



THOMASTOWN
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Thomastown Secondary College Uniform and Dress code Policy

RATIONALE

- The dress code purposes should be clearly identified. These purposes may include promoting
 - A sense of identity and pride
 - Cohesion and good order in the school
 - Allowing all students to feel equal
 - Preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
 - Ensuring students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
 - Enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
 - Strengthening the spirit of community within the school
 - Enhancing individual student safety and group security
 - Ensuring all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
 - Encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Thomastown Secondary College is a full uniform school. It is an important security issue that all students are clearly identified by full College uniform. The College Council sets the uniform and the Principal and staff are required to enforce it. The College expects the co-operation of parents in maintaining a high standard of neatness and conformity with the students' uniform, as well as in general appearance. Items must be official Thomastown Secondary College wear, as displayed and sold in the uniform shop.

After consultation with the College community and the Student Representative Council, College Council developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied College activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The Dress Code applies during College hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on College excursions or representing the college.

Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms are available, and are required to be worn.

The student uniform requirements, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, are published in the newsletter at the start of each year. College Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Behaviour.

Arrangements can be made to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing financial hardship.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, or health condition, must apply in writing to the College Council, according to the guidelines listed in this policy, as well as seek further information from the College Principal.

DEFINITION - Dress Code

is a written statement of College Council expectations regarding student appearance and applies

- during College hours
- while travelling to and from College

When students are engaged in College activities out of College hours, the College may:

- define standards for the general presentation of students
- set out broad guidelines about student appearance
- require students to wear a College uniform
- define specifications for garment design and colour.

Thomastown Secondary College Uniform Items

Girls (7-12) SUMMER

Thomastown S.C. summer dress

Thomastown S.C. summer dress & white long sleeve t-shirt [for religious reasons]

Thomastown S.C. pullover (Maroon Years 7-10)

Thomastown S.C. pullover (Red Years 11-12)

Plain black stockings or white socks

Black leather lace up shoes (not boots, no high heels, platforms or 't-bars')

Thomastown S.C. black cap with emblem

Thomastown S.C. blazer (optional)

White or black headscarf [for religious reasons]

Thomastown S.C. waterproof jacket (optional)

Girls (7-12) WINTER

Thomastown S.C. winter skirt

Thomastown S.C. white shirt

Thomastown S.C. pullover (maroon Years 7-10)

Thomastown S.C. pullover (red Years 11-12)

Thomastown S.C. tie (optional)

Plain black stockings or white socks (not both).

Black leather lace up College shoes (not boots, no high heels, platforms or 'T-bars')

Thomastown S.C. blazer. (Optional)

Black or white headscarf [for religious reasons]

Thomastown S.C. scarf (optional)

Thomastown S.C. waterproof jacket (optional)

SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Thomastown S.C. sports top
Thomastown S.C. tracksuit pants
Thomastown S.C. shorts

Thomastown S.C. black cap with emblem
Runners (black non-marking sole)
white or black socks sport socks (optional),

Boys (7-12) SUMMER

Thomastown S.C. shorts
white socks
Thomastown S.C. trousers
Thomastown S.C. pullover (maroon Years 7-10)
Thomastown S.C pullover (Red Years 11-12)
Thomastown S.C. white shirt – short sleeve
Black leather lace up College shoes (not boots)

Thomastown S.C. black cap with emblem
Thomastown S.C. blazer (optional)

Boys (7-12) WINTER

Thomastown S.C. trousers
Thomastown S.C. pullover (Maroon Years 7-10)
Thomastown S.C pullover (Red Years 11-12)
Thomastown S.C. white shirt – long sleeve
Thomastown S.C. tie (optional)
Black leather lace up College shoes (not boots)
Thomastown S.C. blazer (optional)
Thomastown S.C. scarf (optional)
Thomastown S.C. waterproof jacket (optional)
Thomastown S.C. black cap with emblem

SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Thomastown S.C. sports top
- Thomastown S.C. tracksuit pants
- Thomastown S.C. shorts
- Runners or (black sole non-marking)
- Thomastown S.C. black cap with emblem.
- white or black socks

- College Jumpers cannot be worn during Sport or Physical Education classes.
- Year 12 Jacket – See Appendix 1

COLLEGE PROCEDURES – Dress Code

1. The uniform is to be in good condition and worn with pride.
2. Students in Years 7 to 12 will wear the correct college uniform as per College Council Uniform Policy. A note from a parent stating the reason and anticipated time out of uniform is required if a student in Years 7 to 12 is not able to wear complete uniform

- for a brief period. Shoes must be conventional black, lace-up leather College shoes (not boots or runners) with low heels and no platforms.
3. If the student is unable to wear the complete uniform for a brief period of time, a complete alternate uniform, either the TSC winter/summer uniform or the TSC sport uniform must be worn. A note from a parent is required for any variation from normal uniform. Notes must be presented to the relevant Student Manager between 8.40 a.m. and 8.45am for an appropriate pass to be issued. Non-Thomastown Secondary College clothing items will not be allowed as an alternative uniform, under any circumstances.
 4. Plain white or black head scarves for religious reasons are acceptable.
 5. Consistent with Thomastown Secondary College commitment to a Sunsmart approach students are encouraged to wear the College hat in the grounds but hats are not to be worn inside the College buildings.
 6. Note: Only the college hat is permitted at school.
 7. Years 11 and 12 students only are permitted to wear the red V.C.E. jumper.
 8. Ear piercing is the only form of body piercing permitted. One pair of small sleepers or studs is permitted.
 9. Sticking plaster (e.g. bandaid) is not to be applied on the face.
 10. Make-up is discouraged and if worn must be minimal.
 11. Tattoos must not be visible.
 12. Multi coloured and unnatural hair colours (e.g. green, pink, blue, red, orange or purple) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks) are not permitted. Hair accessories must be white or black.
 13. Jackets must be the College blazer or the College waterproof jacket.
 14. The sport uniform is not to be worn to College on days when students have P.E. or Sport. The normal uniform should be worn with students changing prior to the Sport/HPE class. White or black socks are to be worn with the Sport Uniform. Note: The sport top is not to be worn under the shirt, dress or blouse during class time.
 15. No visible garments are to be worn under the uniform.
 21. The length of the College dress and winter skirt must be an acceptable length. For the subjects of Dance and Drama, HPE & Sport students must wear the Thomastown Secondary College sport uniform for their practical classes.
 22. Students must wear the College uniform on all excursions unless the College Excursion notice specifically states otherwise. Any student out of uniform will not be permitted to attend.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Students

Students are responsible for ensuring that they wear the uniform correctly at all times within and outside the College grounds.

Personal cleanliness and tidiness are required and students should ensure that they have sufficient number of items of college uniform to allow for a change of clothing throughout the week.

Parents and Caregivers

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to ensure their child attends College in correct uniform and complies with the school's Dress Code.

All parents/carers should ensure that they provide sufficient uniform items to allow for a change of clothing throughout the week, and to accommodate laundering.

All parents/carers must ensure that uniform items are not torn, hems/sleeves are not frayed (unkempt) and that all hems are sewn appropriately.

Parents/carers should ensure all garments are clearly named and easily identified as their child's uniform.

All Staff

All staff are responsible for ensuring that all students are in correct uniform at all times. All staff members must report any student who is out of uniform to the relevant Unit Leader.

5 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who have the required items at school, will be instructed to change and will be issued a detention. Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who do not have the items at school, will be managed according to the Thomastown Secondary College Code of Behaviour.

Students in Years 11 and 12 will be sent home to change after contact with the parent or carer of that student.

Piercings / Jewellery: Should a student refuse to take out piercings (other than those allowed in this policy) or fail to remove inappropriate jewellery, their parent/carer will be contacted before the student is sent home for failing to adhere to this policy as well as failing to comply with a reasonable and clearly communicated instruction from a Thomastown Secondary College staff member.

Hair Colour: Students who attend College with an un-natural hair colour, more than one colour in their hair or with an extreme hair style, will be given a period that covers one weekend in which the student is to make arrangements to ensure the hair is one natural hair colour. Should the student return to College (following the deadline which was provided), with the un-natural hair colour, their parents will be contacted and the student sent home until such a time as the student's hair colour complies with the Uniform Policy.

(Should a student be sent home in the above cases, work will be provided for the student for the duration of their absence).

Related Documents.

Education and Training Reform Act 2006

Thomastown Secondary College Student Code of Behaviour

Thomastown Secondary College Student Engagement policy 2013-2015 DEECD - Implementing and Enforcing Dress Codes

DEECD - Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995 – Section 40

Education and Training Regulations 2007 - Section 16(1)c equal opportunity Act 1995

APPENDIX ONE

Year 12 Jacket

The Year 12 Jacket is a privilege that is an option for Year 12 students as it is a variation of the College uniform. The purpose of the Yr. 12 Jacket is meant as a memento and is not intended as a replacement for the College blazer or jumper. The Committee is to determine the design of the jacket after the students submit their proposal (including design and cost) to the VCE coordinator towards the end of the preceding (Year 11) year

The guidelines for the jacket proposal must adhere to the following:

1. Must include the College logo
2. Will not include the student surname
3. Will not include inappropriate language or inappropriate 'nick names'
4. Will not include a hood
5. Colour scheme chosen must be in line with the College uniform colours, i.e. Red, black and white
6. Grey may be used, however not as the primary colour of the jacket - its use ultimately needs to be approved by the College Principal