

Student Dress Code Policy

Monmia Primary School



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Learn and Achieve -

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: 2011

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Rationale

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. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the School Uniform and Student Dress Code.

The Student Dress Code promotes a sense of individual and collective pride in students and their identification within the school. It promotes group security and enhances the safety of individual students.

The written requirements of the dress code take precedence over a student's individual preferences in matters of dress. The Student Dress Code is designed to offer a range and choice of quality garments in the specified colours at a reasonable cost and to allow for some flexibility to meet the needs of individual families.

Aim

The Monmia Primary School uniform will:

- promote equality amongst all students
- develop a sense of pride in, and identification with Monmia Primary School
- provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation

- The wearing of the Monmia Primary School uniform is compulsory for all year levels.
- The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The Student Dress Code will be waived on Free Dress Days where students are allowed to wear casual clothing.
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and they also appear in the student handbook and on the school website.
- In line with the school's SunSmart Policy, "NO HAT, NO PLAY" all students will be required to wear the prescribed broad-brimmed or legionnaire school hat when undertaking activities outside (including morning and lunch recesses) and on excursions during terms 1 and 4. Students not complying with uniform requirements concerning headgear will sit in a designated shade area, during recess and lunchtimes for terms 1 and 4. Also in line with this, sleeveless tops are not permitted.
- Due to safety precautions hooded and drawstring tops not permitted.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus practical watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Long hair needs to be neatly tied back for health and safety reasons. Hair accessories to be red or black only-no other colours.
- Cosmetics and make-up including nail polish are not to be worn at school.
- The Principal/Assistant Principals will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents/Guardians seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal/Assistant Principals, who will record the exemption.
- If there is a continuance of not complying with the Dress Code and it has been determined that the student has not applied for exemption then the following graded steps are implemented:
 1. The student shall be directed to the General Office for an “Out of Uniform” slip
 2. A courtesy letter will be sent home, or a telephone call made, stressing the requirements of the school’s Dress Code
 3. A meeting will be convened between the Principal/Assistant Principal and the Parents/Guardians in order to check exemption grounds and possible support that maybe required for the family.
- A student who refuses to wear the school uniform for any reason other than the specified grounds for exemption may be disallowed from participation in activities which represent the school in the community, or activities where their clothing is considered inappropriate (e.g. Physical Education).
- A student will not be suspended or expelled for failing to comply with the Student Dress Code.
- Bike helmets must be worn correctly at all times if riding a bike to and from school as per Victorian statutes.
- Staff, students and parents/guardians will exercise commonsense as to appropriate and safe clothing for specialised activities (e.g. art, physical education, swimming etc) and ensure that all clothing combinations comply with the school’s SunSmart Policy.
- Family and Friends will operate a second hand uniform stall for parents/guardians.
- School uniforms will be purchased from a clothing supplier or Family and Friends second hand uniform stall. School Council must comply with a written contract it undertakes with clothing suppliers and is subject to legal proceedings issues against it in respect of these matters. School Councils are advised to enter into a written contract with the chosen supplier where the design or material of the uniform is distinctive.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Council cyclic review or earlier if required.

Review

2015