



WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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GUIDING STATEMENT

Our Motto

Live worthily.

Our Vision

Werribee Secondary College is a leader in international education in the Victorian state education system. We implement the best quality educational practices evident throughout Australia and internationally.

The Werribee Secondary College community “lives worthily”. We are adaptable life-long learners, who are confident, creative and resilient individuals, empowered to shape the world in which we live.

Our Mission

At Werribee Secondary College we strive for success in students’ chosen endeavours.

The College community provides a safe and caring environment where each student is valued. We celebrate achievements, success and growth for all students. Our programmes equip students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for the dynamic world after secondary education.

College leaders, teachers and support staff adopt evidence-based best practice to generate a progressive 21st century educational setting. We enhance learning and develop digital literacy through the purposeful use of emerging technology. With a focus on realising optimal outcomes for learners, staff commit to continuous improvement through ongoing targeted professional development, peer collaboration and reflection.

At Werribee Secondary College we nurture the values of respect, cooperation, honesty, integrity, confidence, perseverance, resilience and responsibility. Driven by these ideals, the College community embraces cultural and social diversity. Students develop a strong sense of personal identity and global citizenship, enabling different cultural groups to interact, learn from each other and grow together.



COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY

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 its 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 which is of paramount importance. 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 remain keen to abide by this Policy.

Accordingly, parents are requested to assist the College by ensuring that their children have the correct uniform and wear it appropriately each day.

Please note the following:

- The school uniform is required to be worn **on the way to** school, during the school day and **on the way home from** school.
- **Most** items of uniform can be purchased directly from the WSC Uniform Shop. All items sold are quality items which meet the requirements of both students and College Policy. Items with a **logo** are **available only** from the WSC Uniform Shop.
- Parents should **ensure** that all items of uniform carry the **student's name** for identification purposes.

Families experiencing financial difficulties can contact the College information about support which can be given with respect to uniform purchases.

Personal Property Insurance

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPods, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare and Private Health Insurance.

Email Address

From time to time, the College may wish to communicate with you via email. Could you please provide your current email address on the enrolment form and ensure that this is kept up-to-date.



UNIFORM

The school uniform is required to be worn **on the way to school, during the school day and on the way home from school**. Students who are not wearing full uniform must report to the Sub School Co-ordinator before attending classes.

Students are expected to wear clean, neat and tidy uniform at all times.

SUMMER UNIFORM (TERMS 1 & 4 ONLY)

- School Blazer *with the College Logo*
- White Business Shirt *with the College Logo*
- College Tie *with the College Logo*
- Navy Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 7-9, Optional)*
- Cherry Red Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 10-12, Optional)*
- Rain jacket *with the College Logo (Optional)*
- Navy School Trousers *with the College logo*
- Navy School Shorts *with the College logo (minimum length just above knee)*
- **Girls:** School Dress *with the College Logo (minimum length just above knee)*
- Socks: Girls- White | Boys- White or Grey
- Black Leather School Shoes: Girls- Buckled or laced | Boys- laced *(acceptable examples below)*

WINTER UNIFORM (TERMS 2 & 3) *(Formal School uniform: to be worn at formal events)*

(Term 2 transition period from Summer to Winter Uniform in weeks 1 to 3. Winter Uniform must be worn from week 4 onwards)

- School Blazer *with the College Logo*
- White Business Shirt *with the College Logo*
- College Tie *with the College Logo*
- Black Leather School Shoes[^]
- Navy Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 7-9)*
- Cherry Red Jumper *with the College Logo (Years 10-12)*
- Rain Jacket *with the College Logo (Optional)*
- Navy School Trousers *with the College Logo*
- **Girls:** Winter Skirt *with the College Logo (minimum length just above knee)*
- Socks: Girls- White | Boys- White or Grey
- Black Leather School Shoes: Girls- buckled or laced | Boys- laced *(acceptable examples below)*
- Scarf *with the College Logo (Optional)*

Students are permitted to wear a turban, headscarf or hijab, but these must be plain in style and navy in colour.

From 2022: The College will change to navy trousers and shorts for boys from the current grey ones. Students will be able to continue wearing grey trousers and shorts until they need to purchase new ones.

The Rain Jacket with the College logo may be worn over the School Uniform Blazer as protection from rain. **The rain jacket cannot be worn as an alternative to the School Blazer.**



SPORTS UNIFORM (ALL TERMS)

- Werribee Secondary College Rugby Top
- Sports Jacket *with the College Logo*
- College navy sports shorts *with the College Logo*
- College polo sports shirt *with the College Logo*
- College navy track pants *with the College Logo*
- Sports footwear
- College navy cap *with the College Logo (must be worn during Physical Education in Terms 1 & 4)*

In 2022 the College will have a Sports Jacket with logo available for sports teams to wear over their sports uniform. This jacket **cannot be worn over the School Uniform Blazer or as an alternative to the School Uniform Blazer.**

BACKPACK (COMPULSORY)

- All students are required to use the **official Werribee Secondary College back pack** as their school bag to and from and around the College.
- College back packs and school bags must be clean, graffiti free and with no offensive or inappropriate labels or captions

ART COVERALLS

- Art coveralls are compulsory for all Year 7 and 8 students.

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 such as assemblies, excursions, photographs etc.
- No jacket other than the blazer may be worn to and from, or around the school.
- During wet weather a raincoat may be worn to and from school.
- 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.



RAIN JACKET AND SPORTS JACKET

- The Rain Jacket with the College logo may be worn over the School Uniform Blazer as protection from rain.
- The rain jacket **cannot** be worn as an alternative to the School Blazer.
- The Sports jacket **cannot** be worn over the School Uniform Blazer or as an alternative to the School Uniform Blazer

SHIRT AND TIE

- The tie must be worn properly at all times, with the top button of the shirt fastened.
- The shirt must be worn tucked in at all 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 illustrated below.
- Socks must be above the ankle in length and white for girls, or white or grey for boys.

ACCEPTABLE SCHOOL SHOES



T-SHIRTS ETC.

- 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.

COLLEGE SCARF

- The College scarf is available for extra warmth, and may be worn only in Terms 2 & 3.
- The scarf may be worn to, from or at school, provided the blazer is worn at the same 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, please 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 under blazers, etc

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM POLICY

- Students who are not in uniform are not permitted to go to class without obtaining 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.