



MGSC Uniform Policy

Rationale

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors, which contribute to the establishment of the Uniform policy. Equality is fostered through the provision of a uniform policy common to all students.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- To ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- To enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- To strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- To enhance individual student safety and group security
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- To encourage students to develop pride in their appearance

Guidelines

- The Uniform Policy operates within the guidelines determined by an order of Department of Education (DET)
- The Uniform Policy applies uniformly to all students
- Communication of the Uniform Policy will be made available to all members of the College community
- Implementation of the Uniform Policy is the responsibility of all members of the College community
- All students are expected to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Policy
- The College Council has approved all uniform items
- The Uniform Policy applies during College hours, while travelling to and from the College and at those functions and venues deemed by the Principal team to require the full uniform
- The Uniform Policy recognises and allows for exemptions under certain circumstances at the discretion of the Principal
- Free dress days are approved by the College from time to time.
- Students are required to wear PE uniform for PE classes even if there is an 'free dress' day,
- Student managers, in consultation with the Principal team, will make the administrative decisions associated with the enforcement of the Uniform Policy,
- Teachers will:
 - i. Manage the implementation and adherence to the Uniform Policy
 - ii. Monitor student compliance with uniform policy

- iii. Report any issues in relation to non-compliance with the uniform policy to the appropriate student manager
- Parents/Guardians will:
 - i. Support the College in the application of the Uniform Policy.
 - ii. Ensure that the students have the correct College uniform. Ensure that the uniform is maintained in good condition and worn each day of the school week.
 - iii. Contact the Student wellbeing coordinators in the instance of not being able to afford uniform items.
- Students will:
 - i. Wear only the College approved uniform items and ensure that there is no mixing of seasonal wear or specialist items, i.e. PE uniform & formal uniform items.
 - ii. Maintain a high standard of uniform compliance and personal grooming.

Implementation:

- MGSC is not responsible for any loss of students' property so parents are advised to ensure that each piece of their daughter's clothing is clearly named.
- Exemptions from the Dress Code, for religious or other reasons are to be approved by the Principal in advance.
- Protective clothing is available and is encouraged to be worn in appropriate Science, Art, Technology and Food Technology classes.
- All students are required to wear the MGSC PE uniform to interschool sporting events. Students inappropriately attired will be excluded from participation in school teams
- Year 7 & 8 students may wear the College PE uniform for the entire school day if they have PE on that day.
- The College recognises the importance of the 'Sun smart' message which is reinforced through Health and Physical Education classes. Sunscreen and hats are expected to be worn in PE classes, particularly in Terms 1 and 4.
- Blazers must be the outer garment and must be worn to and from school each day, on excursions and to all college assemblies, except in extreme heat when students may wear just the summer dress/shorts/shirt. Extreme heat is defined as being a forecast of 30 degrees or above.
- The sports jacket must NOT be worn with summer or winter uniform.
- The College music uniform is a requirement for all public performances.
- All students must carry the MGSC approved school bag.
- Summer uniform must be worn by all students in Term 1. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn in April and May. All students must wear full winter uniform by 1 June until the end of August. Either summer or winter uniform may be worn in September and October. Full summer uniform is to worn from 1 November until the end of the school year.
- Non uniform items, including jewellery, alternative school bag may be confiscated for a period of up to two weeks.
- Students who are repeatedly out of uniform may be required to attend a meeting with their parent/guardian to discuss the reason/s further with a sub-school leader and/or Assistant Principal.

- Make-up, coloured nail polish, jewellery, tongue piercings, eyebrow/nose rings and extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable accompaniments to the College uniform. Studs/sleepers, small/clear nose studs may be worn in the ears and nose only. Watches are accepted.
- Extreme hair colours are defined as not natural hair colours; an example of an extreme haircut would be a Mohawk. Students with dreadlocks should tie their hair back neatly; students with sections shaved should keep this to a minimum (unless for fundraising purposes and agreed to by the Principal).
- If students are unable to wear any part of the uniform at any time, they need to bring a note to their Student Manager at the start of the day. The Student Manager may be able to supply some of the uniform to the student to wear for the day. Students who are out of uniform without a reasonable explanation may be sent home.
- It is expected that students will be suitably and appropriately dress on 'Free Dress days. Thongs are a health and safety risk at school and must not be worn on 'Casual Clothes' days. Students are expected to wear correct PE uniform in PE on 'Free Dress days
- The Uniform Policy is reviewed every three years and will be tabled for approval by School Council.

Evaluation

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Appendix - MGSC School uniform list

SUMMER UNIFORM

- School dress (check)

Alternative to school dress: School shorts – with logo

- Light blue shirt – with logo
- College blazer
- Navy blue pullover with College colours in neckband. VCE students have a maroon pullover
- Light blue socks (no anklets)
- Black leather lace up shoes
- Hair ribbon (optional) – navy blue, maroon or light blue
- SCHOOL BAG
- Backpack with MGSC logo

WINTER UNIFORM

- Winter skirt
- Alternative to school skirt: School navy blue winter slacks with logo.
- College blazer
- Light blue shirt rounded collar. A light blue skivvy may be worn under the school shirt.
- Navy blue pullover with College colours in neckband
- VCE students have a maroon pullover
- Black leather lace up shoes
- Light blue socks (short above the ankle length or knee high) or navy blue tights to be worn with the winter skirt
- Navy blue socks to be worn with the winter pants
- School Scarf - with logo (available 2018)
- Gloves (optional) – maroon or navy blue
- Hair ribbon (optional) – navy blue, maroon or light blue

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT UNIFORM

- Navy shorts with MGSC logo
- Navy and maroon polo shirt with MGSC logo
- Navy/maroon/white Rugby top – with MGSC logo (optional)
- Navy/maroon/white Sports jacket (optional)
- Navy track pants with MGSC logo
- White sports socks
- Sport shoes
- Navy bucket style sun hat or broad brimmed hat (compulsory in Terms 1 and 4)

MUSIC UNIFORM

- Black dress or black skirt – mid/full length
- Shirt: black, long sleeved
- Shoes: Black court shoes, no sandals.
- Black stockings
- Two chiffon scarves: supplied by College