained state:

- Collars to be turned down
- Shirts to be tucked in
- Ties knotted at the collar
- No torn or frayed items (including the bottom of trouser legs)
- Shoes must be clean and in good condition with laces tied or buckles fastened.
- No other non-uniform items of clothing may be worn, i.e hoodies etc.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM POLICY

- Students who are not in uniform must report directly to their sub-school office upon arrival to school to obtain a uniform pass.
- A uniform pass will only be issued to students who have a legitimate reason for not being able to attend in full uniform, with a note or communication from a parent/guardian explaining the reasons.
- Students must show their uniform pass at all times when they are out of uniform.
- Uniform may be checked at the school entrance both on arrival and departure.
- Uniforms will be monitored by staff throughout the school day and students may receive consequences such as a detention if they do not meet the requirements.
- Parent contact may be made where students do not have a legitimate reason for being out of uniform and the student may be sent home to change.
- Non-uniform items of clothing may be confiscated by members of staff.

PURCHASING OF UNIFORM

- **Uniform** items can be purchased directly from **Academy Uniforms:**
 - **Order online with free delivery:** <https://academyuniforms.com.au>
 - **Visit the retail store:** Unit 1/195 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029
 - **Phone:** 03 9768 1312
 - **Hours:** 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm Saturday
- All items sold with a **logo** are quality items available only from Academy Uniforms, meeting the requirements of both students and college policy.
- **Second-hand items:** Families looking to purchase or sell second-hand uniform items are encouraged to utilise the [Sustainable School Shop](#) online platform to browse or list items. A free subscription is provided for all Werribee Secondary College families upon sign up. Transactions are carried out between individual buyers/sellers without any college involvement.
- **Financial support:** Families experiencing financial difficulties can contact the college for further information about the supports that are available to assist with obtaining uniforms.