



POLICY

UNIFORM

RATIONALE

Mansfield Secondary College School Council has adopted the following policy for mandatory uniform to be worn by students of the College.

The Principal, staff, parents and students are all responsible for the active implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

Students must conform to the uniform standards on all College occasions unless otherwise directed by the College Principal.

This Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school events, excursions and activities out of school hours.

The wearing of the school uniform by students:

- Promotes a student's sense of identity with and pride in the College
- Raises the profile of the College and its students in the broader community
- Creates a level playing field among students, reducing peer pressure and bullying.

No student will be discriminated against on the basis of sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs, colour or disability. No student will be discriminated against if, for financial reasons, uniform cannot be provided. The College will make every effort to assist families having difficulty providing uniform.

GUIDELINES

The General School Uniform

Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Dress OR• Navy shorts (either Navy dress shorts or MSC branded sports shorts) OR• Navy trousers (any brand) OR• Navy skirt • White short sleeved shirt, with MSC logo OR• White long sleeved shirt, no logo • White or Black socks or Navy tights• ALL BLACK shoes
Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Softshell Jacket, with MSC logo• Polar Fleece Jacket, with MSC logo• Sun Smart Hat, with MSC logo

Sport Uniform

Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polo shirt, with MSC logo• Navy shorts, with MSC logo OR• Navy leggings, with MSC logo OR• Navy tracksuit pants• White or black socks• Sun Smart Hat

IMPLEMENTATION

General Guidelines - Uniform

1. There is no separate summer or winter uniform, however, items must be worn as specified, eg. no tracksuit pants or leggings if not doing PE.
2. Students are to attend school in general school uniform unless they have PE in Period 1.
3. Students are to change back into general school uniform after PE, although if students have a PE class at the end of the day, they can depart school in their PE uniform.

Sun Smart Hat

The College encourages the wearing of hats while students are outside during the summer months. Sunhats are available for students to purchase from the uniform store.

Purchasing of Uniform

1. **At school** - Our uniform shop is open weekly through the term. The dates and times are on the school's website and newsletter.
2. **Online** - Students will know their size by accessing the school's uniform shop, which holds samples of uniform items in each size. Parents can access the school's online store via the school's website <http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/>

Male and female fittings will be supplied by the uniform shop for the following items:

- Navy dress shorts
- Navy trousers
- White short-sleeved shirts
- Polar fleece jackets

Receiving your order

Online orders will be processed as received, and students will be notified via the Daily Bulletin when items are ready to be collected.

Please note: Payment is required in full BEFORE items are collected.

Lost items are expensive to replace. It is recommended that all items of uniform be clearly labelled with the student's name.

Financial Support

1. **State School Relief Fund**. Please see the relevant Year Level Coordinator or the Business Manager and an application will be submitted on your behalf. <https://www.ssr.net.au/Relevant-government-assistance>
2. **The school**. Please contact the Year Level Coordinator or Business Manager to discuss financial assistance.

Exemptions to the Uniform Policy

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background

- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers

Concerns about this Uniform Policy

Mansfield Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Uniform Policy. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available at our school's *Complaints Management Policy*.

REFERENCES

- Department of Education and Training – School Uniforms
[School uniforms | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three-year review cycle.