



# Student Dress Code Policy

Mooroopna Primary School

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## PURPOSE

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

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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 Dress Code.

This dress code has been developed by Mooroopna 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 Mooroopna 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 Mooroopna 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, Mooroopna 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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.



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## **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**

New School Uniform items can be purchased from The School Uniform Shop in Corio Street Shepparton. Families may purchase clothing in the correct colour from other suppliers and then take it to The School Uniform Shop for the Mooroopna Primary School logo to be embroidered. This will be done at the family's expense.

Mooroopna Primary School also has a supply of second hand uniforms available from the school office.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the school office 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**

Mooroopna Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter. 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.



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The non-wearing of school council approved school uniform items may result in:

- a. Discussion followed by a warning.
- b. The issue of a “Non- uniform Notification notice” requesting an explanation from the parent/guardian.

The continual non-wearing of school council approved school uniform items may result in:

- a. parent meeting to discuss the issue
- b. period of detention
- c. deprivation of privileges
- d. suspension
- e. expulsion

Measures taken by Mooroopna 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 in writing 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.



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## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Mooroopna 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*.

## 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
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mooroopna Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Mooroopna Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mooroopna Primary School 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	30/08/2021
Consultation	With students, parents and staff
Approved by	School Council
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## APPENDIX A: MOOROOPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

ITEMS	APPROVED UNIFORM
Hat	Navy blue, sun smart, wide brimmed, school logo preferred
Footwear	Predominately black with enclosed heel and toe
Sandals	Predominately black with enclosed heel and toe
Dress	Blue & white check with white collar
Skirt	Navy blue (MPS logo in pale blue may be embroidered on front, top, left-hand side)
Trousers	Navy blue (MPS logo in pale blue may be embroidered on front, top, left-hand side)
Skorts	Navy blue (MPS logo in pale blue may be embroidered on front, top, left-hand side)
Track Pants	Navy blue (MPS logo in pale blue may be embroidered on front, top, left-hand side)
Shorts	Navy blue (MPS logo in pale blue may be embroidered on front, top, left-hand side)
Shirt, Skivvy, Polo	Pale blue, school logo preferred
Socks & tights	Plain navy blue, white or black
Leggings	Plain navy
Windcheater	Navy blue, school logo preferred
Bomber Jacket	Navy blue, school logo preferred
Vest	Navy blue polar fleece
Waterproof Jacket	Navy blue with sky blue trim
Physical Education	Suitable runners are acceptable during these activities
Head Wear/Beanies	Navy blue
Sun Glasses	UV protection wrap around AS1067