

VISS Uniform Policy

Excellence, Diversity, Learning, Integrity,
Community



Student Uniform Policy

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a sense of pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school community
- To provide durable clothing that is practical for our context and school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community VISS has developed a Dress Code that we believe is appropriate for our students and allows for students to safely engage in the varied school activities
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears (one in each ear), plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Facial piercing and facial enhancements are not permitted
- Extreme Hair - no lines or markings cut into the hair and haircut must be of the same length (Mohawks, tails and asymmetrical haircuts are not permitted) if there are any issues, parent contact will be made and there will be an expectation it will be fixed
- Cosmetics - Other than clear nail polish, all other cosmetics are not to be worn at school students wearing coloured nail polish or artificial nails will be asked to remove it
- Phones - Should not be seen and should be stored in the student's locker throughout the day. If the phone is seen or used it will be confiscated for the remainder of the day and can be picked up from the grade level leader or front office
- Personal earphones should not be seen or used during the school day unless expressly allowed by the teacher in class time
- School bags must remain in lockers/pigeon holes during the school day
- Sun-smart hats must be worn, consistent with our Sun-smart policy. In the Primary School a broad brimmed hat must be worn, and in the Secondary a peaked hat must be worn when outside in the sun
- Hats are not to be worn inside
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year
- All staff are responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the Dress Code in a consistent manner with the above policy
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions must meet with the Assistant Head (Secondary) or Deputy Head (Primary) for consideration.

Uniform Guidelines for ELC, Primary and Secondary

The Victoria International School of Sharjah's uniform Dress Code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. In order to maintain consistency and reflect the above expectation all shirts, shorts, pants, skirts and jumpers are expected to be purchased from the school approved uniform shop. All students must make the effort to wear their school uniform correctly and with pride.

All – Boys and Girls

Tops/Shirts:

- Only VISS approved school jumpers/jackets can be worn- Special event jackets are not part of the school uniform (i.e. the Ski Hoodie/ Robotics Hoodie)
- Grade 12 final year Jacket with the year of their graduation (only to be worn by Grade 12)
- ELC white Polo shirt
- Primary - Blue and white checked school shirt
- Secondary - Blue school shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Shirt buttons all done up except collar button and sleeves unfolded
- White undershirt can be worn - **no other** colour is acceptable

Footwear

- ELC/Primary - All Black shoes in the ELC and Primary and these may be Velcro (no colours or designs and the shoe should not be open)
- Secondary - All Black closed, lace up or buckled shoes (no colours or designs and the shoe should not be open)
- Socks are to be blue or white and must be seen **above** the ankle

❖ **Please Note: There is no distinction between girls and boys footwear as this would be a consideration of appropriateness for the individual student**

Boys

Pants/Shorts:

- Blue school trousers
- Shorts need to be below the knee

Headwear:

Sun-smart hats consistent with our Sun-smart policy. Primary school broad brimmed hat and Secondary a peaked hat must be worn when outside

Girls

Dresses/Skirts/Pants/Tights/Leggings:

- Dresses need to be below the knee when seated
- Primary - Pinafore with Blue and white checked shirt
- Blue school skirt needs to be below the knee when seated
- Blue school trousers that have not been tailored to be fitted and must cover the ankle
- (Primary School only) Tights/leggings must be blue or white and must be full length. Three quarter leggings are not permitted.

Headwear:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hijab must be pinned in place (if worn), this must be all black, blue or all white • No oversized earrings, metal clips or bows are to be worn • All hair ties must be discrete and/or in line with school colours • Sun-smart hats must be worn in the sun, consistent with our Sun-smart policy. In the Primary School a broad brimmed hat must be worn and in Secondary a peaked hat must be worn when outside |
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Jewellery/ Accessories

- Earrings - Small sleepers or studs are permitted, one earring in each ear.
- Phones - Should not be seen and must be stored in the student’s locker throughout the day. If the phone is seen, heard or used in any way it will be confiscated for the remainder of the day and can be picked up from the grade level leader or front office at the end of the day.
- iPads are a device for learning and are for classroom only
- Personal Earphones should not be seen or used during the school day
- No hand bags/ fashion bags are acceptable
- School bags must remain in lockers during the school day
- Watches are the only acceptable jewellery to be worn on the wrist
- Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied up off the neck and back. No hair should cover the face.
- Extreme Hair – No unnatural colours, no lines or markings cut into the hair and haircuts must be of the same length (Mohawks, tails and asymmetrical haircuts are not permitted) any issues will result in parent contact and the expectation is the hairstyle will be fixed ASAP
- Facial piercing and facial enhancements are not permitted
- Cosmetics - Clear nail polish is acceptable, all other cosmetics are not to be worn at school. Students wearing coloured nail polish or artificial nails will be asked to remove it immediately

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

Students are expected to have their PE uniform when they have PE

- School approved House Polo shirt
- VISS PE Track pants /Shorts must reach below the knee for both boys and girls
- Gym leggings are not permitted unless shorts are worn on top.
- Grade 11 and 12 students who no longer do PE may wear a t-shirt in their house colour with Track pants or shorts below the knee. No leggings are permitted.
- Trainers and White socks
- VISS bathers/swimsuit and swim cap for swimming

Please note:

- ❖ ***Primary school students wear their PE uniform for the whole day***
- ❖ ***Secondary Students can come to school in PE uniform only if they have class before recess then students are expected to change out of their PE uniform before their next class. Students can go home in PE uniform only if they have PE after lunch***

If any parents have any concerns or questions you are more than welcome to call the school on +971 6 577 1999.

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