



What is a Student Dress Code?

Our *Student Dress Code* is an agreed standard of dress for students who attend our school. The uniform for students was developed through a thorough consultation process with parents, staff and the wider community. The dress code also covers other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Statement of intent

The *Student Dress Code* applies to students when:

- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours including school excursions

Aims of the code

Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging
- Developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Being 'Sun Smart' school (See school sun safe policy on our website)

Relaxation of the code

From time to time each year, the school will organise free dress days for students. These activities are usually coordinated by the Student Council, class or P&C Association as a fund raising activity. On these occasions, students are permitted to wear acceptable & reasonable clothing in line with our sun safe policy guidelines instead of their uniform. Examples of activities include: Day for Daniel, Harmony Day, Fete Fundraising days.

Special circumstances

Our dress code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of student. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:

- Student's medical conditions (allergies etc)
- Student's physical attributes or requirements
 - Religious or cultural significance (head scarf, religious jewellery)
 - Constraints of time & economic hardship at the time of enrolment.

School hats

Our school has introduced 'Sun Smart' hats (full brim and bucket) for all students. These hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop. Wearing of these hats are compulsory.

Jewellery, Body Piercing and Markings

Our school has set standards on jewellery that is acceptable for students to wear.

This includes:

- Earrings (Studs & Sleepers only. 1 per earlobe. Earrings that hang or can get caught are not safe for school activities and cannot be worn. All jewellery is to be removed for organised sports)
- Watch (no smart watches are allowed, which have the ability to take photos, telephone or use internet)
- Fingernails can be coated with clear varnish only. NO FALSE NAILS
- Special consideration for specific pieces of jewellery (based on religious or cultural grounds) can be sought by discussing your needs with the Principal.

Authorisation is required from the Principal for ALL uniform exemptions including free dress days, school sports days, discos, other functions, camps or other excursions.

Inappropriate clothing, jewellery or accessories cannot be worn at any time. This applies to any clothing, accessories, jewellery or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be offensive, unsafe or likely to disrupt normal school management.

The following items of jewellery or markings are not acceptable for this school. They include:

- Nose studs or sleepers
- Facial or visible body piercings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets / anklets / wristbands
- Rings
- Tattoos or body markings

Responsibilities

Our students are required to:

- Wear the agreed school uniform on a daily basis
- Be of neat and tidy appearance at all times, including restraining hair of shoulder length or greater using a school colour hair band or ribbon
- Wear enclosed shoes as per agreement
- Wear the school approved hat while engaged in outdoor activities
- Wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

Parents are responsible for:

- Purchasing (& maintaining) sufficient pieces of school uniform for their children
- Ensuring that their children wear the correct uniform to school each day as required (Day uniform / Sports uniform days)
- Ensuring that their children meet the aspects of personal presentation outlined in this document
- Providing a written explanation to class teachers for their children being out of uniform on every occasion

The P&C Association is responsible for:

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information
- Managing an appropriate strategy for consultation around uniform changes including opportunities for feedback and display of proposed changes.

The Principal is responsible for:

- Managing strategies to support the student dress code
- Consistent application of the code
- Communication with the P&C Association and the school community
- Providing the Student Dress Code to families at the time of enrolment
- Ensuring that the Student Dress Code and its application comply with both Education Queensland policy and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Managing the uniform shop contractual arrangements when required.

Teachers are responsible for:

- Expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day
- Communicating to parents any uniform breaches
- Notify the Principal of the need to contact families in writing regarding repeated or significant breaches of the dress code.

School Uniform Shop and Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

The P&C operate a second hand buy, swap, sell Facebook page for parents to access cheap and free uniform items.

The P&C school uniform shop is open every Friday from 2-4pm and operates from the hall.

Emergency Clothing Pool

The school office also maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary. Donations of uniform garments are gratefully accepted.

Sanctions

Our school community supports the application of the following sanctions for breaches of the Student Dress Code. These include:

- Preventing students from attending, or participating in any activity for which they are representing the school
- Providing verbal and/or written communication to parents of children who do not meet the requirements of the dress code
- Punitive consequences as a result of not meeting the requirements of the dress code will only be administered by the Principal and only in exceptional circumstances where the student is in direct breach of the code
- Families will be notified daily via email or SMS where their child does not meet requirements explained in the dress code

Community Endorsement of the Code

The P&C Association of Moorooka State School resolves that it supports this *Student Dress Code*. The Association believes that the code promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Eliminating distraction of competing in dress and fashion at school and fostering mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit

Contact

For more information on student dress code, please contact:

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Our school uniform

All uniform items (except shoes) are available at the uniform shop which is operate by the P&C.

Clothing Requirements	Compulsory Unisex	Optional Unisex
Formal uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yellow/Royal Blue emblem polo shirt * Royal Blue shorts/skorts * Chequered school dress with school logo * PLAIN white socks * ALL black joggers with black laces or velcro straps or buckles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Royal blue shorts/skorts with MSS written on the hem *School socks with Moorooka State School writing
Winter additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * MSS school jumper *Black or navy blue stockings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Royal Blue track pants *Undershirts white, black or royal blue only
Clothing condition	*Uniforms need to be clean and undamaged / free of marks and writing	
Hat	* Sun safe school hat (Bucket or wide brim)	
Religious Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Any religious headwear (hijab, turbans etc) must be solid royal blue, white or black No embellishments 	
Hair/Other	Unisex	
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Shoulder length (or longer) hair needs to be tied back. Hair must be groomed for school each day * Neat, naturally coloured hair is expected. *Bright hair colouring (which is not a natural colour) is unacceptable. This includes hairstyles i.e. Mohawks, rats' tails, and shaved undercuts. *Tracks that are not acceptable are hair tattoos and faded hair tracks. * Hair ties in school colours *Ribbons in school colours (Royal Blue or Yellow ONLY) 	
Nails	*No coloured nail polish	
Tattoos / Drawings / on body etc	*None	
Bag	*If you choose not to purchase a school bag, it must not have any slogans, or inappropriate language on.	School bag is available from the uniform store.
Jewellery	Unisex	
Earrings	*One plain gold or silver sleeper or stud in each ear lobe only.	
Facial and body piercings	*None	
Necklaces	*None.	

	*Special permission required for cultural or religious significance	
Watches	*Digital or analogue only *No smart watches allowed	
Rings	*None	
Bracelets / Anklets	*None	
Special uniforms	Unisex	
Music	* MSS Music polo shirt * Long black pants	
Excursion	* Formal uniform unless stipulated otherwise	

This Student Dress Code is endorsed by the P&C executive and the school principal on 11.11.19

Signed:

P&C President

Principal

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