



Draft Uniform Policy

Rationale

Morphett Vale Primary School Governing Council, in consultation with parents and students, expects that all students wear the recognised Morphett Vale Primary School uniform, which is itemised in this pamphlet. The Morphett Vale Primary School staff, students and Governing Council supports and recommends this policy.

The wearing of school uniform contributes to a sense of identity and belonging to the school on the part of your child. Wearing of school uniform minimises costs and overcomes the dilemma of what your child should wear to school, it removes the sense of pressure and cost faced by parents when students seek to wear 'culture' or fashion clothing. We also believe that the school uniform promotes student safety is practical and inexpensive.

Staff and Governing Council appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that students comply with the dress code, which is line with DfE Policy.

Parents/Caregivers

Parents/caregivers are expected to support the Uniform Policy by ensuring that their children wear the recognised uniform. If school uniform is not able to be worn for a particular reason, parents should notify the school.

Parents/caregivers will be provided with a copy of the Uniform Policy when enrolling their child.

Exemption

All students are required to wear clothing consistent with the uniform policy at all times. Under regulation 86(5) of the Education Regulations 2012, the principal may exempt a student from the school dress code after receiving a written request from the parent of each student. Grounds on which parents may seek exemption include:

- religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- other additional grounds as the school or governing council, or principal may determine.

Enforcement and non-compliance

The principal and staff at Morphett Vale Primary School will enforce the dress code of the school and may take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to intentional and persistent breach of that code.

Under regulation 86(6), the staff at Morphett Vale Primary School may not enforce the dress code by the suspension of a student from the school or by preventing the student from



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participating in the school's education program, however Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour are the preferred approaches staff will take to ensure students comply with the school's dress code. The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of these standards.

The approaches when handling students who have shown intentional and persistent breaches of the dress code including:

- privately speaking to the student to encourage them to observe the code
- providing advice to the parents via a diary note, phone call from the front office or letter
- a verbal warning to the student
- negotiating with the student and parents
- establishing exclusion zones for non-uniform wearers eg no hat, no play outside or play in the shade
- extra duties
- office time out

If needed, schools can provide spare clothing for students to change into, excluding those exempted from the dress code.

Acceptable Uniform Items

The Morphett Vale Primary School uniform has been designed to provide a range of affordable choices. Samples of school uniform items are displayed on a noticeboard in the school office foyer. Price lists are available from the front office. Uniforms need to be neat. School uniform items include:

Girls - Summer

- Summer dress -navy/white check with red trim, (available from school)
- Short sleeve polo shirt with school logo (available from school)
- ½ zip jumper (available from school)
- Long sleeve rugby jumper (available from school)
- Navy blue shorts, navy blue skorts
- Navy blue/white socks are recommended
- Flat shoes, standard runners or strapped sandals.

Girls – Winter

- Navy blue bootleg pants or navy blue track pants
- Winter skirt (available from school)
- Short sleeve polo shirt with school logo (available from school)
- ½ zip jumper (available from school)
- Long sleeve rugby jumper (available from school)
- Navy blue stockings
- Flat shoes or standard runners



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Boys – Summer

- Navy blue shorts (school wear cargo pants) or rugby shorts or pants
- Short sleeve polo shirt with school logo (available from school)
- Strapped sandals, shoes or standard runners

Boys – Winter

- Navy blue cargo pants or track pants
- Short sleeve polo shirt with school logo (available from school)
- ½ zip jumper (available from school)
- Long sleeve rugby jumper (available from school)
- Shoes or standard runners

Please note: Layered clothing must be in school colours (including bike pants under dresses/skirts/ T-shirts under polos etc). Jackets, scarves, gloves/mittens must be in school colours.

Headwear

In accordance with the School's Sun Smart Policy and Extreme Weather Policy, school uniform legionnaire, broad brimmed or surf hats worn outdoors will be worn whenever they are playing or participating in activities outdoors during Term One and Four.

Shoulder length hair must be tied back. It is recommended that headbands, ties, clips and ribbons are school colours, to complement the school uniform.

Senior Students Uniform

These items are available to graduating students through special orders.

- Senior students polo top
- Senior students windcheater

Other Uniform Shop Items

- Stockings
- Library bags, school bags

Non Acceptable

- Any hat other than school uniform
- Jeans or denim
- Shorts/pants of an inappropriate design (eg. baggy pants or shorts, low hopped jeans or board shorts, shorts shorts)
- Thongs, fashion shoes, skate shoes, fluoro shoes
- Tank tops, midriff tops or singlets
- Clothing with logos or obvious stripes
- Make up, fake nails, coloured nail polish
- Jewellery (excluding watches, medi-alerts, plain ear studs and small sleepers)



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- Hair extensions, mohawks, beads, shaved patterns, unnatural dyed colours (purple, blue, green, bright red, orange etc)

We understand that there are occasions when there are exceptional circumstances. If this is the case, please write a note/phone the school.

Students not wearing hats as per Morphett Vale Primary School Sun Smart Policy and Extreme Weather Policy need to sit in the designated shaded area.

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