

Student Dress Code

Rationale

School uniform is an important part of the school culture. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Broad Guidelines

Marsden State School believes as a school community that there are benefits in student dress following an agreed code. These benefits include:

1. **Appropriateness:** To ensure that all students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.
2. **Safety:** To make student identification easier in the school grounds, while travelling to and from school and on excursions and to be sun smart.
3. **Equity:** To discourage competition between students to wear more expensive or fashionable clothing and avoid the pressure on parents to purchase this type of clothing.
4. **Expense:** To minimise the cost to families.
5. **Identity:** To develop in students a sense of unity, belonging and pride in their school, which assists in building school and team spirit and to foster and enhance the public image of the school.

The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities outside school hours. Parents will be required to explain to the school administration why the student is not meeting the requirements of the dress code. All students are required to wear the full school uniform when attending any excursion or out of school activity (except school camps). This is to ensure clear identification of students and guarantee their safety.

Special Days

The Principal also has the discretion to make exemptions for particular special events or fundraisers such as "Free Dress" Days, theme days etc. Students are usually permitted one scheduled free dress day per term. Clothing and footwear is to be sensible, non-offensive and conservative. Any item of clothing deemed offensive or inappropriate by school staff is not accepted and parents will be notified.

School Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is situated in the Howard Centre

Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am - 8:30am

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2:30pm- 3:00pm



*****Subject to change. Current price list can be found at the office or on the school Facebook page.***

Acceptable Dress

Girls' Uniform

Girls' uniform to be a choice from the following range:

- Bottle green check dress
- Bottle green uni-sex shorts
- Bottle green culottes/bottle green skorts
- Bottle green netball skirt
- Bottle green and gold school logo polo shirt
- Plain gold or bottle green shirt with collar
- Plain bottle green/gold jumper or cardigan
- Bottle green tracksuit pants
- Bottle green tights/stockings
- Bottle green bike pants (preference for sports' briefs)
- Bottle green, white or black religious/cultural head covering
- Wednesdays and allotted Sports Days the coloured sports polo can be worn
- Senior Shirts (Yr. 6 students only) – can be purchased from School Uniform Shop

Boys' Uniform

Boys' uniform to be a choice from the following range:

- Bottle green uni-sex shorts
- Bottle green and gold school logo polo shirt
- Plain gold or bottle green shirt with collar
- Plain bottle green/gold jumper or cardigan
- Bottle green tracksuit pants
- Bottle green, white or black religious/cultural head covering
- Wednesday and allotted Sports Days the coloured sports polo can be worn
- Senior Shirts (Yr. 6 students only) – can be purchased from School Uniform Shop

Footwear

Several safety issues need to be considered when you send your children off to school. Sunscreen for recess and a sturdy backpack for their shoulders and spine are big ones, but the shoes your child wears to school are also an important aspect of their safety. Not all shoes are appropriate for the activities your child does at school and the wrong choice could result in an injury or having to sit out.

“Skate shoes” are not considered safe or appropriate footwear for school and should not to be worn.

In 2021 our School Uniform Dress Code includes specific footwear requirements as follows:

- *Black or white sports shoes or joggers with matching black or white laces or Velcro.*
- *Low cut or ankle length socks in bottle green, black or white.*

Hats

At the beginning of each year all students are issued with a sun-safe, bottle green bucket hat. This hat is named and remains at school. The students may wear their previous years School Hats to and from school. The school will enforce a “No Hat No Play” policy. If students lose their hat and it cannot be located parents will be requested to purchase a new hat at a cost of \$10.00

Inappropriate Clothing Items

- tank tops
- non-school logos or pictures on any items stated with the exception of footwear
- fashion jewellery
- fashion make-up including nail polish and false nails
- thongs, sandals, high heels
- exposed undergarments revealing clothing and bare midriffs
- baseball hats or visors

Non-Compliance

- Students not complying with the dress code will be issued with a note informing their parents of the breach of the code and seek parents' support in rectifying the matter.
- Students may be requested to wear T-shirts inside out or the student's parent/guardian may be asked to bring the necessary replacement garments to school to enable the student to change.
- The school may request the student to wear spare replacement clothing for the day.
- Permitted sanctions for non-compliance with the dress code include detention; preventing the student from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school; or any school activity that is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

Exemptions

Parents/Carers seeking an exemption for their child/children from the dress code must make a written request to the Principal each year. If students are unable to wear a school uniform on a particular day, they must have a written note from their parent/guardian.

Hairstyles

Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes. *Hairstyles must be conservative and hair colour must be natural e.g. tracks, emblems, words and Mohawks are likely to be not acceptable.* Green and gold hair ties are recommended. Shoulder length or longer hair must be kept tied back from the face and a hat must be able to be worn properly with all hairstyles.

Jewellery

Students become very distressed when they lose or break jewellery. Jewellery can also be an item that is a fashion statement or can cause inequity amongst the students. It is therefore school policy that no jewellery or valuables, other than stated below, be worn or brought to school. These recommendations are made in the interest of safety and student well-being.

Jewellery worn to school must comply with the following guidelines:

- Body piercing is allowed in the ears only. A single, small stud or small sleeper in each ear is permissible.
- Wrist watches should be inexpensive.
- Medic-alert jewellery – chains, necklaces and bracelets are the only jewellery that is acceptable to be worn at school on the neck, wrist or ankle. (Doctor's letter may be required). Medic alert jewellery should have quick-release clasps in case they are caught on objects and need to be removed quickly.
- Cultural Jewellery must be worn inside the school uniform and must not be visible e.g. top buttons must be fastened. Students must have permission to wear cultural jewellery. Letters requesting permission to wear cultural jewellery must be made to the Principal.
- A signet ring may be considered along the same lines as Cultural Jewellery. Letters requesting permission must be made to the Principal.

A P & C Resolution passed the Dress Code on Tuesday 12 November 2013