



# VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

SAFE, SUPPORTIVE & 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 parents, 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's 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/caregiver upon personal application, with the provision of a loan uniform for parents/caregivers facing difficulty.

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

## **UNIFORM MANAGEMENT**

Uniform Management is overseen by all school staff in some capacity. A written note is to be provided by a Parent/Caregiver if requesting a temporary exemption to the School Dress Code and signed off by either Head of Department – Engagement or a Deputy Principal. All requests will include the attempted provision of a loan uniform for the short-term period.

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 Teachers or Head of Department - Engagement. 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 Head of Department - Engagement.

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, 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's Dress Code is upheld.

If provisional uniform items are not available, Parents/Caregivers 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 parents/carers will be invoiced for this amount. If the Parent/Caregiver 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 either Head of Department - Engagement or Deputy Principal 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

- 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 or white socks with navy banding (as appropriate).
- 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.

## WINTER UNIFORM OPTIONS

- Navy jumper (with school branding) or Navy microfibre jacket (in school design).
- Long navy tailored trousers (worn with a black leather belt).
- Navy microfibre tracksuit pants in school design.
- Navy tights (not leggings) in a plain pattern (as appropriate).

## SPORTS UNIFORM

- Polo Shirt in school colours.
- Unisex shorts in school colours.
- Worn by all students during practical lessons in Health and Physical Education (or specific days as listed below).
- Students must return to their formal uniform prior to continuing their school day.
- To be worn by all students travelling to and from, and during interschool sports events and inter-house carnivals.

### **Sports Uniform can also be worn by students on the following days:**

- Tuesdays for Years 07 & 08
- Thursdays for Years 09 & 10
- Wednesday Gala Days for Years 11 & 12

## 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.
- 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 clean and in a good state of repair.

## SPECIALIST UNIFORM

- Endorsed performance uniforms for VPTV Crew, Instrumental Music, Dance Troupes and Vikings Sports students are only to be worn by performance members when representing the school in their specialist field at official performances, competitions and events.
- Academy shirts are worn only by official members when representing their specialist field. The Academy shirt is to be worn as an alternative to the shirts of the formal uniform.
- Students will wear their shirts to and from, and during official performances, competitions, location activities and events attended whether on school grounds or off-site, before and after school or during school hours.
- Students engaged in physical lesson activities may wear the Academy shirt whilst in their specialist subject. It is expected that students will return to correct uniform prior to continuing their school day.

***A written note is to be provided by a Parent/Caregiver if variations to the School Dress Code are required and signed off by the Head of Department – Engagement or Deputy Principal. Requests, in writing, for long term variations of an individual student's uniform/presentation must be made to, and approved by, the Principal, through the Head of Department – Engagement or Deputy Principal.***

## GENERAL DRESS CODE INFORMATION

SHOES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students must wear plain black fully-enclosed leather type shoes <u>or</u> plain black fully-enclosed leather type joggers. Shoes must have no other visible markings or, white or coloured soles.</li><li>Gym, suede, chuck, canvas and ballerina shoes and high ankle boots are <u>not acceptable</u>.</li><li><i>Students or parents should contact the school directly should they have a query before making a purchase.</i></li></ul>	
HATS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The school hat or cap must be worn when participating in any school organised outdoor activities, inclusive of oval and multi-purpose court facilities.</li><li>Non-school hats are not permitted.</li></ul>	
JEWELLERY	
<p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <p><b>Wrist watches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only plain watches may be worn.</li></ul> <p><b>Piercings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One pair of small, plain sleepers or studs in gold or silver worn only in the ear.</li><li>One small facial stud (inclusive of tongue piercings) which is gold, silver, clear and is unobtrusive.</li></ul> <p><b>Necklaces/Pendants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A necklace/pendant may be worn only if it offers special medical information or is of recognisable religious or cultural significance.</li><li>Such necklaces/pendants are to be of sufficient length so as to be worn inside the blouse or shirt and not be visible.</li></ul>	<p><b>UNACCEPTABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>earlobe stretchers or extenders</li><li>decorative earrings</li><li>facial rings, piercing bars or pointed piercings</li><li>bracelets / bangles</li><li>watches (decorative)</li><li>rings</li><li>anklets.</li></ul> <p>Students will be directed to hand Non-policy jewellery items into Student Services (or Student Administration if directed) for the entirety of the school day.</p>
Please note: The School Administration reserves the right to determine which piercings are unacceptable based on Workplace Health and Safety Regulations and may request the piercing be removed specifically if the piercing is new and breaches the School Dress Code.	
HAIR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hair should be neat and tidy and natural in colour.</li><li>Hair longer than shoulder length must be securely tied back.</li><li>A ribbon, scrunchie or plain headband may be worn in the school colours (white, navy or teal).</li><li>Male students are to remain clean shaven.</li></ul>	
OTHER DRESS CODE FEATURES	
<p><b>Make-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only natural look, skin-coloured foundation can be worn.</li></ul> <p><b>Nails and Nail Polish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nails – natural or artificial - are to be short and clean.</li><li>Clear or nude coloured nail polish is acceptable.</li><li>Other coloured nail polish and nail embellishments are not to worn.</li></ul> <p><b>Badges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only school approved badges are to be worn.</li><li>All badges are to be worn on the school tie but not covering the school logo.</li></ul> <p><b>Tattoos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tattoos must be covered at all times.</li></ul>	

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