



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

The wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of identity and pride for students, and ensures that students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities. A school uniform allows all students to feel equal and minimizes bullying and competition on the basis of clothing worn. At Malvern Central School, students are expected to dress in complete school uniform as a means of identification and to ensure the safety of our students in the schoolyard, in transit to and from the school, as well as on school excursions.

Aims

1. To assist with the identification and safety of students when attending school activities.
2. To promote equality amongst all students.
3. To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
4. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
5. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation

1. School Councils have the authority to develop and implement dress codes for their students;
2. The prescribed school uniform will comply with state and federal human rights and anti-discrimination legislation.
3. A variety of clothing options (as outlined in the Malvern Central School Uniform Appendix) is available to enable students to exercise individual choice.
4. A Uniform suitable for playing sport, is required to be worn on timetabled Physical Education and Sports days, including appropriate footwear.
5. All uniform items should be clearly named.
6. A Malvern Central School SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform as recommended by the Cancer Council of Victoria. Hats must be worn whilst outside from September to April, in compliance with the Malvern Central School SunSmart Policy.
7. Students will wear an art smock for visual arts activities.

8. For Health and Safety Reasons:
 - a. Jewellery: Single stud or sleeper earrings and wristwatches are the only acceptable forms of jewellery.
 - b. Hair: Long hair must be tied back, i.e. shoulder-length and longer.
9. Extreme Hairstyles and unnatural hair colour are not acceptable (exemption may occur for approved fundraising activities)
10. Make up and nail polish may not be worn at school.
11. Parents/Carers seeking exemptions to the school's uniform requirements must consult with the school's Principal and Assistant Principal.
12. School uniform requirements and prices are available on the school website. (www.malvern-central.vic.edu.au).

Resources

The Cancer Council of Victoria provides guidelines for the correct implementation of SunSmart procedures - www.cancervic.org.au/preventing-cancer/be-sunsmart.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Review Date: 2020

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: ***September 2017***