



MPPS DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Moonee Ponds Primary School on 9375 2511.

School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Moonee Ponds 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 Moonee Ponds 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 Moonee Ponds 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

Moonee Ponds Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

The Summer and Winter Uniform

- school dress (summer)
- skort – navy
- trousers – navy
- red short sleeve polo*
- polar fleece top
- bomber jacket
- school tunic (winter)
- shorts – navy
- skivvy – red, white or navy blue
- red long sleeve polo *
- knit pullover (jumper)

**The Year 6 students will be given the option to purchase a commemorative polo top each year.*

The Sport Uniform

The sport uniform is to be worn ONLY on days when students have PE, when Year 5/6 students have sport, students represent the school in sport or at whole school carnivals.

- navy shorts/skort/netball skirt (with navy sports briefs/bike shorts underneath)
- navy tracksuit pants/leggings/bike shorts
- runners

When students are participating in whole school sports days the t-shirt below is worn in place of the school shirt.

- A plain house colour t-shirt: red, blue, green, and yellow – no logos or patterns.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in interschool sports in year 5/6. Further details about these arrangements are provided to families prior to these events and activities. This includes the use of uniforms provided by the school for netball, football, soccer, tee ball and other sport activities.

Hats (compulsory from September 1st to April 30th)

- MPPS legionnaires hat (navy)
- MPPS broad brim hat (navy)
- MPPS bucket hat (navy)

Footwear

Plain black shoes**

***Shoes may be school shoes or runners but must be fully black (no other colour).*

Approved Uniform (optional)

- bike shorts (navy knit) - may be worn under summer dress (available from the uniform shop)
- navy tights
- navy scarf
- navy beanie with school logo

- library bag
- school bag
- hair accessories in the school fabric or plain colours
- thick rain jacket
- art smock

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Moonee Ponds 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.

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 1 September 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 items can be purchased from Noone Imagewear at school (one afternoon a week between 3pm – 4pm – see office for details) or from their store. Orders can also be made by calling Noone or ordering via their website and can then be collected from the School office.

Noone Imagewear

A: 543 Keilor Road, Niddrie 3042

P: 03 9379 5037

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/moonee-ponds-primary-school>

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The school has a second hand uniform shop where limited items of clothing can be purchased for a low cost (currently \$5 per item). Please contact the office for details.

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

Moonee Ponds Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and family handbook. 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. Parents and carers are asked to wash and return this item to the School Office.

If your child is unable to wear the full school uniform on a specific day due to family circumstances, parents and carers are asked to email the class teacher (Foundation to Year 2) or write a note in the student diary (Years 3 to 6). This will ensure that staff can make allowances for the student not wearing the correct item of clothing on that day.

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 Moonee Ponds 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

Moonee Ponds 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 *Feedback (Concerns and Complaints) Policy*, available <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>.

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
- 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

- Moonee Ponds Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Moonee Ponds Primary School Feedback (Concerns and Complaints) Policy
- Moonee Ponds 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	November 2023
Consultation	Education Policy Subcommittee & via School Website and newsletter (June - Nov)
Approved by	School Council
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