



Moolap Primary School

DRESS CODE (STUDENT)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Moolap Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Moolap Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Moolap Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Moolap Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Moolap Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform are available from

- PSW Uniforms 164 Malop St, Geelong VIC 3220
- Aplus Uniforms, Shop 5/33 Thomson St, Belmont VIC 3216
- Second-hand uniforms may be available, please contact the Office for further information

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal, Welfare staff or Administration staff to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Moolap Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on request from the Administration staff. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Moolap Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Moolap Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available from Administration staff.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2020
Consultation	SRC MCG School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2024

APPENDIX A: MOOLAP PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

- Plain black skorts / skirt / track pants / trousers
- Black and white check MPS dress, skorts or kilt
- 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
- MPS, or plain yellow or black polo shirts or skivvy (long or short sleeve)
- Black school shoes, closed toe sandals or joggers
- No logo or branded clothing

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.

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

- Black broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

Sports uniform

- House colour polo top with black blue shorts/skirt/skort/trackpants.