

Student Dress Code Information to College Community

In 2019 we received extensive feedback about the College Student Dress Code from the 2019 Community Forum, Staff Consultation and Student Forums. Following this consultation a number of recommendations were made to College Council and these are in the process of being applied.

There is an extended timeline for changes as we realise that families have already invested in purchasing uniforms. Some new optional items including a soft shell jacket, beanie and scarf will become available from 2020 and the current College spray jacket will be phased out from 2021. The uniform items will now be represented as a list of items available to students with limited restrictions on combinations or seasonal options.

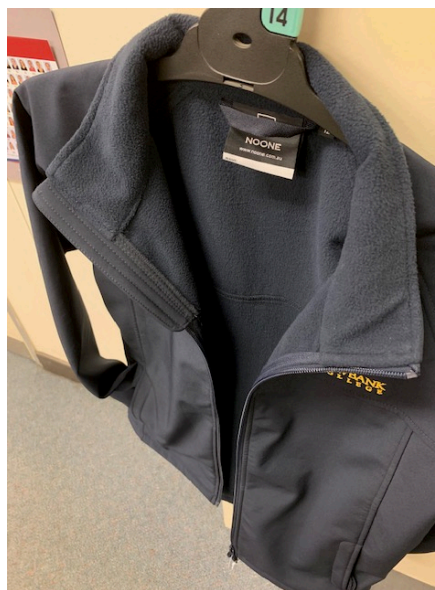
Please see below the draft updated Student Dress Code currently under review of the College Council.

Red = Proposed changes and additions

Highlighted Yellow = Will be removed from existing Dress Code if approved by the College Council.

Please provide any feedback to College Council members via email viewbank.co@education.vic.gov.au before Friday 29th May 2020.

Images of proposed soft shell jacket (final designs of proposed beanie and scarf still in progress).





"Caring for Excellence"

Viewbank College Student Dress Code

Child Safe: *Viewbank College is a child safe environment in accordance to the Victorian Government Guidelines. Viewbank College actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment, in accordance with their legal obligations including child safe standards. Viewbank College has a Child Safety Code of Conduct consistent with the Department's exemplar.*

The Purpose of the Dress Code is to:

- **Allows all students to feel equal and to prevent bullying and competition on basis of clothing**
- **Ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community.**
- **Strengthen the spirit of community within the school.**
- **Ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.**
- **Prepare students for the expectations of workplaces.**
- **Encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.**

The Uniform policy reinforces in students a sense of pride in their appearance and instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the College community. We believe that a student's individuality at the College will be recognised by such factors as his/her/**their** personality, scholastic achievement, sporting prowess, leadership, initiative and involvement in College activities.

Expectations

The following expectations are in place to ensure that students represent the College with pride and recognise them as an integral part of the College.

- Students are expected to wear the designated Viewbank College uniform appropriately and to present a neat appearance during college hours, when travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in out-of-school hours College activities that require uniform.
- To support a student to be able to wear the correct uniform, parents/guardians are asked to oversee
 - The purchasing of uniform items
 - The clear naming of clothing items
 - The cleaning of the uniform ready for wearing every day.
- **The College blazer or the College soft shell jacket must be worn** as the outer garment on all College occasions, including Level and College assemblies
- Jewellery, **if worn**
 - Must be minimal for safety reasons.
 - **Ear and Face Piercing/s: Small sleepers or studs only for safety reasons.**
- Hair
 - Dye/colouring to be in natural tones.
 - Longer than shoulder length to be tied back for safety reasons.
- **Non-Uniform Long and Short – sleeved tops**
 - **Plain white garments may be worn under shirts and dresses as long as they are not visible.**

- The College Sport and Physical Education uniform can be worn to school if the student has a scheduled Physical Education class in the first period, or be worn home if a student has a scheduled Physical Education class in the last period of the day.
- **VET Uniform:** Year 10-12 VET students are permitted to wear their VET protective clothing to school on the days they attend VET classes. Their clothing should be clearly identifiable as VET uniform.
- Viewbank College is aware that some students may wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements while also complying with the school dress code. The College will discuss these requirements with students and parents or carers to ascertain their cultural and religious significance and how they might be accommodated within the school's dress code policy.
- If the purchase of the uniform causes genuine hardship, confidential assistance is available on application to the Principal or Business Manager.
- **Uniform Pass:** A note from a parent/guardian is required if a student is not able to wear complete uniform for a brief period of time. A uniform pass must be obtained at the start of the day from an Assistant Principal or the Year Level Leader.

Viewbank College Uniform

General Uniform (now in list form)

- Viewbank College Blazer and/or Viewbank College soft-shell jacket (phase in 2020)
- Viewbank College Jumper
- Viewbank College Dress
- Viewbank College Skirt
- Viewbank College Trousers
- Viewbank College Blue Slacks, with College logo
- Viewbank College Shorts, Navy, with College logo
- Viewbank College White Shirt, short or long sleeved, with College logo
- Black leather lace up College Shoes or Black T-Bar Shoes
- Socks (white or navy above ankle, no commercial logos)
- Tights (black or navy with skirt only).

Sport and Physical Education Uniform

- Viewbank College Navy Sports Shirt with College logo
- Viewbank College Navy Sports Shorts with College logo
- Viewbank College Navy Tracksuit Pants with College logo
- Plain White Socks, above ankle, no commercial logos
- Runners or Sports Shoes
- Navy Viewbank Cap or Hat (VC hats can also be worn at recess or lunchtime)

Optional Uniform Items

- Viewbank College Spray Jacket, Navy and Maroon (phased out from 2021 onwards)
- Religious Headwear: White, blue or black in colour
- Viewbank College School Bag (backpack)
- Navy Scarf, plain
- House beanie and/or scarf (introduce in 2020)



Appendix 1:

Special Event Garments

Occasionally, special events within the College organise additional uniform items for purchase (garments such as jackets, t-shirts, hoodies or jumpers). These items promote events and increase participation rates for future years. The follow guidelines have been recommended by the Uniform Committee and are to be followed.

1. The garment is not to be worn underneath the blazer or soft shell jacket.
2. The garment may be worn as a part of the school uniform for a period of **2 weeks prior** to the event and **1 week post** the event.

Year 12 Bomber Jackets

The Visual Arts leader organises the design, purchase and delivery of the Year 12 Bomber Jackets. Every effort will be made to ensure the jackets arrive early in the year. The jackets are to reflect the school colours (navy, maroon, yellow) and 'nicknames' are to be checked by the Senior Staff Team to ensure they are appropriate. During 'Official College Events' including assemblies the Blazer is to be worn in place of the jacket.

Uniform Suppliers



283 Lower Heidelberg Road, East Ivanhoe □ 9499
1439



218 Settlement Road, Thomastown □ 9464 7555



Acceptable Shoes

Campus Uniform Shop

Noone Imagewear have a Uniform Shop on campus for the convenience of students and their parents. It is a fully equipped store with a complete range of uniform requirements, fitting rooms and EFTPOS facilities. It is open from 8.15am-9.00am on Wednesdays in Room R13.

[SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP](#) 

Second-hand Uniform

The College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to buy and sell second-hand uniforms and other student resources.

Therefore, parents will have the ability to trade these second-hand items via the Sustainable School Shop.

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

<http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/viewbank-college>

There is also the option of a buy, swap, sell Facebook page managed by parents of Viewbank College. Please click on the link below to be taken to the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/32458672773111>