



UNIFORM POLICY

CHILD SAFE STATEMENT

At Mornington Secondary College we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental expectation of our college. Mornington Secondary College is committed to protecting students from abuse or harm while at school and in our care. Mornington Secondary College's Child Safety Code of Conduct is consistent with the Education Department's recommendation.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/childsafestandards.aspx>

RATIONALE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the college community, and assists in developing pride in representing their college. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

AIM

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our college.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our college environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the College in the community.

POLICY

The college uniform is compulsory for all students and must be worn at school, while travelling to and from college, and on any college excursion except where the teacher in charge has obtained the approval of the Assistant Principal for other clothes to be worn and this is noted on the consent form. All uniform items should be clearly named for identification.

School Bags

An approved school bag is compulsory for all students in years 7 - 9. Non college approved bags will not be allowed for students in years 7 - 9. The school bag is available from PSW. The approved school bag is optional for students in years 10 and above. Absolutely no graffiti on bags is allowed.

Jewelry

For students with piercings, a pair of simple studs or sleepers in the ear lobes only are acceptable. The college reserves the right to determine if any piercings are an OH&S risk and ask for them to be removed

Footwear

The required shoes for all students are flat heeled, all black, leather lace-up shoes or black leather lace up runners. Canvas shoes are not permitted. Under no circumstances can students participate in workshop classes without correct shoes, even with a uniform pass.





Hair and Makeup

Hair grooming, styling and colouring must be appropriate to a college setting. Hair colour must be natural. Decisions regarding this will be left to the discretion of the Principal. Only natural looking make-up is acceptable.

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

The PE uniform is compulsory at all year levels. Sports shoes must be worn. Students will not be permitted to participate unless they are in **full PE uniform**. Swimsuits must be worn for swimming lessons or pool activities. T-shirts are not be worn in the pool. If ears are pierced, sleepers or studs should be removed to prevent injury. Students who do not bring/wear their PE uniform for designated sports classes/programs can expect to be issued with the following sanctions:

- 1st occurrence: warning with parent notification
- 2nd occurrence: lunchtime detention
- 3rd occurrence: after school detention

Students in years 7 and 8 are permitted to wear college approved PE uniform for the full day that they are participating in their PE class. Only college approved PE shorts are to be worn.

All students who are representing the college in external sport are permitted to wear the college approved tracksuit pants.

Out of Uniform

Students must bring an explanatory note to their Year Level Coordinator signed by a parent/guardian, if due to unforeseen circumstances they are out of uniform. Coordinators will issue the student with an "Out of Uniform Pass." On these rare occasions, only clothing as close as possible to the College uniform is to be worn. Offending students can expect to be withdrawn from class or sent home to change. Students and their families should ensure uniform is organised daily.

Consequences

If a student attends school out of uniform they may be withdrawn from class for the day and complete their school work under the supervision of an Assistant Principal or Year Level Coordinator.

Assistance with Uniform

- Assistance can be sought from the Student Wellbeing Team for families experiencing financial difficulty.

Uniform Donations

- Donations of used uniform in good condition are welcomed.

Students can elect to wear either **full** summer or **full** winter uniform at any time.

Summer

1. College summer dress.
2. College approved navy blue shorts or college approved long pants.
3. Light blue college shirt (a plain white t-shirt can be worn under the College shirt; sleeves must not be visible).
4. College approved jumper. A 3/4 zip polar fleece jumper (will be available from PSW April 2022).
5. Plain navy blue or black above ankle school socks - plain, no logo or markings (no tights or leggings).



Winter

1. Tartan pleated skirt.
2. College approved navy blue shorts or college approved long pants.
3. Light blue college shirt (a plain white t-shirt can be worn under the college shirt, if a long sleeved t-shirt is worn, sleeves must not be visible).
4. College approved jumper. A 3/4 zip polar fleece jumper (will be available from PSW April 2022).
5. Plain navy blue or black above ankle school socks - plain, no logo or markings or navy blue tights (no leggings or socks worn over tights at the same time).

Physical Education, Outdoor Education & Year 7/8 Sport.

1. College approved navy PE shorts, sport polo shirt and for years 7 & 8 college approved tracksuit pants.
2. PE/sports Bag.

Please note:

The PE uniform is compulsory at all year levels:

- Sports shoes must be worn.
- Swimsuits must be worn for swimming lessons or pool activities.
- T-shirts must not be worn in the pool.
- If ears are pierced, sleepers or studs should be removed to prevent injury.

Optional Garments

- College approved spray jacket from PSW
- College approved 3/4 polar fleece zip jumper (available from PSW April 2022)
- Plain navy blue baseball cap – no logos
- College approved navy blue scarf from PSW
- Headbands/ribbons – white or plain navy blue only.

Uniform can be purchased from:

PSW
1/22 Watt Road
Mornington Vic 3931
9768 0346
<http://www.psw.com.au/retail/Colleges/>

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last reviewed and approved by School Council in September 2021 and is scheduled for evaluation and review in August, 2024.