



# Vermont Secondary College

*'Lift up thine eyes'*

## VSC Student Dress Code

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The VSC student uniform creates a sense of individual and collective pride; it is a condition of enrolment that all students wear full college uniform, including when travelling to and from the college. We expect our parent community to support their children and the college by ensuring students present in full college uniform every day, including on the journey to and from school, and to wear the uniform as intended (refer below).

VSC has no designated summer or winter uniform. Thus, students have a broad range of options but are expected to manage the choices offered in a responsible manner within the guidelines below, and befitting the college and its reputation. The college uniform must be worn on all excursions except where permission to the contrary has been given, for example where the nature of the excursion justifies free dress. If, for any reason, a student is unable to be in complete school uniform, he/she must bring a note from a parent explaining the reason. This must be brought before school to the relevant House staff office, where the appropriate pass will be issued. Students requiring to be out of uniform for medical reasons for a protracted time (greater than one week) will require a medical certificate.

**Personal Presentation:** Students are required to present neatly and appropriately for school each day. *Uniform items should be clean and presentable. Shorts and skirts are not to be rolled or hitched up; skirts and dresses are to be worn at an appropriate length to just above the knee.* Excessive, blatantly obvious or perceived dangerous jewellery **is not permitted**, particularly: excessive bangles, large bracelets, long or large earrings, large necklaces or similar; facial piercings like rings/studs (nose, lip, eyebrow etc.). These all present a considerable Occupational Health & Safety risk. No responsibility is taken for any loss of jewellery worn to school.

Obvious and excessive make-up and coloured nail polish must not be worn to school. Hair should be kept tidy and away from the face and should not be extreme in style or colour. Long hair should be tied back where appropriate for safety reasons, especially in Science and Technology classes.

Badges related to college activities are allowed, for example student leaders, book club, music, production and/or for college sanctioned fund-raising initiatives like SIDS, Legacy, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day etc.

**Should parents have any questions, we request that the college be contacted to clarify expectations.**

### **Out-of-uniform Days:**

The college runs a number of 'out-of-uniform' days over the school year as part of our community service program, for example to raise funds for college resources, or local, national and international programs and charities. Dress on these days should be smart casual, appropriate to the college context. As they present a real Occupational Health and Safety risk, particularly in Science and Technology classes, **thongs (or other open / ill-fitting footwear) are never to be worn.**

**N.B.** Students are still required to bring appropriate clothing for Phys. Ed. Classes etc. on these days.

### **Sports carnivals:**

As our Sports Carnivals are House competitions, students are encouraged to dress in their House colours: blue for Hotham, green for Macedon, red for Stirling. 'Sunsmart' guidelines still apply on these days.

### **Special uniform items:**

Some senior subjects or student groups in the college purchase special uniform items, for example the Production t-shirt and Duke of Edinburgh hooded-windcheater. These items are only to be worn with express permission of the college.

### **Supply of uniform items:**

The college's approved uniform supplier is PSW in Croydon. The college community will be kept informed via the college newsletter and website of any changes. **Should parents have any questions, we request that the college be contacted to clarify expectations.**

Families experiencing difficulty purchasing the correct uniform items should contact the college and/or Student Wellbeing Coordinators. The VSC Community Association operates the college's Second-hand Uniform Shop – details are published in the newsletter.

## VSC STUDENT UNIFORM

### GENERIC

All items should be clearly marked with the student's name – they can then be returned if found.

- VSC navy jumper with college emblem, or for Year 12 students, the Yr 12 jacket (available from the college).
- VSC jackets – either Oxford or soft-shell; no other jackets are allowed. N.B. Notes will not be accepted for replacement jackets, jumpers or windcheaters. Where possible, students will be provided with a clean VSC jumper that can be worn throughout the day and then returned. 'Hoodies' are not to be worn under jumpers.
- College black leather, lace-up, low-heeled shoes which must take polish. Boots, sneakers and black runners are not acceptable. T-bar shoes are the only other authorised shoe – these must be worn done-up correctly.
- VSC approved hat or cap, not to be worn in class/indoors.
- Optional VSC Tie (available on order from PSW) to be worn with the long-sleeve white business shirt or blouse only.
- Optional VSC Blazer (available on order from PSW – allow enough time for fitting) to be worn with the long-sleeve white business shirt, or blouse and skirt or summer dress.
- Use of the plain blue school bag available through PSW is recommended.
- All headbands, scarves, hair-ties etc. should be in plain navy, black or white only.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORT

- VSC sport polo shirt and VSC navy sport shorts - compulsory for Year 7, 8 and 9 and recommended for all other year levels.
- **The VSC cap is a compulsory item of the Physical Education uniform for all students in Years 7, 8 & 9. All other students** are encouraged to wear a hat. Optional VSC rugby top and tracksuit pants are also available through PSW. **The rugby top is to be worn as part of the PE/Sports uniform only.**

**N.B.** If Physical Education is the first lesson of the day, students must still arrive in correct college uniform. However, if Physical Education is the last lesson of the day, students may wear the P.E. uniform home, but only if complete.

- VSC short-sleeve white shirt.  
**OR**
- VSC polo shirt. A **plain white short-sleeve** T-shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirt. The VSC polo shirt must **not** be worn with a skivvy, long-sleeve t-shirt or summer dress.  
**OR**
- Long-sleeve white business shirt (with collar and fully button through), **to be worn tucked in**. A **plain white** T-shirt (long or short sleeve) may be worn underneath the white shirt.  
**OR**
- Plain white blouse.
  
- VSC tartan skirt (with black tights or stockings, or black socks or white socks only – no leggings).  
**OR**
- Tailored, navy blue straight-legged pants through PSW.  
**OR**
- VSC summer dress (with plain white or black socks only).  
**OR**
- Tailored, navy blue shorts through PSW (with plain black or white socks only)

*Shorts & skirt are not to be rolled/hitched up. Skirt & dress are to be worn at an appropriate length to just above the knee.*

College black leather, lace-up, low-heeled shoes which must take polish. T-bar shoes are the only other authorised shoe – these must be worn done-up correctly.

- VSC short-sleeve white shirt.  
**OR**
- VSC polo shirt or plain short-sleeved cotton shirt; both may be worn untucked. A **plain white short-sleeve** T-shirt may be worn underneath. They must **not** be worn with a skivvy or long-sleeve T-shirt.  
**OR**
- Long-sleeve white business shirt (with collar and fully button through), **to be worn tucked in**. A **plain white** T-shirt (long or short sleeve) may be worn underneath the white shirt.
  
- Melange grey trousers through PSW (not light grey denims or cords) with black or white socks.  
**OR**
- Tailored, navy blue shorts through PSW (with plain white or black socks only). Cargo styles are not acceptable.