



School Dress Code Policy

Rationale:

A school 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 enhances the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. The following dress code states the expectations Mount Waverley Heights School Council and community holds with regard to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, on excursions, during some camp activities and when students are representing the school during activities out of school hours.

Goals:

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Promote equality amongst all students
- Promote spirit, unity and self-esteem among our students
- Maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the wider community
- Eliminate peer pressure, bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- Maintain and develop individual student safety and group security outside the school environment
- Provide durable school uniform that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- Inform the school community that the wearing of school uniform is compulsory

Guidelines:

- All students are expected to abide by the School Dress Code Policy
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the School Information Book and in the newsletter at the start of each year
- The Student Dress code is decided by School Council and any changes must be approved by School Council via a process of consultation
- The Principal, in conjunction with School Council, staff and parents have the responsibility for the implementation of the Student Dress Code
- The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions and camps, unless otherwise stated
- The school will operate a uniform shop, which will be staffed by parent volunteers
- The uniform shop will also stock second hand uniforms to assist in keeping costs to a minimum
- Parents having difficulty purchasing school uniforms will be supported as much as possible by using the State Schools Relief Fund or, in extenuating circumstances, using school funds
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms (Yr 5/6) will be prescribed, and are required to be worn

General Uniform

- Dress with navy blue tights or no tights (navy blue skivvy may be worn under dress)
- Navy blue cargo shorts or skort with short/long sleeve polo shirt (with school logo)
- Navy blue track pants with short/long sleeve polo shirt (with school logo)
- Box Pleat Tunic with long sleeve polo shirt and navy blue tights
- Hair accessories to be navy or teal
- Black shoes with white or navy socks
- Bomber jacket (with school logo) or fleecy jacket (with school logo)

- Navy blue slouch/ legionnaires hat (with school logo)

Sports (Yr 5/6 only)

- Mesh Polo with contrast inserts and piping (with school logo)
- Mesh navy shorts
- Runners

(Sometimes a special top e.g. Football Guernsey will be given to students to wear during sport)

- Students will be required to wear black shoes to school each day, except for sports days, when runners may be worn
- Sports teams representing the school must wear their school uniform or sports uniform (the sports uniform is to be purchased at the school uniform shop)
- Jewellery such as dangling earrings, necklaces are not to be worn due to safety concerns
- Studs and sleeper earrings are acceptable
- The wearing of makeup is not acceptable for primary school students, except when part of a school performance
- Fingernails are to be without nail polish, natural and of a practical length
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back
- Hair accessories to be in the school colours
- Students must wear a school sun-smart hat when playing outside during the months of September through to April; failure to do so will result in them being restricted to designated areas during recess & lunch times – see E07 Sun Protection Policy
- Hats are not to be worn inside
- If a student is out of school uniform, parents must provide a written explanation as to why
- If the student comes to school in clothes that are not school uniform that can be taken off (e.g. jacket, long sleeve t-shirt under a polo shirt, different hat) they will be asked to remove it by the classroom teacher
- If a student is consistently out of school uniform, this matter will be discussed with the parents and/or directed to the Principal
- Parents with complaints or seeking exemptions to the Student Dress Code in line with the Child Safe Act, due to religious beliefs, gender, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or due to economic hardship should discuss these with the Principal (more information about exemption procedures can be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/exemptions.aspx>)
- The school reserves the right to add/delete/change garments on the Dress Code dependent on the activity, availability or recommendation from a biannual review

This policy will be reviewed as a part of the school's cyclic review process.

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Next Review: June 2021