

Mount Evelyn Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office 9736 2233.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Evelyn 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 Evelyn Primary School's 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 and school.
- support Mount Evelyn 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. School uniform should not be worn during public non-school activities outside of school hours, including on social media.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Mount Evelyn Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

• Blue school polo shirt • Dress of school fabric • School Tunic • Navy bike shorts (under dresses only) • Navy blue skort	• Navy leggings • Navy gabardine shorts • Navy rugby knit shorts • Navy Bootleg pants • Navy double knee gabardine pants	• Navy double-knee tracksuit pants • School bomber jacket • School hoodie • School approved hat with school logo
Other suggested items: • Black or white school shoes or flat, strong shoes with closed toes, such as runners (must be suitable	• Navy scarf • School or navy beanie • Art smock	• Library bag • School logo bag • Lunch bag

- for physical activity)
- Plain navy, black or white socks

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mount Evelyn Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must not contain brands, logos or other words and images, other than the official school logo
- Uniform must be worn in a manner that is appropriate for all school activities, whilst promoting comfort and modesty
- 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. Other facial piercings are not permitted.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair

Shoulder length or longer hair (male or female) is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety. Hair should be neat, clean and of natural colour. Non-natural coloured hair dye or non-natural coloured hair extensions are not permitted. No extremes of hair style are permitted. Hair accessories should be school colours, black or white only.

Sun safety

School uniform hats are encouraged to be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school, but must be worn during term 1 and 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats, beanies or the hoods of hoodies 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 directly from school via the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff 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 Evelyn Primary School also has some second-hand uniform available for purchase or to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mount Evelyn Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students upon enrolment, through our website, and periodically through school and class newsletters. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be reminded of uniform expectations and 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 Mount Evelyn 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.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS – students are permitted to wear free dress clothing to celebrate their birthday – either on the day or another close day if birthdays fall on the weekend or school holidays. Additionally, students are exempt from wearing uniform when the School holds official free-dress or dress up days as part of fundraising activities or whole school/year level theme days or sporting events. Free dress attire and dress ups/costumes must adhere to the School's Sunsmart policy. Offensive logos, words or images are not permitted. Students wearing such items will be required to remove the item or parents will be contact to provide a change of clothing. If this is not possible the school will provide second-hand uniform for the day. Non permanent, coloured hair spray and accessories are permitted for dress up and theme days (not as part of birthday celebrations)

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Mount Evelyn 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*.

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 or class 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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mount Evelyn Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Mount Evelyn Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mount Evelyn Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Mount Evelyn Primary School Statement of Values and School Philosophy Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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