



# Student Dress Code

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**Rationale:** The Vermont Secondary College (VSC) student uniform promotes a sense of identity, cohesion and collective pride. It is a condition of enrolment that all students wear full college uniform for all school days (including special activities and excursions unless specified otherwise), and when travelling to and from school. VSC has no designated summer or winter uniform. Students and parents are expected to manage the choices offered in a responsible and appropriate manner within the guidelines below. If a student is unable to be in complete school uniform, the parent should contact the Student Manager by email so a Uniform Pass can be logged as a Compass Chronicle Note. Students are expected to be proactive in managing this process. Students out of uniform for medical reasons for more than five school days will require a medical certificate. **The college should be contacted to clarify any expectations.**

**Personal Presentation:** Students are required to present neatly and appropriately for school each day. Students wearing items (whether uniform or other) that are deemed inappropriate, an Occupational Health & Safety risk, or offensive will be excluded from classes/programs until the item is removed or replaced. Uniform items should be clean and presentable, appropriately meeting a standard of dress that ensures all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities, and preparing students for the expectations of workplaces.

Excessive or perceived dangerous jewellery **is not appropriate**, 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, and **must be covered or removed while at school.**

Excessive make-up and coloured nail polish should not be worn to school. Long nails, especially fake nails, are inappropriate and present a further OH&S risk. Hair should be kept tidy and should not be extreme in style or colour. Long hair should be tied back where appropriate for Occupational Health & Safety reasons, especially in Physical Education, Science and all Technology classes.

**Designated out-of-uniform days:** Dress for designated 'out-of-uniform' days (including excursions where relevant) should be appropriate to the activity or smart casual, and 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.** Students must still bring any other required clothing, for example for Physical Education classes, on these days. Students wearing items that are deemed inappropriate or offensive will be excluded from classes/programs until the item is replaced.

**Sports carnivals:** As our Sports Carnivals are House competitions, students are encouraged to dress in their PE/Sport uniform with House colours: blue for Hotham, green for Macedon, red for Stirling. Items worn should be appropriate to the college context and 'Sunsmart' guidelines still apply on these days. Students wearing items that are deemed inappropriate or offensive will be excluded until the item is replaced.

**Special uniform items:** Some programs in the college purchase special uniform items. These items are only to be worn on designated days with express permission of the college, via application to the Local Consultative Committee. Badges related to college activities are allowed, for example student leaders, book club, music, production and/or for college sanctioned fund-raising initiatives.

**Supply of uniform items:** The college's approved uniform supplier is PSW in Croydon – **uniform items must be purchased through PSW.** The college community will be kept informed via the college newsletter, e-bulletin 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 relevant House team or the college Student Wellbeing Coordinators. The VSC Community Association operates the college's Second-hand Uniform Shop – details are published in the newsletter and e-bulletin.

**Any additional items worn underneath the uniform should be plain white and not visible.**  
**All items should be clearly marked with the student's name, so they can then be returned if found.**

## VSC STUDENT UNIFORM

VSC's approved uniform supplier is PSW, located at Unit 8a / 51 Lusher Road, Croydon.

### Uniform:

- **VSC navy wool-blend jumper** – required for all students.
- **VSC soft-shell jacket** – required for all students.
- **For Senior School students (Years 10-12) only – the VSC Rugby top**  
From January 2022, students in the Senior School (Years 10-12) may retain and wear their college rugby top as part of their everyday uniform i.e. in addition to or as an alternative to the jumper. Year 12 students may wear the college approved Year 12 jacket.  
**Notes will not be accepted** for replacement jackets, jumpers or hoodies/windcheaters. House staff will provide students with a clean VSC jumper that can be worn throughout the day and then returned.
- **VSC short-sleeve button-through cotton shirt or blouse (logo)** – may be worn untucked.
- **VSC long-sleeve button-through white business shirt or blouse (logo)** – shirt to be worn tucked in. A plain white short-sleeve T-shirt may be worn underneath the various shirts.
- **Melange grey trousers**
- **Navy blue straight-legged pants**
- **Navy blue shorts** – two styles available
- **VSC tartan skirt** - with black tights / stockings, or black or white crew or knee socks only – no leggings.
- **VSC summer dress**  
Shorts and skirts are not to be folded/rolled/hitched up. Skirts & dresses are to be worn at an appropriate length sitting just above the knee.

### Socks:

- Plain black or white crew socks only.
- Black or white knee-socks, or black tights / stockings (no leggings) are allowed with the skirt. White socks are not to be worn over black tights or stockings
- Black or white knee-socks are allowed with the summer dress.

### Shoes:

- Black leather, lace-up, low-heeled school shoes which must take polish.
  - Black T-bar shoes – these must be worn done-up correctly.
- No other shoe styles are acceptable.

### Physical Education and Sport uniform:

The Physical Education uniform, including the VSC sport cap, is compulsory for Years 7, 8 and 9, and is recommended for students studying PE in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are allowed to wear their VSC PE uniform for the whole school day (i.e. to, at and from school) on the days when they have a timetabled PE class. It must also be worn for all college representative teams at sports competitions. In all other cases, students must wear full college uniform when travelling to and from school.

- **VSC navy sport polo shirt**
- **VSC navy sport shorts** – in various styles
- **VSC sport cap** - compulsory for Years 7, 8 and 9 Physical Education classes. All other students are encouraged to wear a hat.
- Optional **VSC rugby top** – for Years 7,8 and 9 students to be worn as part of the Physical Education/Sport uniform only.
- Optional **VSC track pants** - worn as part of the Physical Education/Sport uniform only.

Optional **VSC House t-shirt** for college sport: Hotham – blue ; Macedon – green ; Stirling – red.

### Optional / accessories:

- Optional **VSC Tie** - available on order from PSW.
- Use of the **plain blue school bag** available through PSW is recommended.
- All accessories like **scarves, headbands, hair-ties** etc. should be in plain navy, black or white only.