

Uniform Policy

1.0 Background

Melton Secondary College believes in establishing and strengthening a strong school identity, within the school and the wider community. The College's Uniform Policy is integral in creating a positive school culture, and is compatible with the College's Student Engagement Policy. The College Uniform Policy has been developed with input from students, parents and staff.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to comply with health and safety issues, including ensuring College is comfortable for all weather conditions and appropriate for sports. The policy also supports appropriate attire for informal or incidental physical activity. The Uniform Policy also enhances a socially acceptable and consistent standard of dress, thus promoting inclusion and well-being while promoting the College identity in the broader community.

3.0 Guiding Principles

- The College will ensure that the College uniform is available for purchase by parents and students through third-party commercial, internal or other operations.
- The College will make every attempt to provide assistance to those students who cannot afford to purchase the uniform, either through the supply of second hand uniforms or through State Schools' Relief or both.
- The College will ensure that changes to uniform are done in a consultative and timely manner
- The implication of equal opportunity dress issues will be taken into account, making sure that the College uniform requirements enable all students to wear uniform and to **participate** fully and actively in College life regardless of gender or religious / cultural identity.

4.0 Implementation

The College Uniform is defined in Appendix 1 (attached)

The College Rugby Academy uniform is defined in Appendix 2 (attached)

Responsibilities of Students

- Students are responsible for wearing correct uniform to the College each day and keeping each item of uniform in good condition.
- Students may not mix and match items of the College or sports uniform.
- Where it is not possible for a student to attend in full College uniform, the student is responsible for attending the Sub-School Office immediately on arrival and providing a signed note from a parent.
- On days designated as '*Out of Uniform Days*', students must wear clothes that comply with OH&S requirements, standards of decency and social acceptance and any other requirements stipulated by the College.
- Where a modification to uniform is approved for a student by the College Principal, the student should ensure that the piece of uniform worn aligns with the College colours (navy blue).

Responsibilities of Parents / Carers

Parents or carers are responsible for the following:

- Ensuring the provision of the full uniform that has been determined by the College Council.
- Monitoring their child's dress each school day to ensure they are wearing the full uniform.

- Assisting their child in the responsibility of maintaining a clean and neat uniform for each school day, and ensure their child has sufficient items of clothing and ensure a clean uniform is worn each day.
- Contacting an Assistant Principal by phone or dated letter with an appropriate explanation of the reason for why the uniform is not being worn, which items are not being worn, and the date the student will be back in uniform.
- Giving full support to an Assistant Principal and the College when a sanction is imposed under the guidelines of this policy.
- Supplying the school with a Medical Certificate for any long term medical problem that will prevent the student from wearing any part of the uniform. The medical certificate should include the expected length of time that the certificate is for.
- Ensuring, on days designated as '*Out of Uniform Days*' run by the Student Representative Council, that their children wear clothes that comply with OH&S requirements and that comply with standards of decency and social acceptance and any other requirements stipulated by the College.
- Ensuring that students transferring from another school have purchased or otherwise acquired the full school uniform prior to beginning classes.

Responsibilities of the College

- The College will support parents under financial duress by facilitating applications to State Schools' Relief and the provision of second hand uniform on a temporary or permanent basis.
- The College Council must ensure that parents have adequate notice prior to any major changes occurring to the College uniform. Such changes will not take place without prior consultation with parents, students and teachers.
- Changes to the College uniform will be staged over a period of time deemed acceptable by the Principal. This decision will be based on the overall needs of the College.

5.0 Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed in **three years** or as necessitated by changes/developments which may occur through requests by School Council, Parents, Students or Staff within the timeframe stated above.

6.0 References

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

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APPENDIX 1:

The Melton Secondary College Uniform

ACADEMIC UNIFORM

- MSC Grey tailored school pants
- MSC Grey tailored shorts
- MSC Navy dress
- MSC Navy skirt with vertical light blue/white stripes
- Socks: plain black, white or grey (no logo)
- Stockings: black or navy

Please Note: The dress / skirt length to be no shorter than 10cm above the knee

- MSC White blouse $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve
- MSC White short-sleeve shirt
- MSC White long-sleeve shirt
- MSC Navy school jumper
- MSC Navy blazer
- MSC Fleece Lined Jacket

Please Note: a white T-shirt or white singlet is the only colour permitted to be worn underneath the school blouse / shirt.

- Plain black shoes of simple design with full leather uppers and standard heel height, with laces or buckles
- Plain black shoes of simple design with full leather uppers and standard heel height

- MSC tie

- MSC plain scarf in navy blue

- MSC College cap/bucket hat

- MSC Beanie

SPORTS UNIFORM

For Sport and Physical Education includes:

- MSC Navy blue sport polo shirt (light blue and white collar)
- MSC Navy blue track suit pants
- MSC Navy blue sport shorts
- MSC Spray Jacket
- MSC Rugby Top
- Plain white or black sports socks.
- Athletic lace-up sport shoes (eg runners)

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Rugby Academy Training Uniform



Rugby Academy Training Singlet



Rugby Academy Playing Uniform



Rugby Academy Uniform Policy

- Students are required to wear their full rugby uniform on Rugby Academy Practical days only. On all other days full MSC uniform must be worn.
- Students may wear their rugby academy jacket in lieu of a school jacket at any time
- Students are not to allow others to wear their uniform, this is especially important for students who are not members of the MSC Rugby Academy
- Full Rugby training uniform is to be worn at all training sessions including gym sessions.
- During gym sessions, senior class students will be permitted to wear training singlets and gym shorts, however, the singlets must be changed out of after class and should only be worn during the gym session.
- Students are to wear rugby shorts and not gym shorts during rugby practical sessions.
- Rugby Academy uniform will be supplied once full payment of Academy fees is received.