



# Standard Dress Code



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**Endorsed by:** Leanne Alderman (Principal)

The Dress Code is set and endorsed by the School Council.

**Overview:** The Mount Helena Primary School uniform policy was developed by the School Council in accordance with Department of Education policy and guidelines on dress standards for students in public schools.

**Purpose:** The Mount Helena Primary School community believes a dress code:

- Establishes and enhances the image of the school
- Establishes school spirit and teamwork
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Encourages equality among students

## REQUIREMENTS OF OUR DRESS CODE

Mount Helena Primary Schools Dress Code colours are blue and red on the top, royal blue on the bottom, with a broad brimmed hat. A royal blue jacket and a red windcheater are also available for cold weather wear.

The P&C operates a Uniform Shop at Mount Helena Primary School and prices are very competitive.

- Broad brimmed hats are to be worn outdoors all year on school grounds
- The school dress and tops must not be sleeveless, and the midriff must be covered. All shirts must have a collar, and have a high Sun Protection Factor.
- School shirts with the school crest are the only shirts permitted.
- Faction shirts may be worn on Thursday or Friday to coincide with the sport program, except when representing the School. Faction shirts must be worn during faction events such as the Athletics carnival.
- Year 6 students wear a Mount Helena Primary School graduation shirt.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times. It is not permitted to wear thongs, open toed, high heeled shoes or other footwear that is not attached at the heel. Teachers have discretion to allow students to remove footwear to facilitate learning. Skate shoes are not suitable for physical education.
- Hair of shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back and be kept off the face. • No jewellery is to be worn with the exception of ear sleepers, a watch and/or medic alert warning.
- Makeup, coloured hair and nail polish are not permitted.
- All school clothing should be marked clearly with the family name using either name tags or a marking pencil. To ensure privacy of students names are not to be written externally on uniforms.



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## Exemptions from the Dress Code

An application for exemptions and any exemption granted may apply to individuals, all students at the school or to all students in a specific category. Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school's dress code.

- From time to time, the Principal may grant exemptions from the Dress Code.
- Exemptions must be negotiated with the Principal by the student's parents or caregiver.
- Permanent exemption may be granted on religious or health grounds and will be arranged in writing by the Principal.
- A temporary exemption may be granted in the case of hardship or exceptional circumstances.

## Sanctions for Breaking the School Dress Code

All students are expected to wear the school uniform. If a student breaks the Dress Code, the following graduated sequences of sanctions will be put into effect:

**First Level Sanction:** Teacher to speak to the student and reinforce the need to observe the Dress Code.

**Second Level Sanction:** Principal to speak to the student and reinforce the need to observe the Dress Code.

**Third Level Sanction:** A note is issued to parents or caregivers stating that their child is not complying with the school dress code, and offering assistance if needed.

**Forth Level Sanction:** As per the School Education Act 2000, Regulation 36, if a non-complying student is enrolled in a primary programs, sanctions will be limited to the following actions only:

- Preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school; or
- preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program.

## References:

- Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy
- Dress Code for Students in Public Schools Procedures
- School Educational Regulations 2000
- School Education Act 2000