



## Student Dress Code

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mooroopna North 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 Mooroopna North 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 Mooroopna North 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

Mooroopna North Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

#### Summer

- Red polo T-shirt or Grade 6 polo shirt
- Navy school shorts/skort
- Mooroopna North PS summer dress

#### Winter

- Red windcheater/hoodie/bomber jacket
- Red short/long sleeve polo or Grade 6 polo shirt
- Navy school pants or track pants

#### Shoes

- Preferably plain black shoes/ black elastic sided boots/runners or sneakers
- Black, navy or brown sandals with enclosed toes may be worn in Terms 1&4

## **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mooroopna North 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**

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 (provided by the school) must be worn outside at when the UV is 3 or over, 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 new from the school, or from any local provider including local department stores.

The school also operates a second-hand uniform store where uniform items are available free of charge through a swap shop arrangement. Families are encouraged to donate outgrown uniform in good condition back to the school to ensure the swap shop continues to be supplied.

## **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/>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Mooroopna North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, in enrolment packs, and is available at the office, and will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Mooroopna North 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 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 Mooroopna North 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

Mooroopna North Primary School 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 the schools website.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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.

### REVIEW CYCLE

Every 3-4 years

**Consultation:** 2/11/22 Junior School Council

3/11/22 School Staff

8/11/2022 School Council

DET Policy: School Council *approval required.*

**School Council approval date:** 8/11/2022

**Scheduled review:** 2025

