

DRESS CODE

INTRODUCTION

Following consultation with our school community the Schools Board has determined the following Dress Code (“the Code”) for the Mount Hawthorn Primary School (“the School”).

This Code reflects the values of our School and provides a balance between the rights of individual students and the best interests of the school community.

The Code applies:

- During school hours;
- Whilst travelling to and from school; and
- When students are engaged in school activities.

It is our school expectation that all students will comply with the Code.

AIM OF THE CODE

The Code aims to:

- Promote a sense of identity and pride and promote cohesion and good order in the School;
- Ensure all students feel equal;
- Prevent bullying and/or competition on the basis of clothing;
- Ensure that the appearance of our students reflects the expectations of the School community;
- Enhance the profile and identity of the School and its students within the wider community;
- Strengthen the sense of community within the School;
- Enhance individual and group safety and security;
- Ensure all students are dressed safely, comfortably and appropriately for School activities;
- Encourage students to have pride in their appearance;
- Prepare students for the Dress Code expectations of high school;
- Allow for individual expression through alternatives provided within the Code’s overall requirements; and
- Provide sports/ physical education clothing that is practical and comfortable.

OUR UNIFORM

School Uniform

- Gold polo shirt featuring green collar trim and the School logo in green;
- Black bottoms (shorts, skirts, skorts or long pants);
- Green and gold check dress;
- Green jacket (zip, hooded/plain) with the School logo in gold
- Students may wear a “Mount Hawthorn Story” polo shirt on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays;
- Senior students only may wear a “Leader” Polo Shirt

Faction Shirts (to be worn during sports/phys ed activities or when directed)

Polo shirts in the following colours:

- Blue (with the Axford logo)
- Green (with the Braithwaite logo)
- White (with the Menzies logo)
- Red (with the Shakespeare logo)

Hat

- Green slouch hat with School logo in gold

Shoes

- Runners or black leather shoes are preferred. If sandals are worn, they are to be fitted type sandals with low heels and back straps

School bags/Raincoats

- Students may wear any style of raincoat they wish; and
- Students may use any type/style of school bag they wish

Note: to avoid injury (back strain etc), school bags should be correctly fitted and should not be overloaded.

STANDARDS

- All Code items must be neat and tidy;
- School uniform items may be purchased from other retail outlets but must be similar in style/quality to items sold by the P&C's Uniform Shop;
- Dress, skirt, skort and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and no longer than knee length;

- Skirts, shorts, skorts and long pants must be plain and loose fitting and must not bear any motif, design or embellishments;
- Sports briefs must be worn with skirts and dresses;
- Black leggings may only be worn in conjunction with a dress, skirt or skort;
- The wearing of leggings is not recommended for sport/phys ed activities;
- Students are not to wear the hoods of “hoodie” type jackets during class time or when representing the School;
- Hats must be worn at all times when outside during school hours. At the discretion of teachers, hats may not need to be worn on some days in winter;
- For health and safety reasons, hair that is at, or below, shoulder length, and/or covers a student’s face must be tied up at all times;
- Cosmetics, (including nail polish) are not to be worn at any time;
- Apart from plain stud type earrings, no jewellery is to be worn at any time; and
- All Code items should be clearly labelled with the student’s name.

NON COMPLIANCE

It is expected that all students at the School will comply with the Code.

In the event of a student not complying with the Code, the School Principal and staff will meet with the students and his/her parents with a view to encouraging compliance. The Principal is the final arbiter on what constitutes appropriate dress.

Every effort will be made to promote voluntary compliance, however, it should be noted that the School Act Regulations 2000 provide that a primary school principal may take the following action in the event of non-compliance with a School Dress Code:

- prevent the student from attending any activity in respect of which the student would have been representing the school; and/or
- prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the principal, is not an essential part of the student’s educational program.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

All uniform items can be purchased from the Uniform Shop during its normal opening hours or by filling in a School Uniform Order Form and leaving it in the yellow box at the Front Office. Please refer to the School Website for current Uniform Shop opening hours.

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