



UNIFORM

RATIONALE

A 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 Uniform/ Dress Code, for Moolap Primary School.

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- After consultation with the school community the School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- 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, plus watches are acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or Mohawks) are not encouraged.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Suitable, safe footwear to be worn, e.g. school shoes, closed-toe sandal, joggers. Thongs and open-toed sandals are not acceptable, unless being worn to and from swimming classes. Shoes with buckles or Velcro should be considered for younger children if they are unable to tie laces.
- The only head wear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The Moolap Community Group may wish to operate a second hand uniform sale for parents.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, are available on the school website or from the Office.
- School Council requires the Principal and staff are responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal.
- Students are to wear a sun protective hat outside from September to April. Hat cords, chinstraps and drawstrings on clothing, or jewellery worn by students, may present risks of strangulation or other injury. Parents should consider selecting hats without cords or chinstraps, or with safety cords that are designed to release if caught.
- The school shall notify parents when there are concerns related to a student's dress code.
- Parents are advised to send a spare change of clothes in their child's bags in case of accidents.

STUDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Girls

- Black and white check MPS dress, skorts or kilt
- Plain black skorts / skirt / track pants
- Plain black leggings to be worn underneath school kilts, dresses and skorts
- Black MPS windcheater / skivvy or plain black or gold windcheater / skivvy
- Sunsmart hat in line with Sunsmart Policy, black or gold broad (brimmed hats – with a brim of at least 7.5 cm)
- Black school shoes, black closed toe sandals or joggers
- MPS Bomber or plain black bomber jacket
- No logo or branded clothing

Boys

- Black school shorts / trousers / tracksuit (plain)
- Black MPS windcheater (with school logo) or plain black or gold windcheater
- MPS, or plain yellow or black polo shirts or skivvy (long or short sleeve)
- Sunsmart hat in line with Sunsmart Policy, black or gold broad (brimmed hats – with a brim of at least 7.5 cm)
- Black school shoes, closed toe sandals or joggers
- MPS Bomber or plain black bomber jacket
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From experience, we have found certain clothing to be dangerous, or inhibit the children in participating in certain areas of the curriculum.

Therefore, children are not to wear:

- Thongs (unless instructed by the school i.e. swimming program)
- Shoes with raised or block heels
- Earrings other than simple studs or sleepers
- If gumboots are worn in winter please send a change of shoes for indoor use
- Singlet / tank tops
- Any branding other than the school logo are strictly forbidden.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.