



THE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

VAALPARK ARTICON HIGH SCHOOL

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DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE: 2020

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is available from:

- EKSPAAR, Shakespeare Street, Vanderbijlpark (016-931 2867) and
- MG's SCHOOL WEAR, Stephen Le Roux Street, Vanderbijlpark (016-931 1173)

1. FORMAL DRESS CODE

BOYS AND GIRLS:

- Shirts:** Winter and summer: Long or short-sleeved white shirt.
In **summer** a short sleeve, **open neck** white shirt **without** a tie is allowed.
A tie must at all times accompany a long-sleeved shirt.
NO other shirts or vests may be visible with school uniform.
Shirt must be **TUCKED IN** at all times.
Long sleeves may be rolled up to or above the elbow.
- Jerseys:** Grey long sleeve with school colours or grey pullover with school colours.
A tie must at all times be worn with a long sleeve jersey.
No pullovers to be worn over a jersey.
No holes for fingers in jerseys.
No jersey / pullover may be tucked into skirt / pants.
- Blazer:** Formal school blazer – gr. 8 - 12.
Only **OFFICIAL** school badges will be allowed on the blazer.
A tie **MUST AT ALL** times accompany a blazer.
- Ties:** Only official Vaalpark Articon ties may be worn.
Only Matric learners may wear official yellow Matric tie when in Grade 12.

OUR VISION:

At Vaalpark Articon High, a school of excellence, we believe in the holistic development of our learners. We nurture and support their talents in the academic and arts disciplines and enrich their lives with cultural and sports activities.

OUR MISSION:

We envisage a sustained quality in the educational experience where:

1. We offer committed, qualified teachers;
2. Quality teaching and learning must take place, where respect is fundamental and a conducive learning environment is established;
3. We aim to sustain a healthy balance between academics, art, culture and sport;
4. We strive to be competitive in academics, sport and art disciplines while creating a healthy and participative spirit in school.

Only Matric council members may wear Matric council tie supplied by school.

Scarves: **ONLY** the yellow school scarf with the school name / badge is allowed in winter time.
NO scarves in summer - date will be announced.

Gloves: Plain grey, maroon or black gloves only.

- **NO** earmuffs allowed.
- **ONLY** official Vaalpark Articon beanies allowed during winter. **NO** beanies in the class, during assembly or in summer.
- **ONLY** official Vaalpark Articon caps are allowed during summer. It may **ONLY** be worn during break and after school.
- **NO** other caps or hats allowed.
- **NO OTHER VISIBLE SHIRTS, TOPS OR PANTS ALLOWED WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM!**
- School bags: Only standard school bags allowed. **NO** handbags.

GIRLS: Summer

Maroon skirt (**max. 12cm** above middle of knee, in front and in back)
OR maroon school trousers **WITH** pull-over, jersey or blazer.
NO tight-fitting trousers may be worn.
If a school skirt is worn, a short black or maroon ski-pant **MUST** be worn under the skirt at all times!

Socks: Grey bobby socks or short maroon socks with school colours.
Maroon stockings may also be worn in summer if preferred.

Shoes: Black, polishable school shoes – no boots, sport shoes, sneakers or slip-ons/pumps allowed. **NO SUEDE SHOES ALLOWED.**

Winter

Maroon skirt as in summer **OR** maroon school trousers with pull-over/ jersey/ blazer.

Socks: Grey bobby socks with school colours or maroon school stockings. No torn or damaged stockings. No socks over or underneath school stockings.

Shoes: Black, polishable school shoes – no boots, sport shoes, sneakers or slip-ons/pump allowed. **NO SUEDE SHOES ALLOWED.**

TAKE NOTE: Proper underwear must be worn at all times.

NO coloured underwear visible under school clothes.

NO tight-fitting school trousers.

NO altered width of school skirts or trousers.

NB – NO skirts or trousers with broken zips to be worn.

BOYS: Summer and Winter

Long grey trousers or grey school shorts – no cut-offs.

Long grey trousers should hang neatly over the shoes. Trousers may not be altered in any way – trousers may not be made shorter or narrower to create “skinnies”.

Only a standard grey, brown or black belt with standard buckle.

Socks: Grey with school colours.

Shoes: Black, polishable school shoes – lace up, buckle or **formal** slip-ons. **No boots, sport shoes or casual slip-ons allowed. NO SUEDE SHOES ALLOWED. No sneakers allowed.**

BOYS AND GIRLS: FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN TO ALL FORMAL SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING HALL ASSEMBLY, PARENTS EVENINGS, PRIZE GIVING FUNCTIONS, SPECTATORS AT SPORTS EVENTS, MEETINGS WITH THE CIRCUIT MANAGER AND SO FORTH.

2. SPORTWEAR

The school sport shirt will be used by all sport codes.

The first teams will have different gear.

The maroon school board short is used for sport activities.

PT periods (LO Practicals): Proper shorts/track suit pants and T-shirts must be worn during the PT period (Life Orientation).

STRICTLY NO CLOTHING WITH POLITICAL OR OFFENSIVE MESSAGES / IMAGES WILL BE ALLOWED!

BOYS AND GIRLS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- **NO** Drimacs, track suit tops, T- shirts or board shorts are allowed as part of the formal school uniform.
- School sport shirts and board shorts must be worn to sport practice sessions.
- Track suits or formal school uniforms are allowed at sport meetings if you are participating, otherwise full school uniform.
- School **sports shirts** and board shorts / full school track suit may be worn to school **ON A FRIDAY**.
- Learners who have earned **PROVINCIAL COLOURS** whilst being a learner at Vaalpark Articon, may wear it on a **FRIDAY**, but they have to obtain the proper permission to do so beforehand from **MR. ENGELBRECHT or MR. ESTERHUIZEN**.
- **TAKE NOTE:** It is **NOT** allowed to mix regular school clothes and Sportswear on a Friday! **ONLY** regular school clothes or **ONLY** Sportswear must be worn.
- **GIRLS:** Your sport short may not be shorter than 12 cm above the knee and may not be tight-fitting.

WHEN YOU ARE IN VAALPARK ARTICON SCHOOL UNIFORM, YOU ARE A **REPRESENTATIVE** OF THE SCHOOL, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU MIGHT BE. THE PUBLIC SEES **YOU** AS VAALPARK ARTICON. OUR GOOD NAME IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US AND WE EXPECT YOU TO KEEP OUR NAME HIGH WHEN YOU ARE IN SCHOOL CLOTHES. ALL RULES ARE STILL VALID AS WELL AS YOUR BEHAVIOUR, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. IF YOU BREAK ANY OF THE RULES AND BRING OUR SCHOOL'S NAME INTO DISREPUTE, WE WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY AND YOU WILL FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. REMEMBER IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO WEAR THE VAALPARK ARTICON UNIFORM!

HAIR

OUR HAIR RULES HAVE BEEN REVISED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE “UNITAS EX VARITATE” UNITY IN DIVERSITY OF ALL LEARNERS IN OUR SCHOOL

BOYS:

- Short, neat AND BRUSHED / COMBED!
- May not hang over ears.

- Fringe may not touch the eyebrows and hair in the neck may not touch the shirt collar.
- Hair may not be further away than 2 cm from the skull. No spiked-up hair.
- **NO** ridiculous hairstyles will be allowed.
- 'High lights' may be only **ONE** shade different from natural hair colour and only in even, thin lines.
- Full colour – only natural hair colours allowed. Hair may only be **ONE SHADE LIGHTER** or **ONE SHADE DARKER** than your own natural hair colour.
- Comb-overs must be neatly combed at all times.
- When the hair is pulled down or to the front, it may not touch the top of the ears or the eyebrows.
- **NO** wool allowed in hair.
- Plaited hair: Thin braids (**0.5 cm**), close against the head with **NO** loose ends in the neck – must be tied with a **THIN** braid in the neckline. Straight lines only - **NO PATTERNS**. Full head must be plaited – not only a section of the head.
- **NO** patterns to be cut into the hair or eyebrows.
- Military cuts must fade in neatly.
- **NO** clean cuts.
- **NO** buns / ponytails for boys.
- **NO** mohawks.
- Matric learners may **START** to grow hair one month prior to Matric farewell. **NO** growing of beards or nails.
- **BOYS MUST BE CLEANLY SHAVEN EVERY DAY, OTHERWISE THEY MUST SHAVE AT SCHOOL WITH A RAZOR AND SHAVING CREAM PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL. AFTER THE THIRD TIME A FEE MUST BE PAID FOR RAZORS AND SHAVING CREAM.**

GIRLS:

- Hair must be neat and combed at all times.
- Fringe may not touch the eyebrows.
- Hair that is more than **2cm** past the collar, must be tied.
- **Natural hair** may be tied in **4 or less** ponytails. Braids / dreadlocks may be tied in 1 or 2 ponytails only! No more than 2 ponytails allowed for braids / dreadlocks.
- **NO HAIR TO BE TIED WITH HAIR.**

- Ribbon or any form of restrictor: plain white, maroon, grey, black or yellow - same colour yellow as in the school jersey.
- **PLAIN** white, maroon, grey, black or yellow headbands and hair elastics only – **NO** decorations or bows.
- Clips: black, white, maroon, gold, silver or yellow. No more than **5** clips allowed.
- Beads: **ONLY** gold / silver beads, **NO** wooden beads or coloured plastic beads. Beads may not be longer / wider than 1 cm. No more than **5** beads allowed. No strings allowed.
- **NO FLOWERS OR ATTACHED BOWS ALLOWED IN HAIR.**
- Extensions: no wool - only synthetic hair pieces with the same shade **OR ONE SHADE DIFFERENT FROM** your natural hair colour. **NO MAROON** extensions.
- Colour: 'Highlights' – only one shade different from your natural colour and only in even, thin lines. More than one colour highlights **NOT** allowed.
- Full colour – only natural hair colours allowed. Hair may only be **ONE SHADE LIGHTER** or **ONE SHADE DARKER** than your own natural hair colour.
- No patterns or lines may be cut into hair or eyebrows.
- **NO RIDICULOUS HAIRSTYLES.**
- **NO LOOSE HAIR IN THE FACE.**
- **NO** excessively large hair styles allowed.
- Afro's no larger than **8cm**.
- Buns may only be tied at the back of the head, not exceeding **15cm in diameter and 8 cm in thickness.**
- Braids: straight up and straight back braids may not be thicker than **1,5cm**. Block braids, twist braids and loose braids may not exceed **1cm** in thickness.
- Dreadlocks: **NO VISIBLE WOOL** in dreadlocks. Length of dreadlocks must be at least **15cm** from your earlobe. If dreadlocks are **SHORTER than 15cm, it must be braided.** Dreadlocks between **15cm and 30cm** must be tied in a **bun**. Dreadlocks longer than **30cm** can also be tied in a ponytail. **THE THICKNESS OF DREADLOCKS MAY NOT EXCEED 1cm.** Dreadlocks must be washed and clean at all times. Dreadlocks may NOT be a different colour to your own hair. The colour

of the dreadlocks must be even and NO different colour patches are allowed in dreadlocks, regardless of the reason.

TAKE NOTE: NO exceptions will be allowed for any cultural / religious reason, and strictly NO exception will be made due to an upcoming personal function / event such as a wedding or any similar event!!!

MATRIC BOYS AND GIRLS: Alterations to hair due to matric farewell must be changed back according to normal school rules on the first school day after the farewell.

JEWELLERY

BOYS AND GIRLS

- **NO** rings, chains or wristbands. **NO** exception can be made for any organisation, culture or religion.
- Only **one** standard watch.
- **NO** jewellery or jewellery substitutes in any other visible piercings.
- **NO** plasters may be used in an attempt to cover up illegal piercings.

Earrings for GIRLS:

- Simple gold or silver rings, 10c size and no additives.
- Earrings must be able to turn through the pierced opening.

OR:

- Simple gold or silver studs not bigger than the head of a match.
- No stones or different shaped earrings.
- Only **ONE** earring in each ear and in the lowest hole in the earlobe.
- No other jewellery / accessories.

NO BODY PIERCINGS ARE ALLOWED. NO PIERCINGS IN FACE, NECK OR ANY OTHER VISIBLE BODY PART WILL BE PERMITTED. PIERCINGS MAY ONLY BE IN EARS!

BOYS:

- **NO** earrings, other jewellery or accessories.
- **NO** stretched earlobes.

NAILS

GIRLS

- Neat and short.
- May not pass the tip of the finger.
- May apply only clear nail polish.
- Matric girls are allowed to grow their nails for the matric farewell **one month prior**.
- Nails must be back to normal **first day** of school after the farewell

BOYS

- Neat and short.
- May not pass the tip of the finger.
- No nail polish.
- Matric boys are **not** allowed to grow their nails.

MAKE - UP

- **NO** MAKE-UP ALLOWED FOR GIRLS AND BOYS
- **ONLY** PRESCRIBED GLASSES ALLOWED.
- **ONLY** COLOURLESS LIPGLOSS/BALM ALLOWED.
- **NO** VISIBLE TATTOOS ALLOWED.

- THE SAME RULES AS FOR CIVVIE DAYS APPLY TO ALL FORMAL DANCES.
- COMPANIONS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF ARRANGED PRIOR WITH MR. VAN RENSBURG, MRS. DE BRUIN OR MRS. DEGENAAR.
- ANY DEVIATION FROM ABOVE-MENTIONED RULES WILL BE HANDLED ON MERIT.

REGULAR CLOTHES (“CIVVIE DAYS”)

LIMITS FOR CASUAL WEAR DURING SCHOOL HOURS

(ONLY WHEN PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE PRINCIPAL)

BOYS

- Boys must be neatly dressed at all times / no skinny jeans.
- **NO** underwear may show.
- **NO** earrings, nose / lip / eyebrow rings or any jewellery where body piercing is necessary.
- **NO** accessories.
- No provocative patterns or pictures on clothing.



- Formal dances: Only dark black or navy denims, or neat formal pants

GIRLS

- Tight pants may only be worn with a long top that reaches at least half way to the knees.
- Shorts may not be shorter than **12 cm** above the knee.
- Tops must be long enough so that no part of the waist line is visible.
- “Body shirts” may be worn as long as it is covered by another top e.g. a jersey or shirt.
- Dresses may not be shorter than **12cm** above the knee and should not be tight fitting.
- The back and neckline may not be unreasonably open.
- Proper underwear must be worn at all times.
- Underwear may not show **AT ALL**.
- **NO** lip / nose / eyebrow rings or any jewellery that requires body piercings are allowed, except earrings.
- No provocative patterns or pictures on clothing.