

Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the main office on (03) 8823 9500 or malvern.cen@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Malvern Central 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 Malvern Central 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 Malvern Central 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

The full list of Malvern Central School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Malvern Central 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

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.

Cosmetics and coloured nail polish 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 must be worn outside in Term 1 and 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 from PSW Ormond, or parents may order it directly online.

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/malvern-central-school.html>. Hats can be purchased at the office of either campus.

Malvern Central School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at the Spring Rd gym. Opening times are updated on the school's website.

Students are permitted to wear items of clothing not purchased from PSW such as navy track suit pants, shorts or skorts. All clothing must not contain any other logo and should be of similar style and colour scheme as the compulsory uniform items.

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/>

Financial support for uniforms may also be provided through Families for Families fund, introduced by the Parents club of Malvern Central School. Please contact the Principal to access this fund.

IMPLEMENTATION

Malvern Central School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the fortnightly newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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, 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 Malvern Central 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

Malvern Central 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 *MCS Complaint Policy*, available on the school's website.

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 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

- MCS Sunsmart Policy
- MCS Parent Complaint Policy
- MCS 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

Policy last reviewed	December 2022
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APPENDIX A: MALVERN CENTRAL SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

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SCHOOL UNIFORM COLLECTION

- 1100312 - Adjustable Bucket Hat
- 1100797 Microfibre Hat
- 1100130 S/S Panel Polo Shirt
- 1100190 L/S Polo Shirt
- 1114002 Winter Box Pleat Tunic
- 1110271 Open Hem Rugby Windcheater
- 1100215 Polar Fleece Vest
- 1100261 Bomber Jacket
- 1103068 Semi Fit Darted Dress
- 1110355 Gaberdine Formal Shorts
- 1110465 Bootleg Pant
- 1110470 Trackpants with Zip Cuff
- 1100191 Skivvy
- 1102705 Rugby Jumper
- 1100378 Skort
- 1100703 S/S Panel Polo Shirt
- 1100299 Polar Fleece Jacket
- 1100200 - Raincoat
- 1110423 Double-knee Trackpant
- 2511050 - Crew Socks 3 Pack
- 1100330 Rugby Shorts
- 8302200 Explorer Backpack with Laptop Insert
- 8300396 Primary Pete Bookbag
- 1100380 Artsmock
- 2513000 Girls Tights

PSW

General	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110130	S/S Polo - Contrast Inserts	Navy_Gold_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	34.50 37.50
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Red	MultiBadge	4-16/S	20.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Emerald	MultiBadge	4-16/S	20.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Royal	MultiBadge	4-16/S	20.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Gold	MultiBadge	4-16/S	19.95
1110180	L/S Polo - Contrast Inserts	Navy_Gold_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-L	36.50 39.50
1100191	Skivvy	Gold		4-18/M	21.50
1100215	Polar Fleece Vest	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	44.95 46.95
1100261	Bomber Jacket- Stripe Rib	Navy_Gold	NHI	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	51.95 55.95
1100271	Open Hem Rugby Windcheater	Navy_Gold	NHI	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	42.95 46.95
1100299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-16/S	48.95 52.95
1100330	Rugby Shorts - Drawstring	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	23.50 26.50
1110355	Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	25.95 28.95
1110465	Classic Pant	Ink		4G-12G 14G-12L	35.95 37.95
1110423	Trackpants - Double Knee - Rib Cuff	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	32.95 36.95
1110470	Trackpants w Zip Cuffs	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	35.95 39.95
1160299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-16/S	48.95 52.95
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1103068	Semi Fit Dated Dress	Navy/White/Yellow Check - 223		4G-18G/12L	51.95
1100378	A-Line Skort	Ink		4G-14G/8L 16G/10L-18G/12L	32.50 34.50
1104002	Box Pleat Tunic	Navy		4G-10G 12G/6L-12G/6L	57.95 59.95
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1100200	Raincoat	Navy		4-6-12-14 S-M-L-XL	48.00 51.00
1100380	Artsmock with Print	Navy		S-XL	22.50
1100797	Microfibre Hat	Navy		S-M-2XL-3XL	14.95
1101312	Adjustable Microfibre Bucket Hat	Navy		S-M-L-XL	13.95
8300396	Primary Pete Bookbag	Navy		ALL-ALL	11.50
8302200	Explorer Bag with Laptop Insert	Navy	NHI	ALL-ALL	52.95
4700001	Hair Band with Bow	Navy/White/Yellow Check - 8093		ALL-ALL	12.00
4700002	Hair Bow on Elastic - Pair	Navy/White/Yellow Check - 8093		ALL-ALL	9.50
Socks	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	Navy		9-12-11-14	18.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4-6-11-14	14.95
2512000	Turnover Knee HI Socks - 3 Pack	Navy		9-12-8-11	20.95