



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to outline Mirripoa Primary 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 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 policy aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support our 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, practical and safe for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities such as sport.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items are purchased directly from PSW <https://www.psw.com.au/>

POLICY

Mirripoa Primary School strives to create an inclusive school community, and foster pride in the school.

- It is compulsory for all students to wear the school designated uniform at Mirripoa Primary School. See Appendix A.
- Clothing worn to school must be neat, clean, safe and appropriate; jeans (denim look alike) should not be worn at school.
- Mirripoa Primary School beanie, plain grey or navy blue beanies (no logo), gloves and mittens are acceptable but can only be worn whilst outdoors. **Please note** for safety reasons hooded tops are not acceptable as part of the school uniform (Year 6 hooded jumper is permitted). Scarves are not permitted during school hours; however, they can be worn to and from school.
- The school uniform and colours are listed in the newsletter and posted on the school's website.

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Cultural or religious jewellery is exempt. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Smart or active watches are not acceptable.
- For health and safety reasons e.g. help restrict the spread of nits and lice, hair below shoulder length or longer for boys and girls must be tied back with blue or white or yellow hair accessories.
- Grey broad-brimmed or bucket hats must be worn in term 1 and 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.
- Cultural or religious headwear may be worn as part of the school uniform.
- Footwear must have an enclosed toe and heel and should be predominantly white, black or navy.
- Socks must be white, grey, navy or black and be a matching pair.
- Cosmetics including nail polish may not be worn at school.
- School bags must be either a school bag with logo or be plain blue, navy or black
- 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.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact the principal or business manager 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

The school will ensure that this policy is communicated to all families and students through our website and 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 policy 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.

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 in person to the principal for an exemption to this policy 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 UNIFORM POLICY

Mirriposa Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Uniform Policy. If you have a concern or complaint about the policy, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Mirriposa Primary School Sun and UV Policy
- Mirriposa Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mirriposa Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

APPENDIX A: UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumper

Navy jumper with school logo.
Plain navy jumper without decoration or brand name.
Grey jacket with school logo.
Year 6 hooded jumper.

Polo shirts

Grey long and short sleeved with school logo.
Plain grey long and short sleeved without decoration or brand name.
Sports house coloured polo shirts.

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue, black, grey or white socks.
Navy blue or grey tights/stockings.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black shoes or pull on school boots or runners that are predominately black, navy and white are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue, yellow or white head bands, hair ribbons, school uniform “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses

Blue, yellow, grey and white pinstripe dress.

Navy blue winter pinafore.

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name.

Pants

Navy blue pants.

Navy blue track pants with school name.

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name.

Hats

Grey broadbrim with logo.

Grey broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in 2023 and is scheduled for review in 2026 part of the school's three-year review cycle or if guidelines change.

School Council approval is required for this policy.