

UNIFORM POLICY

GUIDELINES

The College Council, empowered under Government regulations, supports a policy of compulsory uniform and a dress code. It is the duty of the College's staff to enforce the wearing of the correct College uniform as outlined in this policy.

INTRODUCTION

The wearing of a school uniform contributes positively to the identity of our College and helps create in our students a sense of belonging to our MFG community. It signals that we can rely on one another, that we are entitled to the support and the benefits of our College and that each of us needs to contribute to the welfare and support of each other.

While a uniform is not essential to this concept, it is a helpful and a positive symbol of the camaraderie and sense of service that is encouraged at the College.

We therefore require all our students and their families to support the uniform policy and to ensure that it is worn in a way that does credit to them and to our college.

In keeping with our MFG Traits- that we can celebrate difference and diversity- our uniform caters for a range of cultural, religious and sexual orientation preferences.

GENERAL – FOR ALL STUDENTS YEARS 7 TO 12

The College uniform is to be worn to and from the College as well as at the College and on such other occasions as indicated by the Principal.

On College activities conducted in the wider community, including excursions, students will be advised if full College uniform, sports uniform or casual clothing is to be worn.

The College expects that students should always be well groomed and neatly presented in full school uniform. The uniform should be well maintained i.e., regularly cleaned and kept in good repair. Each student is required to have full general and sports uniforms. Dress and winter skirt lengths are to be observed.

Notes: If for unforeseen circumstances a student is not in full school uniform, a written, signed and dated note from a parent/guardian must be presented to the House Leader before 8:50am.

Bellarine Uniforms is the sole supplier of Matthew Flinders Girls Uniforms: 162 Moorabool St. Geelong. Ph: 5221 9199.

Blazer: is to be worn as the outer garment to and from school in Terms 2 & 3. The blazer will be required on some excursions and formal occasions in Terms 1 & 4. Students riding a bike to school are not required to wear a blazer.

College Hat: If students wish to access areas without shade in Terms 1 and 4. The cap or bucket hat can be worn in sports/PE/outside classes.

College Bag: MFG logo backpack.

Jewellery: The only acceptable pieces of jewellery to be worn are discrete items such as: a wristwatch, one plain gold or silver sleeper (must be smaller than a 5 cent piece), one plain gold silver stud or white pearl in

each earlobe. Visible chains, cords, necklaces, bracelets or rings are not acceptable. No other jewellery is to be worn.

Piercing: Minimal facial piercing is acceptable.

Tattoos are not allowed to be visible whilst in school uniform.

Cosmetics and brightly coloured nail polish are not to be worn for Food Technology classes. Nail extensions are not permitted in HAPE and sport classes.

Hairstyles: Extreme or highly visible bright unnatural colours are not acceptable

Undergarments: No undergarments are to be visible while wearing school uniform.

GENERAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Blazer: is to be worn as the outer garment to and from school in Terms 2 & 3.

Shoes: Polishable black leather (lace-up or buckle). Ballet, 'T' bar style, boots and court shoes are not permitted.

Hat: MFG bucket hat / cap

A choice of the following combinations:

- **Dress:** MFG (no shorter than 5cm above knee)
- **Socks:** Plain white, black or blue socks OR completely plain navy or black tights

OR

- **Skirt:** MFG (no shorter than 5cm above knee)
- **Shirt:** MFG white shirt (long or short sleeve)
- **Socks:** Plain white, black or blue

OR

- **Shorts/Pants:** MFG navy (shorts to be no shorter than 5cm above knee)
- **Shirt:** MFG white shirt (long or short sleeve)
- **Socks:** Plain white, black or blue

Optional Items:

Jumper: MFG Red Jumper

Hair ribbons: Navy Blue, Red or White

Hijab: Navy, black, white or red

Year 12 Jumper: MFG Jumper for Year 12 students only.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION / SPORTS UNIFORM

Only on days when students have Physical Education classes may they wear their PE uniform to school, throughout the day and when travelling home. The PE uniform consists of the following:

Sports Polo: MFG polo (Short or Long Sleeve)

Sports Shorts: MFG microfibre with logo

Tracksuit Pants: MFG microfibre or fleece with logo

Sports Shoes: Lace up purpose-built sports shoes (Dunlop Volleys, skate or street shoes and slip on shoes are not permitted)

Sports Socks: Plain white, navy or black socks

Hat: MFG bucket hat / cap

Optional items:

Rugby Top: MFG

Zip Jacket: MFG navy with logo

CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS

When students are permitted to wear casual clothes to the College, they are reminded that the standard of dress is 'neat casual' – something that would be accepted in an average workplace. Covered footwear must be worn to all classes.

Failure to follow these may result in students being provided with alternative clothing or parents/guardians being called to bring correct uniform for their child to wear at school.

POLICY EVALUATION

This Policy will have a triennial review as per "Timeline for Review" document.

EVALUATION

This Policy will have an annual minor review and a triennial major review as per the "Timeline for Review" document.

RATIFICATION

This policy was endorsed at the School Council meeting held on 21 March 2022

DATE OF REVIEW – March 2025-2026