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SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDE

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PART A: RATIONALE

It is compulsory for students at Victor Harbor High School to wear school uniform at all times. Students need to present themselves in a manner which indicates that they are at school for the purpose of learning. Under the EDUCATION ACT (1972) and REGULATION 86 school councils have the power to:

- Determine school dress policy.
- Enforce uniform obligations and exemption conditions.

The school uniform has been determined through a consultative process, involving the Governing Council, staff, students and parents. School uniform is important because:

- It creates a positive image of the school particularly in the community, developing and maintaining a high standard of appearance.
- It encourages a sense of belonging and pride in our school.
- It easily identifies our students on school grounds and in the community, which is important for student safety.
- It helps create a more equitable social environment.
- It is practical and includes 'safe' clothing for all subjects.

PART B: UNIFORM IMPLEMENTATION

All students must be in full uniform at all times.

- 1. In situations of financial hardship, arrangements will be made by the Student Wellbeing Leaders and/or the Principal, to supply students with correct uniform.
- 2. On those occasions when it is not possible for a student to comply with the uniform requirements, a written note must be provided (diary, *DayMap* or email) and shown to the student's Mentor teacher. This is a valid *exemption* on the day it is received by the Mentor teacher. Students will be expected to show evidence of this exemption when requested by staff.
- 3. New students may be exempt from wearing school uniform until they can purchase one. This will be negotiated between the family and the enrolling staff before the student starts.
- 4. Students may also be exempt from wearing school uniform due to health reasons.
 - a. On these occasions, families should contact the school and students are still expected to be dressed appropriately for school, in school colours (navy blue, grey and white).
- 5. Families will be notified on those occasions when uniform is not required, for example camps or student casual days.

PART C: UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

1. School colours are navy blue, grey and white.

Plain navy blue	Grey	White

2. Shirts

- a. Plain navy blue/white or white/navy blue polo with school logo on front, as supplied by Totally Work Wear, Victor Harbor.
- b. White button up unisex shirt* with school logo on front, as supplied by Totally Work Wear Victor Harbor (pre ordering required).
- c. Pathway and team polo shirts (as supplied by school program)
- d. SAASTA (SA Aboriginal Sports Training Academy) top (as supplied by school program)

3. Jumpers, Jackets and Windcheaters

- a. Plain navy blue V-neck wool jumper, with logo on front, as supplied by Totally Work Wear Victor Harbor.
- b. Plain navy blue hooded windcheater with logo on front, as supplied by Totally Work Wear Victor Harbor.
- c. Plain navy blue jacket* with logo on front, as supplied by Totally Work Wear, Victor Harbor (pre ordering required)
- d. Pathway and team windcheaters (as supplied by school program)
- e. Year 12 top, in school colours, as organised by the school.

4. Shorts

- a. Plain navy blue or grey thin white side stripes or piping and small logo are acceptable
 - i. These must be no shorter than mid-thigh length.

5. Pants

- a. Plain navy blue or grey pants, trousers or track pants thin white stripes or piping, and small logo, are acceptable
 - i. Jeggings, leggings and other active wear are not part of the school's dress code
- b. Plain blue jeans with useable pockets (front and back). No holes, no rips, no tears.

6. Dress

- a. Summer Blue and white check dress, as supplied by Totally Work Wear Victor Harbor
 - i. No shorter than mid-thigh length
- b. Winter Tartan/plaid skirt, as supplied by the Totally Work Wear Victor Harbor.
 - i. This can be worn with socks or navy/black tights
 - ii. No shorter than mid-thigh length.

7. PE Uniform

- a. Sky blue polo, no logo required
- b. Active wear is only permissible during PE lessons.

8. Formal Uniform

- a. White shirt, tie with woollen V-neck jumper and/or school blazer is expected to be worn as deemed appropriate by staff when representing our school at community or formal events.
 - i. Blazers and ties can be loaned from the school via Student Services.

9. Other clothing and accessories

- a. Beanies and scarves, in school colours, may be worn in winter, and if requested will be removed in class.
- b. Sunglasses, hats and sunscreen are recommended for all outdoor activities exceeding 15mins duration.
 - i. It is recommended students choose sunglasses that wrap around the eyes and don't let light in around the frames, especially at the sides, with frames fitting close to the face.
 - ii. It is recommended category two, three or four and/or a lens description that states "good UV protection". Category zero and one are fashion glasses and provide only some UV protection. Polarised lenses reduce glare.
 - iii. It is important to choose a maximum protection sunscreen, so look for one that is labelled SPF 30+ and broad spectrum.
- c. During PE classes, baseball caps may be worn where a broad brimmed or bucket hat may be impractical.
- d. Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/ dress code and sports uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

10. Footwear

- a. In practical lessons, fully enclosed flat shoes are required at all times to meet safety standards.
- b. Inappropriate shoes are ugg boots, thongs, backless footwear and heeled shoes.

11. Jewellery and Makeup

- a. Makeup must be tastefully worn and/or applied and kept to a minimum.
- b. Jewellery will be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.

^{*}White button up shirt or navy blue jacket can be purchased from elsewhere, however logo embroidery is to be supplied by TWW at your cost – waiting times may vary.