



“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 Dress Code 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.
- 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 if they are not visible.
- The College Sport and Physical Education uniform can be worn to school if the student has a scheduled Physical Education practical class.

VET Uniform

Some VET courses may require students to wear a uniform to their VET class.

Only students who are enrolled in the following trade related courses are permitted to wear their VET protective clothing to Viewbank College on the day that they have their VET class:

- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Automotive
- Engineering
- Electrotechnology
- Integrated technologies

The clothing should be clearly identifiable as their VET uniform. All other students must wear their full Viewbank College uniform to school on the day of their VET class.

Religious and Cultural Considerations

Viewbank College is aware that some students may wish to observe 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.

General Considerations

Financial Hardship: If the purchase of the uniform causes genuine hardship, confidential assistance is available on application to the Principal or Business Manager. Please contact the college through the House Leader or Main Office.

Uniform Pass: Communication from a parent/guardian is required if a student is not able to wear complete uniform for a brief period for a genuine reason. If a student is unable to wear the complete uniform due to medical reasons, then this should be supported by documentation from a relevant medical professional. A uniform pass must be obtained at the start of the day from the Middle or Senior School office by any student out of uniform and shown to teachers throughout the day when requested.

Uniform Suppliers



283 Lower Heidelberg Road, East Ivanhoe Ph: 9499 1439



218 Settlement Road, Thomastown Ph: 9464 7555

Second-hand Uniform

There is a buy, swap, sell Facebook page managed by parent of Viewbank College. Please click on the following link to be taken to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/32458672773111>

A second-hand uniform shop will also occasionally operate at the college towards the conclusion of each school year, re-selling uniform that has been donated by departing students. These second-hand uniform sales will be advertised to the college community via a Compass News Feed.

Viewbank College Uniform Items

General Uniform

- Viewbank College Blazer and/or Viewbank College soft-shell jacket
- Viewbank College Jumper and/or Viewbank College Rugby Jumper (*available from mid-2023*)
- 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, Black T-Bar Shoes or Black Leather/Non-Mesh Upper Shoe (logo free) (*please see acceptable shoe guide for examples. All shoes, including the non-mesh can be purchased from the standard shoe retailers*).
- Socks (white, 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
- Viewbank College Soft Shell Jacket and/or Viewbank College Rugby Jumper (*available from mid-2023*)
- Plain White Socks, above ankle, no commercial logos
- Runners or Sport-Specific Shoes (no causal sport style shoes e.g. Converse, Vans)
- Navy Viewbank Cap or Wide-Brimmed Hat (College hats can also be worn at recess or lunchtime)

Optional Uniform Items

- Religious Headwear: White, blue or black in colour
- Viewbank College School Bag (backpack)
- House beanie and/or scarf

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 School Staff Team to ensure they are appropriate.

Acceptable Shoes Guide

The below guide is designed to assist in the purchase and wearing of appropriate shoes in the school environment. These examples are not comprehensive, and we ask that prior to purchasing shoes, if you are unsure if they will be acceptable or not to please contact the Assistant Principal for the Middle School or Senior School to confirm suitability. The acceptable school shoes are designed to provide students with options depending on their activity levels throughout the day, whilst also maintaining a dress standard appropriate to the formal uniform.

Acceptable School Shoes



Acceptable Sport & Physical Education Shoes



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