

Mooroolbark East PS Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mooroolbark East Primary School 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 Mooroolbark East 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 Mooroolbark East 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

Mooroolbark East Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

SUMMER

GIRLS

- Green and white gingham dress
- Shorts/Skorts : black/plain (no logos)
- MEPS Polo shirt – green
- MEPS Sports top
- Black leggings (plain, non-branded or school logo only)
- MEPS Bomber Jacket

- Slouch Hat [green]

BOYS

- Shorts – black/plain (no logos)
- MEPS Polo shirt – green
- MEPS Sports top
- MEPS Bomber Jacket
- Slouch Hat [green]

WINTER

GIRLS

- Track pants / Bootlegs – black/plain (no logos, studs, etc.)
- Black Leisure Pants
- Black leggings (plain, non-branded or school logo only)
- Stockings – green/black
- MEPS Polo shirt - green
- MEPS Sports top
- Skivvy – green/red/white/black
- MEPS Bomber Jacket
- Beanie – school logo
- Rain Coat – black

BOYS

- Track pants – black/plain (no logos, studs, etc.)
- MEPS Polo shirt - green
- Skivvy – green/red/white/black
- MEPS Sports top
- MEPS Bomber Jacket
- Beanie – school logo
- Rain Coat - black

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example 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 (Unless otherwise stated by the school eg. graduations). Only clear nail polish is permitted.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Sample only:

Uniform items can be purchased from the uniform shop at school, or parents may order it directly from Flexischools.

Mooroolbark East Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. See uniform shop for further 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/>

Mooroolbark East Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mooroolbark East Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website . We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Mooroolbark East Primary School students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 Mooroolbark East 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.

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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

Mooroolbark East Primary School's 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*, available on our website

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mooroolbark East Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Mooroolbark East Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Mooroolbark East Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 26/6/20 and is scheduled for review in 2024