VICTORIA POINT
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

SAFE, RESPECTFUL & DISCIPLINED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

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EDUCATION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) ACT 2006: School Uniform

The Act now enables a school to develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school.

The dress code may stipulate standards of what is acceptable in relation to clothing, including headwear and footwear. It can also relate to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

Schools must consult with parent/carer, staff and students in developing the dress code and must ensure the dress code is consistent with Departmental guidelines.

Permitted sanctions for non-compliance with the dress code include detention; preventing the student from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school; or any school activity that is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT UNIFORM

Victoria Point State High School is a uniform school. The Parents & Citizens Association has endorsed the School Dress Code and students are expected to meet this expectation which includes a Dress Standard that reflects and represents the school community whilst:

- attending and representing the school;
- travelling to and from school;
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

PURPOSE

The School Dress Code contributes to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging;
- developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences;
- accounts for health and safety risk/s in student participation in curriculum activities.

The School Dress Code reflects our school community ethos of:

- bringing divergent groups of individuals together as one identity;
- living our school's values of respect, integrity and responsibility;
- valuing and aspiring to excellence and the highest standards underlying attitude of success at school;
- a means for each and every student to have a strong sense of pride and belonging;
- identification regardless of social or economic difference that a dress standard conveys.

DRESS STANDARDS

The Dress Standard refers to quality assurance of students. The Dress Standard reflects and represents the school community's quest for the highest levels of personal esteem and high regard by the broader community.

Qualities	Behaviours
Aspirations for excellence and success by and for all students.	Students who are aspirant carry themselves well and seek to promote qualities of, and align themselves to, the image of success and strive to be successful.
Values of respect, integrity and responsibility.	Students who demonstrate personal modesty, cleanliness and pay attention to wearing the prescribed items of clothing convey personal attributes of self-discipline, belonging and striving for highest standards.
A school culture of high expectations and one identity.	Regardless of social difference students wearing the prescribed items of clothing are assured of being consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, and sun safety.
A universal school identity.	Students do not subscribe or bow to common contemporary fashion, emerging or established cultural or sub-cultural identity, detracting from the aspirations or values of a united school community.
Students accept this dress standard, and items of clothing as exhaustive to what is acceptable.	Students acknowledge that sufficient opportunity arises in social contexts outside school where personal and individual preference can be exercised. This includes their personal appearance such as jewellery, make-up and hair colours inconsistent with this dress standard.

The School Principal will assist any parent/carer, facing difficulty, upon personal application, with the provision of a loan uniform.

A published School Dress Code is available to all staff, students and parent/carer via the VPSHS website.

UNIFORM MANAGEMENT

Uniform management is overseen by all school staff in some capacity.

Requests, in writing for any period of length and special consideration of an individual student's uniform/presentation must be made to, and approved by, the Principal, through the Year Level Lead Teacher. All requests will include the attempted provision of a loan uniform for the stated period. These requests may include:

- permanent or temporary damage to an item of the school uniform;
- on-going weather;
- family situations;
- medical reasons.

Repeated patterns of requesting a temporary exemption may be deemed as no longer acceptable reasoning and referred to the Year Level Deputy Principal.

Approved short term exemptions to the School Dress Code will be communicated to all staff using a Daymap Uniform Pass.

Approved long term exemptions to the School Dress Code will be communicated to all staff using a Support Provision.

CHECK and CORRECT

The communication of an individual student's uniform/presentation infringement will be recorded in Daymap and either signed off by the classroom teacher for infringements requiring students to remain in class or sent down to Student Administration for correction of shoes, socks and non-uniform items. Where possible, and if available, loan shoes and uniform items will be provided for the day and students are expected to change into correct uniform and return the items at the end of the day to ensure the School Dress Code is upheld.

If provisional uniform items are not available, parent/carer may be contacted to supply correct items for students to wear. If students are in incorrect socks, students will be provided with new socks and parent/carer will be invoiced for this amount. If the parent/carer is unable to correct the uniform item on that day, or unable to be contacted, the student may be withdrawn from classes and work for timetabled lessons will be provided and completed under supervision.

Workplace Health and Safety impacts on all school activities. The School Dress Code accounts for health and safety risk/s in student participation in curriculum activities. Any student who breaches health and safety codes for participation in the learning environment must follow the guidelines of each Faculty's Management Plan.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

8.00am – 11.00am Monday – Thursday

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FORMAL UNIFORM OPTIONS – MONDAY

Formal Uniform must be worn in its entirety and cannot be mixed with the Day Uniform

- Dress shirt (v-neckline) worn as an over-blouse or dress shirt (shirt collar) to be worn tucked in at all times
- Navy skirt, navy culottes or navy dress shorts/trousers (worn with a black leather belt)
- Short navy socks with white binding
- Tie to be worn by all Year 10, 11 and 12 students (as appropriate to v-neckline or collared shirt)
- School Leaders may wear their blazer with the formal uniform

DAY UNIFORM - TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (Year 10, 11 & 12 students may wear formal uniform, as written above, if not enrolled in a physical activity subject)

Day Uniform must be worn in its entirety and cannot be mixed with the Formal Uniform

- Polo shirt in school design
- Shorts in school design
- Short navy socks with white binding

UNIFORM ADDITIONS

- Navy knit jumper, navy tracksuit jacket or navy soft shell jacket, all in school design
- Long navy tailored trousers in school design (worn with a black leather belt)
- Navy microfibre tracksuit pants in school design
- Navy opaque tights (not leggings) without pattern
- Navy knit scarf in school design

UNIFORM OPTIONS

- Students engaging in HPE on Monday are permitted to get changed into their day uniform for the lesson only at the teacher's discretion
- Students engaged in variations to the school routine must wear formal uniform unless advised through the permission letter of alternate dress expectations

SENIOR JERSEY - Year 12 Students Only

OPTIONAL – by special order

- Can be worn daily by students except when representing the school at school and other formal functions
- Must be worn over top of school uniform
- When wearing the Year 12 jersey, inside or outside school hours and grounds, students are representing Victoria Point State High School and must abide by the expectations of the VPSHS Student Code of Conduct
- Writing displayed on Year 12 jerseys will be first name or last name as appears on OneSchool (alternative requests are at the discretion of the Principal)
- It is expected that jerseys will be clean and in a good state of repair

SPECIALIST UNIFORM

- Endorsed specialist uniforms are only to be worn by current members of crew, troupes or teams when representing the school in their specialist field at official performances, competitions and events.
- Academy shirts are worn only by students enrolled in an academy and for the length of enrolment. The Academy shirt may be worn as an alternative to the shirt of the Day Uniform as advised.

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SHOES

- Students must wear plain black fully-enclosed leather type shoes or plain black fully-enclosed leather type joggers.
- Shoes must have no other visible markings or, white or coloured soles
- Gym, suede, chuck, canvas, ballerina shoes and high ankle boots are not acceptable

Students or parent/carer should contact the school directly should they have a query before making a purchase.

HATS

- The bucket hat or cap in school design are recommended to be worn when participating in any school organised outdoor activities, inclusive of oval and multi-purpose court facilities
- Non-school design hats are not permitted at any time

JEWELLERY

ACCEPTABLE

Wrist watches

- Only plain watches with a neutral band may be worn

Piercings

- One pair of small, plain sleepers or studs in gold or silver worn only in the ear
- One small facial stud (inclusive of tongue piercings) which is gold, silver, clear and is unobtrusive

Necklaces/Pendants

- A necklace/pendant may be worn only if it offers special medical information or is of recognisable religious or cultural significance
- Such necklaces/pendants are to be of sufficient length so as to be worn inside the school shirt and not be visible

UNACCEPTABLE

- earlobe stretchers or extenders
- decorative earrings
- facial rings, piercing bars or pointed piercings
- bracelets / bangles
- watches (decorative)
- rings
- anklets

Students will be directed to hand unacceptable jewellry items into Student Administration for the entirety of the school day

Please note: The School Administration reserves the right to determine which piercings are unacceptable or based on Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, may request the piercing be removed (including new piercings)

HAIR

- Hair should be neat and tidy, natural in colour
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be securely tied back
- A ribbon, scrunchie or plain headband may be worn in the school colours (white, navy or teal)
- Students' facial hair is to be short, neat and tidy

Please note:
Individual circumstances regarding facial hair due to cultural reasons can be discussed with the Principal.

OTHER DRESS CODE FEATURES

Make-up

- Only natural look, skin-coloured foundation can be worn

Enhancements

- Enhancements to eyebrows or lashes, eyelash extensions must promote a natural look

Nails and Nail Polish

- Nails – natural or artificial - are to be short and clean
- Clear or nude coloured nail polish is acceptable
- Other coloured nail polish and nail embellishments are not to be worn

Badges

- Only school approved badges are to be worn
- All badges are to be worn on the either the dress shirt (v-neckline) collar, school tie or blazer but not covering the school logo

Tattoos

- Tattoos must be covered at all times

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