

# UNIFORM POLICY

## Uniform Regulations

Education Regulations 2020 (Part 9 –39) on school dress code, provides as follows:

- The right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
- Consultation entitlements and processes
- Enforcement obligations and exemption conditions

## Purpose

The purpose of implementing a school uniform is to:

1. Promotes a sense of belonging and pride within school and local community
2. Establish a distinctive identity for the school
3. Offer a variety of choices to cater to diverse student preferences for different activities while ensuring adherence to health and safety standards
4. Foster a sense of equity among the student by eliminating competition related to brand name/fashion clothing

The Governing Council has granted approval for the uniform policy and expects student compliance, with the support from parents and staff vital to enforce it effectively.

## Compliance obligations

1. Any student not wearing full school uniform who:
  - Has a note of explanation from home, will be offered a loan uniform and in this instance is expected to change/comply
  - Does not have a note of explanation from home, will be provided with a loan uniform and may be given community service.
2. Parents/caregivers will be contacted by letter or diary note if students persistently breach the school dress code. This may include a request for a family conference to resolve difficulties.
3. Formal uniform is expected to be worn on a daily basis with the Sports uniform only to be worn on days when students are participating in scheduled Physical Education classes.
4. All students in Years 7-12 are required to wear the approved school uniform. Due to seasonal variations, students may dress in wither summer or winter uniform.

## \*VVSS school bag and laptop bags

Parents/caregivers must purchase the mandatory VVSS school bags for carrying books and equipment. Additionally, students with laptops are required to have a laptop bag.

Laptop bags should be black or navy to complement the Valley View school uniform.

Laptop bags are specifically designed to safely store and transport laptops. They will be sized to fit the laptop

Only and will not have additional space for items like school books or equipment.

\*NB for WHS reasons students are not allowed to bring VVSS school bag into classroom or other learning areas.

School bags are to be safely stowed away in student lockers. However, laptop bags are acceptable in the classroom

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## VVSS uniform

VVSS requires separate formal and sports uniforms, which cannot be interchanged. Refer to our Uniform Brochure for item details and pricing.

\*\*NB leggings are not considered as stockings/tights and are not a part of the uniform. Stockings may be worn under the school skirt and school dress for additional warmth and modesty reasons.

## Footwear

For safety reasons, footwear must be enclosed and comply with WHS requirements. Black shoes, and plain black laces.

## Hats

It is strongly encouraged that students wear hats when participating in outdoor activities such i.e. RP, in accordance with our Sun Smart policy. VVSS has caps, bucket hats and beanies available to purchase from UMS, our uniform supplier.

## Personal Appearance and Safety Guidelines

Jewellery will be discrete. No facial piercings. Make-up and hair should be in natural tones, and nails kept short for WHS reasons.

## Uniform Adjustments for Sensory Requirements

Students with sensory needs requiring uniform adjustments must provide medical documentation. Any changes to the uniform must be approved in partnership with the school and include the school logo consistent with the standard uniform

## Supporting information

Full uniform brochure can be obtained at [valleyview.sa.edu.au](http://valleyview.sa.edu.au)