



Mount Martha Primary School Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Martha 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 Mount Martha 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 Mount Martha 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.
- to provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- to strengthening the spirit of community within the school
- reduce the risk of solar skin damage.

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

After consultation with the school community 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 wearing of the designated school uniform will be compulsory at Mount Martha Primary School. School Council requires the principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy [MMPS Website Policy Page](#). Parents/carers teachers, and students are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate uniform is worn.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise specified).
- School uniform navy or red fleecy beanies are optional uniform items that can be worn 1st May to 31st August. Beanies are to be worn outside only.
- The only school bag/backpack is a Mount Martha bag bearing the school logo.



- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- For safety reasons jewellery will not be permitted to be worn except for sleepers and studs in pierced ears and wrist watches.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Body transfers are not permitted

Hair and Sun safety

- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink, or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. For health and safety reasons hair that is shoulder length or longer will be tied back. Hair ties/bands are to be navy, white or red.
- The only hats that are acceptable from September 1st to April 30th are navy SunSmart hats (bearing school logo or plain) consistent with our SunSmart policy. Hats are to be worn outside only.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW 1/22 Watt Road, MORNINGTON, 3931
03 9768 0346

Parents may order it directly from PSW <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/mount-martha-primary-school.html>

Uniform items are listed in **Appendix A**

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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

Mount Martha Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter, school tours and information sessions. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 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

Mount Martha 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 Complaint Policy [MMPS Website Policy Page.](#)

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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- MMPS Sunsmart Policy [MMPS Website Policy Page.](#)
- MMPS Complaint Policy [MMPS Website Policy Page.](#)
- MMPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy [MMPS Website Policy Page.](#)
- 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	September 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council 8 th September 2022
Next scheduled review date	September 2025

APPENDIX A Mount Martha Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

UNIFORM ITEMS

School backpack bearing the Mount Martha Primary School logo

Summer Uniform:

- Red and white gingham dress
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Red, or ink navy Polo shirt
- Ink navy shorts or trousers
- Ink navy shorts or skorts
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Sturdy school shoes, sneakers or closed toe and heel sandals
- Navy slouch/bucket hat
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands

Winter Uniform:

- Ink, navy, long red or white sleeve crew-neck Tee-shirt
- Ink navy, long red sleeve polo shirts
- Ink, navy, red or white long-sleeved skivvy
- Ink navy tracksuit pants or gaberdine trousers
- Winter tartan pinafore or skirt
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Ink navy windcheater
- Ink navy tracksuit pants.
- Ink navy boot-leg pants.
- Red or ink navy fleecy beanies
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands
- Navy tights
- Full length Navy leggings
- Ink, navy, red or white scarf

Year Five and Six students only

- Short Sleeve Sublimated Polo Shirt
- Long Sleeve Sublimated Polo Shirt

Year Six Only

Named rugby top, orders through school office.

Shoes:

School shoes or sport shoes. Covered toe shoes are always required. Sports shoes are to be worn for all P.E. lessons.