



# School Uniform Policy

## Rationale

It is compulsory for students at Mount Compass Area School to wear school uniform at all times. Under the EDUCATION ACT (1972) and REGULATION 86 school councils have the power to:

- Determine school dress policy.
- Enforce uniform obligations and exemption conditions.

The school uniform has been determined through a consultative process, involving the Governing Council, the uniform committee, staff, students and parents.

School uniform is important to:

- create a positive image of the school through maintaining a high standard of appearance
- encourage a sense of belonging and pride in our school
- easily identify our students on school grounds and in the community, which is important for student safety
- create a more equitable social environment
- provide practical clothing for all subjects and activities.

## Expectations

All students must be in full uniform at all times.

1. In situations of financial hardship, arrangements will be made by the Wellbeing team and/or the Principal, to supply students with correct uniform.
2. On those occasions when it is not possible for a student to comply with the uniform requirements, a written note must be provided (diary or email) and shown to the student's Care Group teacher. This is a valid *exemption* on the day it is received by the Care Group teacher. Students will be expected to show evidence of this exemption when requested by staff.
3. New students may be exempt from wearing school uniform until they can purchase one. This will be negotiated between the family and the enrolling staff before the student starts.
4. Students may also be exempt from wearing school uniform due to health reasons.
  - a. On these occasions, families should contact the school and students are still expected to be dressed appropriately for school, in school colours (maroon, white & black).
5. Families will be notified on those occasions when uniforms are not required, for example camps or student casual days.
6. Any specialist uniform must be negotiated through the uniform committee.
7. Local sporting club attire is not a substitute for school uniform.
8. School colours are maroon, black and white.



## Uniform

### Polo shirts

- R-12: maroon polo with white piping and side insert and white logo
- A plain black long sleeved undergarment may be worn underneath polo shirts. Wearing this undergarment without a school polo on top is not considered school attire.

### Jumpers and Rugby tops

- R-12 jumper: maroon fleece jumper, with pocket, white school logo.
- R-12 rugby top: maroon and white striped rugby top with white logo
- Hooded jumper will no longer be available for purchase through the school and will be phased out.
- Year 12 top, in school colours, designed by year 12 students and approved via uniform committee.

### Shorts

- Plain black – thin white side stripes or piping and small logo are acceptable.
- These must be no shorter than mid-thigh length.

## Pants

- Plain black pants or black jeans, trousers or track pants - thin white stripes or piping, and small logo, are acceptable. **Black jeans must not be faded, stonewashed or ripped.**
- Other denim colours and see-through leggings are **not** part of the school's dress code.

## Dress - summer

- MCAS Maroon check "Cleolene". Dresses are to be mid-thigh length or longer.
- Track pants or leg warmers may not be worn under the summer dress.
- Leggings under dresses must be opaque and no less than 70 denier weight.

## Winter – skirt/tunics

- Tartan 9051 Gabardine/Cotton Inverted Pleat or Black. Skirts or skorts are to be knee length or longer.
- Track pants or leg warmers may not be worn under the skirt.
- Leggings under dresses must be opaque and no less than 70 denier weight.

## Accessories

- Beanies and scarves, in school colours (maroon or black), may be worn in winter. No logo or school logo only.
- R-5 Students must wear a broad brimmed or bucket style (with NO drawstrings) during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be maroon in colour.

broad brim



bucket hat



- 6-12 Students must wear either a black or maroon cap, broad brimmed or bucket style (with NO drawstrings) during Terms 1 and 4.
- Hats need to be removed in class.

## Footwear

- In practical lessons, fully enclosed flat shoes are required at all times to meet safety standards
- 6-12 Students must wear trainers for physical education classes.
- R-5 students may wear sandals or trainers.
- Inappropriate shoes including ugg boots, crocs, thongs, backless footwear and heeled shoes should not be worn.

## Jewellery and Makeup (Year 7 onwards)

- Makeup must be tastefully worn and/or applied and kept to a minimum. Discreet presentation with "naturally coloured products" ie foundation creams, lip gloss
- Nails should be kept at reasonable length. Acrylic nails are not recommended as this can be a WHS issue during practical lessons.
- Jewellery will be kept to a minimum for safety reasons. Protruding jewellery is a work health safety issue and is not acceptable. Neck chains to be discreet so as not to cause entanglement.

## Rain Jackets and Coats

- Students may wear rain jackets and coats of any colour, but not in class.
- Maroon rain jackets with school logo are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

## Special uniforms

- Tops for sporting teams will be supplied on loan by the school for individual events, and will be maroon and/or white.
- Formal uniform including a blazer and tie can be loaned from the uniform shop and are expected to be worn at special events as deemed appropriate by staff.

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