

UNIFORM REVIEW - FAQ'S

Why?

Simply consistent design! Currently there are many inconsistencies across our College uniform range – including colours, logos, brands, quality, designs, sizes and use of the College crest.

When Alinta joined the College Community in 2020, bringing extensive industry knowledge and expertise, it presented an opportunity to review and improve our uniform offering.

The new **Villanova College Uniforms for 2022** has been designed to improve the current standard of uniforms worn by students at the College and ensure we have a cost effective, smart uniform that is a representation of the high standards we uphold.

Whilst keen to minimise expense for our families, particularly for those who only have a limited time left at the College, the Academic Uniform has undergone a "refresh" in order to maintain links to our history whilst ensuring the uniform will carry us into the future, whereas the Teamwear range has undergone a redesign.

In addition, new processes have been put in place, including the formation of a Uniform Management Committee (UMC), which will ensure these new, consistent standards are adhered to, well into the future.

What is the role of the Uniform Management Committee?

The UMC consists of staff and parent representatives and acts under the direction of the Principal with the support of the P & F Association. The UMC ensures consistency of logos, College Crests, colours and designs throughout our range of apparel. This ensures our visual identity is consistent and aligned to the marketing and branding of the College. During the refresh and re-design, the UMC also considered costs, wearability, functionality and comfort of all uniform apparel.

What community engagement has been sought?

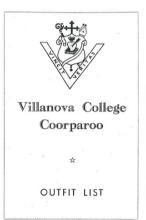
Our aim has been to make this a consultative process. Stakeholder feedback has been sought to guide the UMC in making informed choices.

The Committee has drawn on feedback from the College community to gather as much information and advice as possible, in the form of focus groups and other committees including students, parents (including P&F and parent representatives) and staff.

History of the College Uniform

The College uniform has largely remained the same over the years with Villanovan men easily recognised in the community in their bottle green blazer/jumper and grey shorts/pants. However, in the early days the uniform was not heavily standardised, for example blazers were optional and they could be one or two breasted, with or without braid. In the early to mid-1960s the uniform was standardised (and the braid dropped). Whilst the blazer has always been worn by the Year 12 students, it became a compulsory part of the uniform for Years 10-12 in 2016. The refreshed academic uniform will maintain strong links to the College's past traditions with the main change being the re-introduction of the college braid to the blazer.









How different is the new uniform?

Overall, there are only minor changes to the academic uniform whereas Teamwear Range has undergone a "redesign".

By having Alinta as both the Manager and sole supplier to the Uniform Shop we can ensure the Villanova College colours (bottle green and gold) remain a key feature of both the refreshed academic uniform and new teamwear range. Through these ranges, we will see an increased consistency of colours, use of the College crest and design. Sizing will also be consistent across the entire range. High quality modern material has been chosen for durability and comfort, and efforts have been made to reduce costs, in particular with teamwear, by allowing more cross-over of items.

When will we start seeing changes in the uniform?

To maximise convenience and economy, without compromising the identity of the "Villanova" brand, great consideration has gone into how to transition the new items into the uniform range.

During 2021 Alinta will start to take over the production of ALL uniform shop items – i.e. once current stocks are depleted, all future production will be managed by Alinta. In many cases, the overall look of the garment will remain the same, however slight changes may be noticed regarding the improved quality of the fabrics, (i.e. additional stitching on shirts) to ensure overall comfort and cost effectiveness.

Overall, our goal for the Uniform Shop is to stock Alinta branded uniform items in 2022. Any remaining stock (where there has only been "minor" changes, such as the jumper), will be discounted throughout the year and students will be permitted to wear these items as per the table below.

Items that have undergone a "new design" will be removed from sale in both the Uniform and Second Hand shops.

There are no changes to the Music Uniform apart from the new academic sock and tie where required.

Please refer to the Transition Periods table on page 4 for further information.

Has the College considered the cost impact on families?

Yes, this consideration has been at the forefront of the Uniform Management Committee's work. A transition period following the introduction of the new uniform will enable families to plan and prepare. The socks and ties have a new design and are relatively low cost items – they will be compulsory for the whole College from Term One and Term Two 2022 respectively. The current Villanova blazer will be phased in with the new design blazer compulsory for all Year 10 students in 2022. New jumpers will be compulsory from 2024 giving families at least two full years use of items that they currently have.

The College and Alinta have committed to maintain current prices until July 2022. It is important to note that prices have not changed since December 2019. The pricing of the new uniform is in line with our previous prices, other schools and the general market for school uniforms.

Transition Periods

Item	Impact	When is this item Compulsory?						
Academic Uniform								
Shorts/Trousers	No change	n/a						
Shirts – i. White shirt - Yr 12 Students - All students at formal occasions	Long sleeve only	2022						
ii. Grey academic shirt	No change New design (Dark grey to match the	n/a						
Socks	shorts)	2022						
Tie (Yrs 5-11)	Updated design	2022						
Blazer (Senior School)	New design (Braid edging)	 Year 10 - NEW Style Blazer only; Year 11 & 12 - wear existing Year 10 & 11 - NEW Style blazer only; Year 12 - wear existing Senior School - New style Blazer ONLY 						
Jumper	Minor - Updated crest	2024						
Hats - i. Akubra Style ii. Green Academic Hat	Minor - Updated crest	2024 2023						
Bags - i. Backpack ii. Sports Bag/Carry Bag iii. Drawstring Bag	New designs For example - Year 6, 7 and 8 (2022) will require a new College bag in 2025 (if not before)	Year Level (2022) 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 2022 2023 2024 2025 New Design Bags 2026 Year Level (2022) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12						
HPE Uniform								
House Shirts	New design	2023						
Shorts	Minor - Updated crest	2023						
Sports Socks	New design (black)	2022						
Sports Cap	New design	2023						
Tracksuit Jacket (optional)	New design	2024						
Tracksuit Pants (optional)	New design	2024						
Teamwear								
Tops - shirts/jerseys/singlets	New designs	2022 All year levels/AIC Sports (excluding Year 6 and Cricket)						
Shorts NB. Streamlined options to 4 (previously 6)	Updated crest, all shorts will be green	2022 Track and Field; Cross Country (see matrix for alternative options -page 6) 2023 All other Co-Curricular Sports						
Sport socks	New designs	2022						



How will this affect me?

New students: Families new to the College are encouraged to wear the new uniform. The Uniform Shop will only stock current items,

the exception to this being the plain bottle green blazer which will continue to be available for new students entering

Grade 11 in 2022 or Grade 12 in 2022 and 2023.

Existing students: Please refer to the table above for allowances that will be made by the College.

Can students mix and match pieces from old and new uniforms?

Please refer to the tables on the previous page and the transition periods allowed - more specifically:

Academic Uniform: All students will be required to wear the new tie and dark grey socks from the start of the 2022 College year.

Students entering Year 10 in 2022 will be required to wear the new College Blazer.

Senior Students will be required to wear a long sleeve shirt only all year round (no longer an option to wear short

sleeve).

HPE: All students will be required to wear the new black sports socks from the start of the 2022 College year

House shirts: During the transition periods outlined in the table above, students may choose to wear *either* the current house shirts or the new house shirts. NB. The house shirt is ONLY to be worn at internal or whole of College events.

Teamwear: The new teamwear range has been designed to unify and enhance the College's sporting presence by incorporating

common colours and design including the prominent positioning of the College crest on all tops.

All teams must be attired in the new teamwear for 2022. Exceptions:

• <u>All</u> Students in Year 6, 2022 are to wear the existing design. If your son is in this year level and wishes to take up a new sport a supply of old teamwear will be available for their use. i.e. there is to be no mixing of teamwear within the year level.

• Both the new and old design Cricket long sleeve polo's can be worn in 2022.

2021 (or prior) team wear - may be worn to training only.

<u>Hire Jerseys</u> – we will continue to offer hire jerseys/shirts to approximately a third of our team sports, to include AFL, volleyball, basketball and rugby league. A fee will be charged.

<u>Shorts</u>- There will be greater flexibility of the PE shorts and cross over to teamwear, wherever the regulations of different sporting codes allow – please refer to "Sports and Co-Curricular Sports Matrix 2022". With this in mind, all College sports shorts will be plain bottle green (fabric and lengths will differ according to sport).

SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR SPORTS MATRIX 2022

	Tops				Shorts				Socks		Other		
	House Sports Shirt	Athletics Singlet	Hire System	Other (College branded)	Squad Shirt	PE Short	Basketball Short	Rugby Short	Green Athletics Short	Other	Black Sport Sock	Football Socks	
	PE/Sport Uniform												
COMPULSORY for all students	✓					✓					✓		
	Co-Curricular Sports												
AFL			✓					✓				√	
Basketball			✓			In the older year encouraged to basketbal	o wear the				V		
Cricket				Long sleeve white polo						Supply own long white pants	Supply own	white socks	College Academic Green hat or Sports Cap
Cross Country		✓			✓			√ °	OR 🗸		✓		
Football				Football Jersey		√						√	
Golf				College Supplied						Supply own pants			
Rugby League			√					_ ✓_				 ✓	
Rugby Union				Rugby Jersey				\checkmark				√	
Swimming					\checkmark	\checkmark				Supply own plair black togs	\checkmark		
Tennis					\checkmark	✓					✓		
Track & Field		✓			\checkmark			✓ 0	OR 🗸		✓		
Volleyball			∠ ✓			√					✓		
Water Polo					\checkmark	✓				Supply own plain black togs	✓		Water polo Cap College supplied

Optional teamwear items available for purchase include: College Sports Caps; Tracksuit Jacket; Tracksuit Pants

What happens to the old uniform after 2021?

Arrangements for recycling old uniform items in good condition will be put in place by the College – we continue to support AFAS. Students can continue to wear old team wear to internal training sessions if they wish.

Second Hand Uniforms availability/Second-Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will continue to operate throughout 2022 in the existing location.

From 2022, the "transition year", discontinued uniform items will no longer be available for sale. We expect stocks of 'new' second-hand uniform items will gradually increase throughout the year.

NB. Items may continue to be available privately through other platforms however please be aware that the above transition table will be enforced.

What about uniform fittings?

Uniform fittings will continue – for new and existing families. Information in this regard is available on the Alinta Apparel website or you can contact the Uniform Shop directly on 0432 707 972 or <u>by email</u>. Please note – in order to make a Uniform Appointment you will need to first <u>register</u> for an account on the Alinta Website.

Links to further information:

- Alinta Apparel
- Online Uniform Shop
- Second Hand Uniform Shop
- Insert link to Villanova College Uniforms for 2022+

What if I still have questions?

That's fantastic – if you have a question, no doubt others will be wondering the same thing too – please <u>Ask Here</u> and we will endeavour to answer your query and add it to this list.