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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](mailto: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

- College Blazer *with the College Logo*
- College White Shirt *with the College Logo*
- College Tie *with the College Logo*
- College Navy Trousers *with the College logo*
- College Navy Shorts *with the College logo*
- College Skirt *with the College Logo, with socks or black stockings*
- Socks: White or Black
- Black Leather School Shoes: Buckles or Laces (*acceptable examples below*)
- College Navy Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 7-9, **Optional**)*
- College Cherry Red Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 10-12, **Optional**)*
- College Rain Jacket *with the College Logo (**Optional**)*
- College Scarf *with the College Logo (**Optional**)*
- College Navy Cap Hat *with the College Logo (**Optional, Sun Smart item**)*
- **Terms 1 & 4 only:** College Summer Dress *with the College Logo, with socks or black stockings*

### SPORTS (P.E.) UNIFORM

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

- College Rugby Top *with the College Logo*
- College Sports Jacket *with the College Logo*
- College Polo Sports Shirt *with the College Logo*
- College Navy Sports Shorts *with the College Logo*
- College Navy Track Pants *with the College Logo*
- Appropriate Sports Footwear
- College Navy Cap Hat *with the College Logo (must be worn during PE in Terms 1 & 4)*

### OTHER COMPULSORY ITEMS

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Students are expected to wear clean, neat and tidy uniform at all times.
- 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.
- Uniform must be worn during the day as well as **on the way to and home from school.**
- 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.
- Existing grey College trousers or shorts purchased for boys prior to the change to navy in 2022 may continue to be worn until replacement garments are required.

## UNIFORM RULES

### WEARING OF THE SCHOOL BLAZER

- The blazer **must** be worn every day - to and from school.
- At school it 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.
- In 2023\*, year 12 students may wear the approved year 12 jacket only during terms 3 and 4 (*\*to be reviewed annually*).
- 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 at any time.

### FACIAL PIERCINGS AND HAIR STYLES

- Students and parents should note that unnatural hair colours, unconventional hair styles or facial piercings of any kind are **not permitted** at the College.
- If unsure, check with a member of the College administration **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, ie beanies, 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. This will require a note or other communication from a parent/ guardian explaining the reasons.
- Students must readily 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.
- Throughout the school day, students will be monitored by classroom teachers and may receive a “uniform” detention if they do not meet the requirements. Coordinators may also impose consequences such as detention in these cases.
- Students who do not have a legitimate reason for being out of uniform may be sent home after parents are contacted.
- 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:** 10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park VIC
  - **Once a term pop-up store:** On-site at the College, details will be provided via Compass
- All items sold are quality items which meet the requirements of both students and College Policy. Items with a **logo** are **available only** from Academy Uniforms.
- **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 to use this service is provided for all Werribee Secondary College families on sign up. Transactions are carried out between individual buyers/sellers without any College involvement.
- Families experiencing financial difficulties can contact the College information about support which can be given with respect to uniform purchases.