



# MENTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Student Dress Code



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Mentone Park Primary School on 9583 4935 or [mentone.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mentone.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mentone Park 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 Mentone Park 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 Mentone Park 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.

### 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

Mentone Park Primary School's compulsory combination school uniform items are as follows:

### UNISEX

- Dress – MPPS school check pattern
- Tunic –grey
- Bootleg pants (as regulated by the recommended supplier of school clothing, 'Primary School Wear')
- Black tights for Winter
- Black Skorts (no logos)
- Leggings are not considered school uniform.
- Hair accessories – plain: black or red.
- Skivvy - red or black
- Polo-shirt - red with MPPS motif
- Shorts – all black above the knee, no logos
- Black pants: tracksuit pants – all black, cuffed into the ankle (elastic or ribbed), or straight legged pants, fleecy lined or cotton, non-shiny, no logos, waisted
- School windcheater / bomber jacket - red with MPPS logo
- Vest - black with MPPS logo
- Ankle Socks - white or black (no patterns, prints or lace)
- Grade 6 windcheater - (special orders only for each year)
- Sports uniform - Mentone Park PS sports shirt for Years 5 and 6.
- Hat red - wide brimmed with MPPS motif
- Black Beanie with MPPS logo.
- Only runners or school shoes with an enclosed toe are to be worn.

### General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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
- Items of jewellery are not permitted with the exception of plain standard sleepers or studs, in the earlobes only, watches and religious items
- The wearing of nail polish and make-up is not permitted.

### Sports uniform

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in 5/6 specialist sports such as football and basketball. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.

### Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in term 1 and term 4 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 directly from PSW at 1 Age Street, Cheltenham 3192. The website is [www.psw.com.au/schools/mentone-park-primary-school.html](http://www.psw.com.au/schools/mentone-park-primary-school.html)

Mentone Park Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store. This is located next to the main office.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## IMPLEMENTATION

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

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 Mentone Park 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Mentone Park 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

## 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 in student forums
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mentone Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Mentone Park Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mentone Park 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

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