

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE:

Melbourne Girls' College (MGC) school uniform policy has been developed in consultation with School Council, our families and students. Our uniform makes a positive contribution to the culture of the College and this policy outlines uniform expectations, requirements and takes into consideration the variety of school activities students are involved in. This policy is not gender or season specific.



Help for non-English speakers:

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact: 9428 8955

PURPOSE:

- To create a sense of identity at school and in the community.
- To support a sense of pride, connectedness and belonging within the school community.
- To establish equity amongst students.
- To enhance and maintain the positive image of the school in the wider community.

GUIDELINES:

Bob Stewart is the supplier of uniform and the Second Life Uniform shop supplies second hand items. Bob Stewart continues to work with the college to supply a non-sensory jumper for students who cannot wear wool.

Academic Uniform: [Uniform @ MGC - Melbourne Girls' College](#)

When wearing the long-sleeve shirt:

Must be worn with:	Lower attire options:	Additional:
Tie, with shirt tucked in	Navy Pants (with black crew length socks)	Jumper, Vest Blazer
	Navy Shorts (with white crew length socks)	
	Navy Skirt (with white socks OR opaque, black tights)	

When wearing the MGC logo short-sleeve shirt:

Lower attire options:	Additional:
Navy Pants (with black crew length socks)	Jumper, Vest Blazer
Navy Shorts (with white crew length socks)	
Navy Skirt (with white crew length socks OR opaque, black tights)	

When wearing the dress:

Must be worn with:	Additional:
White crew length socks and school shoes	Jumper, Vest Blazer

Black leather lace up school shoes (maximum height of heel 3 cm), no boots or T-bars to be worn with the academic uniform.

Optional Extras:	
	Navy plain gloves, navy or white hair ribbons/scrunchies Navy or white scarf with logo.

Year 12

Year 12 students have a rugby jumper in their final year, to symbolise their senior school identity and to recognise senior leadership as an important value of the school. The Year 12 jumper design will be led by the incoming Year 12 students and approved by the Principal Team. Students will be permitted to wear the alternate jumper once it has arrived as an addition to their academic or PE school uniform.



IMPLEMENTATION:

- The wearing of the uniform is compulsory for all students.
- All items of uniform need to be well presented and in good order.
- All students are expected to wear the full school uniform, to and from school and during the school day.
- School Council requires the principal be responsible for implementation of the uniform policy.

Specific Uniform Requirements

- Trousers should be at an appropriate length that allows for the cuff to sit on the school shoe; they are not to be rolled up.
- Summer dresses and winter skirts are to be no more than 5 cm above the knee.
- Socks should be mid-calf/crew length.
- The compulsory blue backpack (with MGC logo) is to be used by all students.
- The only approved bag is the college bag – which is to be kept in the school locker during school hours.
- Casual clothes days are subject to ratification by College Council.

Shoes and Footwear

- Full school uniform includes black leather school shoes (see appendix)
- Food and Technology classes require fully enclosed leather lace-up school shoes to be worn for all practical classes in order to provide protection from spillage and dropping of sharp or heavy implements.

Sport Uniform and Excursions

- Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school when undertaking PE and Sport classes.
- Items in the sports uniform cannot be mixed with the academic uniform.
- When attending excursions, students must wear full school uniform unless previously indicated on the excursion form.
- Students competing in an all-day sporting activity may wear their sports uniform to school on that day.
- Students who cycle to and from school may wear alternative clothing while riding.
- No white long-sleeve tops under PE polo t-shirt

Extra-Curricular Program Uniform

- Students participating in MGC extracurricular activities, e.g. rowing, aerobics and dance are permitted to wear the relevant sports vest as part of the sports uniform. No other extra curricula uniform items may be worn with the MGC uniform.
- Students participating in the AAFC are permitted to wear their uniform at school on the day they have that program.

Jewellery and Make-Up

- Jewellery and make-up must be kept to a minimum. A wristwatch, simple studs or sleepers are acceptable.
- Visible body jewellery such as facial piercings, necklaces and bangles are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear transparent pale pink or light beige nail polish.
- False eye lashes and eye lash extensions are not permitted. Fake nails are not permitted. Tattoos, whether real or temporary must remain covered.

Hair and Accessories

- Unnatural hair and nail colours are not permitted.
- The school hat is recommended to protect students from high UV rays.
- Due to hygienic reasons hair should be always neat and tidy. It is recommended that long hair be tied back.
- Students wishing to wear a headscarf for cultural, health or religious reasons should ensure it is navy blue or white in colour.



Out Of Uniform

- Students who are out of uniform must bring an explanatory note or have an email from their parent/guardian to the year level teams to obtain a uniform pass that will be put on COMPASS.

Additional Support and Special Provisions

- Arrangements can be made to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents and guardians seeking exemptions to the uniform policy due to religious beliefs, cultural background, disability, health conditions or economic hardship should apply in writing to the principal team.
- Decisions about exemptions will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the family.

Consequence of Policy Breach

- Every member of Melbourne Girls' College has a responsibility to encourage and reinforce expectations and the requirements of students to wear the uniform correctly.
- Refusal to follow this policy will result in follow up and consequences consistent with our Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy.

Consultative Process

School Council worked with the school community, in particular the Student Representative Council (SRC) in developing and reviewing the uniform policy. School council carefully considered the recommendations drawing feedback and data from a 2021 trial.

References:

- [Uniform @ MGC - Melbourne Girls' College](#)
- <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>
- Second Life Uniform shop: <https://boccafoods.com.au/>
- <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>
- <https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/legal-and-policy/victorias-human-rights-laws/the-charter/>
- education reform act 2004
- <https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/education-and-training-reform-act-2006/093>

Evaluation and Review

This policy requires School council approval.

This policy has been ratified by School Council in June 2022.

This policy will be reviewed every 4 years.

Review: June 2026