



Menzies Creek Primary School

Student Dress Code

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance and instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To foster 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 assist in maintenance of recognition and safety outside the school environment.

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, is high quality and durable, 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.
- For safety reasons, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears (no large earrings) only. Jewelry that poses any safety risk may be removed at the discretion of the Principal.
- Cosmetics are not be worn at school.
- The only sun protection headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats, consistent with our school's Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside the classroom in Terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Hat cords must have a safety clip to prevent a choking hazard.
- The School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement Policy.
- For safety reasons, and to ensure that students can actively participate in all school activities, only runners, leather shoes or covered toe sandals are acceptable to be worn at school.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- 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 School Principal for consideration.
- Second hand items of uniform, depending on availability, will be for sale for an agreed amount.

Uniform Expectations:

- **Hats**- maroon broad brimmed/bucket style. Baseball caps are not permitted at all.
- **Polo shirts**- must have school logo on them
- **Hoodie**- must have logo
- **School Dress**
- **Bottoms** - Black shorts, leggings, tracksuit pants, skorts, skirts are all acceptable. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length
- **Shoes**- runners, leather shoes or covered toe sandal are acceptable
- **Hair**- encouraged to be tied back at all times for hygiene past shoulder length
- **School Bag**- Menzies Creek school bags are preferred but not compulsory.



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Winter:

Students are welcome to wear:

- Beanies (black)
- Leggings under dresses
- Black long sleeve top under either school dress or school polo shirt
- Scarves and gloves are also acceptable to be worn outside
- Gumboots may be worn for outside play, not to be worn for sport or inside
- Coats may be worn outside

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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- 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

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