

Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Mount Beauty Primary School on phone 03 5754 4354 or email mount.beauty.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Beauty 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 Mount Beauty 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 Mount Beauty 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 Mount Beauty Primary 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. Students participating in official school photographs must also wear the complete school uniform as specified.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Mount Beauty Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mount Beauty 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 1st 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 the school office at school daily between 8.30am – 4.00pm, or parents/carers may order it directly online through the [school website](#) or newsletter and arrange to collect it from the office, or have it placed in their child's schoolbag.

Mount Beauty Primary School also has a full range of second-hand uniform which can be purchased from the school office for a voluntary donation.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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/>

Mount Beauty Primary School also has a full range of second-hand uniform uniforms available to families.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

If a student is unable to wear a school uniform on a particular day, they must have a written note from their parent/guardian.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school or may result in restrictions being applied to the student's activities such as restricted play (eg no hat, play in the undercover area).

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 Mount Beauty 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

Any changes to the uniform will be kept to a minimum. The cost factor and the advantages of being able to pass uniform onto younger members of a family will be considered a priority. Mount Beauty Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code.

Concerns regarding uniform should be put in writing and addressed to the Mount Beauty Primary School Council. If the school council deems that a change is worth considering in the interests of the whole school community then parent opinion will be sought. Otherwise complaints will be dealt with on an individual basis in consultation with the principal.

Further information about raising a concern or complaint is also available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our [website](#).

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 at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mount Beauty Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Mount Beauty Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mount Beauty 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	March 2023
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	March 2026

The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: MOUNT BEAUTY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper

Royal blue polar fleece with school logo (full zip or half zip)

Polo shirts

Royal blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

Year 6 polo shirt (changed annually, worn by Year 6 students only)

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name.

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

Track Pants

Navy blue track pants (slim leg or straight) without decoration or brand name.

Skivvies

Plain navy skivvy

Footwear

Appropriate footwear for full range of movement and play is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or sport runners are permitted. No thongs, crocs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Hats

Navy broadbrim with school logo.