Wantirna College Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wantirna College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Wantirna 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 Student Dress Code aims to:
- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Wantirna College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Wantirna College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance
While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:
- Uniforms must 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 for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Jewellery must comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards with no large hoops or long dangling earrings that could be a safety hazard.
- Any make-up must be subtle.
- Nails must be short and comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards to ensure they are not a safety hazard.

Health and safety

- Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.
- To comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards, students participating in contact PE classes will need to ensure one of the following:

- Wear pocketless navy blue sports shorts/tracksuit pants without decoration/brand name
- Wear navy college sport shorts/tracksuit pants with college emblem
- Tape their pockets closed if their navy sports shorts or navy tracksuit pants without decoration/brand name have pockets

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and on Compass.
- Reminders in our school newsletter.
- Discussed in Teams.
- Included in staff handbook/manual.
- 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- *Wantirna College Parent Complaint Policy*
- *Wantirna College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy*
- *Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code*
- *Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.*

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2025
Consultation	May 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2028

APPENDIX A: WANTIRNA COLLEGE's UNIFORM ITEMS

Formal Uniform

The following items are part of the formal uniform and may include the Wantirna College emblem:

Tops

- White polo shirt with college emblem (or white tailored business shirt with long or short sleeves to be tucked in)

- College rugby top

- College puffer jacket, spray jacket, soft shell jacket, or sleeveless soft-shell vest

- Year 12 jacket (year 12 cohort only)

- Other special items – eg production hoodie, sports excellence t-shirt worn for restricted periods as advised by school organisers

- No visible undershirts

Note: The woollen maroon (11-12) and blue (7-10) jumpers are now being phased out and the Uniform shop will no longer restock them. If students have already bought one, they will be able to continue wearing them however, students will no longer to be able to purchase them. From January 2027, the blue and maroon woollen jumper will not be permitted.

Pants

- Grey college shorts with college emblem or grey shorts or grey trousers without decoration/brand name

- Navy college trousers or navy trousers without decoration/brand name

Dress and Skirt

- Winter blue and maroon tartan skirt

- Summer white, navy and maroon striped dress

Shoes and Socks

- Navy stockings/tights

- White socks (or no socks)

- Black full leather lace up, low heeled or black leather sports shoes

- Shoes with mesh upper or tongue do not meet OH&S requirements and can't be worn in science or technology practical classes

Other

- Optional college tie

- Optional college blazer

- College cap, college beanie (all other hats/beanies are not permitted)

- Cultural or religious headwear can be worn

- Plain navy, maroon or white scarf

- Plain navy gloves

Sports Uniform

- College navy sports shorts with college emblem or navy sport shorts without decoration/brand name or *(students participating in contact PE classes will need to wear pocketless navy blue sports shorts/tracksuit pants without decoration/brand name or navy college sport shorts/tracksuit pants with college emblem or tape their pockets closed)*

- White polo shirts with college emblem

- College navy and maroon PE/sports polo shirt with college emblem

- College tracksuit pants with college emblem or plain, navy tracksuit pants without decoration/brand name

- College navy leggings with college emblem or navy leggings without decoration/brand name

- College long sleeve sports polo with college emblem

- College rugby top with college emblem

- White socks (or no socks)

- Non-marking sports shoes. Students may either wear leather, enclosed trainers/runners as part of their PE uniform or bring a pair of leather shoes to change into if they have a practical based subject.