



## Uniform Policy

### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the main office on 5147 1790

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline Maffra Secondary College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, and dress code implementation.

This uniform policy has been developed by Maffra Secondary College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Maffra Secondary College uniform aims to:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

### SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this uniform policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

All students in years 7-12 are required to be in full and correct school uniform on a daily basis. No other items of clothing will be accepted. Year 12 students are permitted to wear the approved Year 12 Jumper as an alternative to the school jumper.

## **Summer & Winter Uniform Items**

Summer school dress

Winter skirt

Navy shorts

Predominantly black leather school shoes (lace up or buckle). No boots allowed

White polo shirt featuring school logo OR fitted white business style shirt / blouse if wearing a school tie

Grey drill shorts (longer style preferred)

Grey drill or melange trousers (no cargo style pockets)

Beanies: plain navy or white beanies may be worn in Terms 2 & 3.

Jumpers: Navy blue woolen jumper; navy polar fleece top or navy tracksuit top with gold piping.

All must feature the school logo.

Jacket: MSC navy blue soft-shell jacket with the school logo.

## **Physical Education Uniform**

The PE uniform can be worn to school on any day. It must be the complete and correct PE uniform.

Navy and gold polo top featuring the school logo

Navy and gold shorts

Navy tracksuit pants with gold piping

Navy polar fleece top with school logo

Navy tracksuit top with gold piping also featuring the school logo. The tracksuit jacket can be worn as a school jumper all year round for extra warmth.

Sport shoes/runners

## **Additional uniform items**

In Terms 1 & 4 the navy school hat should be worn in the yard at recess and lunchtime.

### **All students:**

- Shoes are to be flat heeled and totally black and laces are also to be black. Sports shoes are only to be worn with the sports uniform. On casual clothes days, shoes must also be enclosed. Open-toed shoes will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Hats: students are encouraged to wear the hat particularly in terms 1 and 4. This must be one of the school hats; 2 styles available (all feature the school logo).
- Headwear: No other headwear will be accepted. No headwear is permitted to be worn in class, unless for medical or religious reasons with appropriate documentation.
- Long-sleeved tops: if a long-sleeved top is worn under the school polo shirt, this is to be plain white or navy under the PE polo top. If anything other than white or navy is worn, the student will be asked to remove it.
- Socks: students are to wear plain navy, white, grey or black socks.
- Tights: navy blue or nude tights may be worn.
- Scarves: a navy or white scarf may be worn in Winter. No other colour will be accepted.
- Headbands: if worn, these are to be navy or white.
- Ties: the official school tie may be worn with a white business shirt.
- Beanies – plain navy blue or white only.

All students are required to wear appropriate clothing on casual clothes days. No singlets are allowed to be worn and shoes must be fully enclosed.

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

### **General appearance**

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

### **Health and safety**

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for student safety in technology and science subjects.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Facial piercings – only studs or sleepers may be worn. Students with facial piercings may be asked to cover or remove their jewellery by any teacher in the interest of safety in the classroom.

Rings or bracelets of any description must not be worn, and necklaces must not be visible. Watches may be worn, but may be required to be removed for sport or PE lessons, or whilst the student is involved in technology classes. Smart watches may not be used as communication device (see mobile phone policy) or taken into examination rooms.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes 1:30pm -2:15pm

Uniform items can be purchased from the uniform shop at school. Orders and payments can be made by calling the main office and will then be given to students. Permitted non-branded uniform items (socks, scarves, grey slacks, grey drill shorts) can be purchased from department stores. Some second-hand items are available at the school.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs please contact the relevant year level coordinator to discuss support that we may be able to provide to you. The following links may be of assistance [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Maffra Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the uniform policy on a recurring basis, a staff member will contact home to discuss supports. If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, a parent meeting may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Maffra Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the uniform policy will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. Uniform passes will not be provided for hooded jumpers or leggings. Students will be asked to remove hooded jumpers and will be provided with a school jumper and alternative school uniform eg. shorts or tracksuit pants will be provided to a student to wear.

## **CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY**

Maffra Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Uniform Policy. If you have a concern or complaint about the policy, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaint Policy*.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- sent out via Compass
- reminders in our school newsletter
- discussed in student assemblies
- included in staff digital handbook
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Maffra Secondary College Complaints Policy
- Maffra Secondary College Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- information in newsletters
- student meetings
- focus groups
- information on our website

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines.

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