

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	Sept 2025
Consultation	School Council, student representatives and school staff were consulted in Sept 2025. The school community is also able to access the policy via our website and provide feedback.
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Sept 2029



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In establishing the John Monash Science School, the inaugural School Council and School Leadership Team felt it important that the school should adopt a uniform for its students, and that this uniform should look distinctively smart, seen as appropriate for a senior secondary school on a university campus. The school believes that the appearance of our students, both while at school and when in the public eye, for example when traveling to and from school, and when on excursions, is important. The uniform is an outward symbol of the school, both when students are on and offsite. Therefore, we expect our students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride.

The school adopted navy blue, the distinctive Monash blue, and white, as the core colours, and has created a separate uniform for the warmer and cooler weather, as well as for Sports. The summer uniform is traditionally worn in terms one and four, and the winter uniform in terms two and three, although students are welcome to wear either as appropriate. Short-sleeved white shirts traditionally accompany the summer uniform, and long-sleeved white shirts are worn with the winter uniform. The sport uniform is worn in all Physical Education classes, at sporting events and on some excursions.

Every student has a blazer and wears this as the outer garment. The blazer can be worn throughout the year, with all students wearing it in the cooler months in terms two and three. The blazer must be worn at all formal school occasions such as whole-school assemblies, the annual Information Night and Presentation Night. Ties are worn with the winter uniform and on formal occasions.

This Policy forms a key part of the JMSS Pillar 'Learning To Live Together'. At John Monash Science School, it assists students in developing a sense of pride and belonging to our school community. It encourages responsibility through self-discipline and provides for equality through a non-discriminatory code of dress. The uniform is the most recognisable feature of our school, whether students are in or out of school.

Schools are often judged by the outward appearance of their students, and certainly by their behaviour. Our school is represented by our students whenever they are wearing our uniform.

Therefore, we expect each of them to adopt a neat personal appearance, wear the correct JMSS school uniform and behave appropriately whenever they are at school, on an excursion or travelling to and from school.

If families are experiencing financial hardship, they should contact the school. The school will support the family in ensuring their child has the correct uniform.

GUIDELINES:

- 1.1 The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students from Year 10 to Year 12.
- 1.2 School uniform must be worn correctly at, to and from school and on all excursions (unless specified otherwise).
- 1.3 When the uniform is worn correctly, there should be no visible item that is not stated in this policy.
- 1.4 Provision shall be made for those families for which this policy causes financial difficulties. Families should approach the Assistant Principal (Student Empowerment, House & Achievement).

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 2.1 The Uniform Policy will be downloadable from the school's website.
- 2.2 Correct wearing of will be monitored by staff.
- 2.3 Students out of uniform must obtain a Uniform Pass from their House Mentor or House Leader. This must be done before the commencement of Period 1 whenever possible, or by recess at the latest. A Compass Chronicle entry will be entered and the student will receive a Uniform Pass to carry on them.
- 2.4 Students who breach the uniform policy will have a breach entered on a Compass Chronicle. Three breaches in a term will generate a work management session. However, if there is an apparent lack of regard of the policy, a work management session may be issued before three breaches have accrued.

BASIS OF DISCRETION:

- 3.1 The teacher in charge of an excursion or activity, after prior consultation with a Principal Class Member, may decide that it is appropriate for students to wear the sports uniform for that excursion or activity. In some cases, such as when conducting fieldwork, plain clothes might be preferred. This will be communicated to families prior to the excursion.
- 3.2 When a student travels to school on a bicycle for long distances or walks long distances, appropriate travel attire can be discussed with the school and a Uniform Pass will be pinned to their Compass.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

- 4.1 A blazer (and tie when wearing a school shirt) is required to be worn on formal occasions. These include school assemblies, photos day, some excursions, presentation nights and other occasions as specified.
- 4.2 A blazer is to be worn as the outer layer every day during Terms 2 & 3, but is optional during Terms 1 & 4. Yr 12 students may choose to wear their Yr 12 Jacket instead, however, not on formal occasions.

4.3 Acceptable school shoes are black, leather (or leather-look), laced-up shoes that are fully enclosed and flat-heeled. (Sandals and T-bars are not permitted).

4.4 Socks are to be plain, without a logo or designs.

4.5 Students are permitted to wear one facial piercing. Clear retainers can also be worn. Jewellery must be removable and comply with OHS standards (e.g. large hooped earrings, loose fitting bangles, etc.). Where jewellery does not comply with OHS standards, the student will not be permitted to partake in any activity that jeopardises their (or others') safety.

4.6 Watches are permitted. Smart watches will need to be removed and not accessible when completing assessment tasks.

4.7 Students are not permitted to wear a combination of school uniform and sport uniform. The only exception to this is that the sports spray jacket can be worn, to and from school, over the school uniform when it is raining.

4.8 Sports / PE uniform can be worn by Year 10 & 11 students throughout the day on Wednesday (only) because of the Co-Curricular activities on Wednesday afternoon and other physical activities that run on a Wednesday.

4.9 Sports / PE uniform must be worn for all Sports / PE classes. Students representing the school in interschool sports activities must wear the John Monash Science School sports uniform. Students who have a PE /Sport activity on a day are allowed to wear PE uniform for the day, but only if they are in complete JMSS sports uniform. Otherwise, they are to change in and out of school uniform when they are not partaking in the PE / Sport activity.

4.10 Sandshoes, sneakers, and other sports shoes must be worn in PE / Sport classes, and may be worn in the yard at recess and lunchtime for the purposes of playing games, but they are not acceptable as a replacement for school shoes at other times.

4.11 Students are strongly advised to wear the JMSS cap outside and at sports.

4.12 Students are expected to bring and wear their JMSS lab coat and safety glasses when completing lab work.

4.13 'Out of Uniform' days are sometimes held in order to raise money for social service. On such occasions, neat casual dress and neat safe (closed-toes) footwear is permitted.

JMSS SCHOOL UNIFORM

		SUMMER UNIFORM [Terms 1 & 4 - as a Guideline]	WINTER UNIFORM [Terms 2 & 3 –as a Guideline]
OPTION 1	TOP	JMSS Summer Dress	Collared Long Sleeve Business Shirt (White) / Short-Sleeve Shirt with JMSS Logo (White) <u>Both types of shirts are to be worn tucked in</u>
	BOTTOM	NA	JMSS Winter Skirt
	TIE	NA	JMSS Tie
	LAYERS	JMSS Woollen Jumper - Optional JMSS Blazer (see 4.1 & 4.2 above)	JMSS Woollen Jumper - Optional JMSS Blazer (see 4.1 & 4.2 above)
	SOCKS	Socks (White)	Socks / Stockings (Navy / Black)
	SHOES	School shoes (see 4.3 above)	School shoes (see 4.3 above)

		SUMMER UNIFORM [Terms 1 & 4 - as a Guideline]	WINTER UNIFORM [Terms 2 & 3 –as a Guideline]
OPTION 2	SHIRT	Collared Long Sleeve Business Shirt (White) / Short-Sleeve Shirt with JMSS Logo (White)	Collared Long Sleeve Business Shirt (White) / Short-Sleeve Shirt with JMSS Logo (White) <u>Both types of shirts are to be worn tucked in</u>
	BOTTOM	Pleated Tailored Shorts (Grey)	Tailored Long Pants (Grey)
	TIE	JMSS Tie – optional (see 4.2 above)	JMSS Tie
	LAYERS	JMSS Woollen Jumper - Optional JMSS Blazer (see 4.1 & 4.2 above)	JMSS Woollen Jumper - Optional JMSS Blazer (see 4.1 & 4.2 above)
	SOCKS	Socks (White)	Socks (White, Navy, Black, Grey)
	SHOES	School shoes (see 4.3 above)	School shoes (see 4.3 above)

SPORTS UNIFORM

TOP	JMSS Sports Top
BOTTOM	JMSS Microfiber Sports Shorts, JMSS Girls Lined Sport Short OR JMSS Trackpants (zip-cuff) OR Any of the above items can be purchased at PSW without the logo at a lower charge (approx. \$1 cheaper) OR Generic (plain without a logo), dark navy blue shorts OR trackpants. They must have either zipped pockets or no side pockets for OHS reasons.
LAYERS	JMSS Rugby Jumper JMSS Spray Jacket
SOCKS	Navy / White / Black
FOOTWEAR	Sports Shoes
ACCESSORIES	JMSS Cap

OPTIONAL JMSS ITEMS:

- JMSS woollen jumper
- JMSS cap

All optional items must be plain, not contain a logo and be of one solid colour – navy, light blue, black or white

- Broad-brimmed hat (not to be worn inside)
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Beany (not to be worn inside)
- Headdress (such as the turban, hijab)
- Undergarments (tops and pants) can be worn under the PE uniform