

**Mount Waverley Primary School**  
**Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy**



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#### **RATIONALE**

There is an expectation that students at Mount Waverley Primary School will wear the Mount Waverley Primary School uniform. The Student Dress Code reinforces the sense of identity and pride in the school, and encourages students to take pride in their appearance, see themselves as connected to and part of the Mount Waverley Primary School community. It supports the notion of equality and inclusion and aims to provide cost effective, safe and appropriate clothing for the school environment. The Student Dress Code reduces competition on the basis of clothing as well as identification and security for children participating in school activities and excursions.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Waverley Primary School's ((MWPS) 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 MWPS 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 MWPS School Council has developed a dress code that provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

#### **POLICY GUIDELINES**

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

MWPS will ensure this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students at the time of enrolment and through the school website and on Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

School Council will determine items of Winter, Summer and Sports uniform that will be available through the local supplier Primary School Wear.

Students and parents will be provided with options, including a range of garments, suitable for different seasons and activities.

Items selected as part of the school uniform will support the MWPS Sunsmart Policy.

The school uniform will bear the school logo.

The option of a specially designed Year 6 Windcheater organised by the school will be offered to students for purchase in their final year of schooling.

Parents are responsible for ensuring all clothing items are clearly named.

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 contact with the family may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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

### **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

- **Uniform And Appearance**

The list of MWPS's compulsory school uniform items are available at **Appendix A** to this policy.

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, MWPS students must comply with the following:-

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- **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.

Some forms of jewellery pose potential health, safety and school image problems, therefore limitations will be placed on the wearing of certain items.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

- **Hair and Sun safety**

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

School uniform Sunsmart hats must be worn when students are outside at recess, lunch and while participating in school outdoor programs from 15 August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform Sunsmart hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

For cultural or religious reasons students may apply to the school Principal to wear headwear.

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**

School uniform items can be purchased from PSW Mount Waverley, 288-290 Stephenson's Road, Mount Waverley.

MWPS Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the school office for further information such as contact and opening hours.

Some plain coloured maroon/ sky blue non school logo items, similar to the items on sale at PSW, such as checked dresses, track pants and polo tops may be available for purchase at discount stores. Parents can purchase a school logo from the school office which can be attached/ironed on to these items.

- **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal responsible for student wellbeing 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/>

- **Exemptions To Student Dress Code**

MWPS recognises 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 School 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**

MWPS 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 the matter can be addressed in writing to the school Principal.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

#### APPENDIX A: MWPS UNIFORM ITEMS

##### ALL YEAR ROUND

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

- **Windcheater, Bomber Jacket and Jacket**

Maroon crew neck windcheater with school logo

Maroon bomber jacket with strip rib finish

Navy Soft shell polyester fabric jacket with school logo

- **Polo Shirts**

Sky Blue long and short sleeved with school logo

- **Box Pleat Skirts, Skorts, Culottes, Box Pleat tunic/Pinafore**

Navy Culottes. No decoration or school logo

Navy skort. No decoration or school logo

Check navy and maroon skort or tunic/pinafore. No decoration or school logo

In winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings or plain white ankle length or knee high socks

- **Maroon Gaberdine Pocket shorts or Ruby Classic Pants**

- **Socks or tights/stockings**

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/ full (toe enclosed) leggings

- **Footwear**

Appropriate enclosed footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or plain runners are permitted.

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

- **Headwear and Hats**

Navy blue or maroon head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Sunsmart approved hats with school logo

### **SUMMER UNIFORM – MAY BE WORN IN TERMS 1 AND 4**

- **Dresses**

Summer A Line navy blue and white checked dress with white collar

- **Shorts**

Plain maroon shorts without decoration or brand name

### **WINTER UNIFORM – TO BE WORN IN TERM 2 AND 3**

- **Pants**

Maroon track pants without decoration or brand name

Ruby Classic Pants

- **Skivvies**

Plain sky blue skivvy

- **Beanies and Scarves**

Maroon beanies and scarves with school logo may be worn in winter when students are outdoors  
*These items only are available for purchase from the school office.*

- **Sunsmart Hats – to be worn from 15 August to 30 April**

Maroon broadbrim without decoration or school logo

- **Sports Uniform**

Red, Green, Yellow or Blue coloured T-shirts are required for specific ‘house sports’ events during the school year.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, soccer, football. These uniforms are provided by the school during the inter-school to school sports season.

- **School Bag**

Explorer school bag- maroon with piping and sky blue school logo

**EVALUATION**

This Student Dress Code will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

**Policy Area:**

**Administration and  
Operations**

**Tabled at School Council:**

**October 2020**

**Next Review:**

**2024**