



# Mount Mee State School

## Dress Code

The Mount Mee State School Dress Code has been developed in consultation with parents and caregivers, school staff, students and the Parents' and Citizens' Association (P&C).

The Mount Mee State School (the School) community endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform.

A uniform is an important part of the development of our school as we agree it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about our school and its students. The School Dress Code assists our school community by:

- Allowing for the easy identification of our students on school premises and during regional sporting and cultural events and excursions, critical incidents, safety drills or evacuations;
- Alerting our school staff to people who may not belong on our school grounds;
- Reducing the pressure of buying name brand and following the latest trends and fads, which minimises any visible economic or social differences between students;
- Promoting a sense of common purpose and belonging, consistency and unity in the daily activities of students;
- Reflecting the School community expectations of student safety and is consistent with the Department of Education guidelines, the School Sun Safe Strategy as well as Health and Safety and Anti-discrimination Legislation.

### **Dress and personal appearance expectations**

Students wearing items that do not comply with the requirements set out below will be asked to remove the offending item and to store it out of sight for the remainder of the school day.

The School requires all students to be in full school uniform when:

- Attending or representing school;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours.

### **Personal appearance**

The School requires all students to come to school with a clean and tidy appearance, for example:

- hair is to be washed, combed/brushed;
- clothes are to be clean;
- hair colour is to be natural tones
- hair styles are to be neat and tidy i.e.: shaved styles, Mohawks, words/symbols shaved into the scalp are not acceptable
- make-up is not to be worn
- clear nail polish is permitted
- jewellery complying with the following requirements is permitted:
  - Small sleepers (no bigger than a five-cent piece) or small studs (non-protruding items only);
  - One small religious pendant (no bigger than a twenty-cent piece) on a thin chain worn inside the student's collar/school shirt.

- A signet ring;
- Medical alert bracelets and necklaces.

### **Uniform modification and exemption**

We recognise that some students may require modifications to the school dress code. These modifications are designed to permit a student to attend the school with maximum compliance with the dress code, recognising that they may not be able to fully comply, for example, if a student seeks permission to colour or shave their head in order to participate in a charitable activity or if a student with disability cannot comfortably wear it.

### **Conscientious objection**

Parents who have a conscientious objection to their children wearing a school uniform should discuss this with the principal.



### **Managing non-compliance**

Where a student is not in uniform and does not hold a note from a parent, they will be offered a choice of correct uniform items from the bank of clothing/uniforms held at the school for the day.

If they refuse to accept the offer of a correct uniform item, the principal will contact the student's parents to discuss.

### **Regular Day Uniform**

Green shorts/skorts/skirt with the School polo shirt. During winter months, girls are able to wear stockings of one single colour, black, red, and/or green.

### **Year 6 Day Uniform**

Year 6 students have the option of wearing the official Year 6 shirt instead of the regular School shirt.

### **Shoes and socks**

Enclosed black shoes with plain laces and white socks.

### **Jumpers**

The School windcheaters are available from the uniform shop. Alternatively, plain coloured red or green school coloured jumpers may be worn.

### **Hat**

The School has a sun-safe policy of *no hat, play undercover*. Our aim is that students accept responsibility for wearing hats at all times when outdoors. A green broad brim or bucket-style hat is acceptable.

### **Uniform shop**

The uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8:30am until 9:00am and Wednesdays from 3pm until 3:30pm. Please call Maria on 0499 162 613 to arrange an appointment or email [uniformsmms@gmail.com](mailto:uniformsmms@gmail.com)



### **Dress code review**

The School's Dress Code is reviewed annually and submitted to the P&C for endorsement. The P&C regularly consults the parent community on school uniform matters. You can contact the school principal at [principal@mountmeess.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@mountmeess.eq.edu.au) or the P&C President at [pandc@mountmeess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@mountmeess.eq.edu.au) if you have queries regarding the School Dress Code.