

Purpose of our dress code:

To create a safe and predictable learning environment

To create a sense of belonging amongst students

To help students concentrate on school work,
not appearance

To help students and parents resist peer pressure

To help us recognise intruders to our yard

To prevent gang colours and insignia

To prevent offensive images being worn at school

To prevent theft or violence over designer clothing

Dress Code Policy



Morphett Vale Primary School

At Morphett Vale Primary we believe that having a school uniform is one positive and creative way to reduce behaviour problems and ensure school safety for all.

Positive benefits of having a dress code

PRACTICALITY – comfortable clothing adaptable for all weather conditions.

SAFETY – footwear and clothing suitable for all weather and class activities.

ECONOMY – by eliminating expensive casual wear we reduce the negative effects of peer group pressure.

STYLE – we aim to reflect on modern trends by allowing a range of clothing options such as cargo pants, unisex shorts, plain tracksuit pants, dresses (all meeting school colour requirements of navy blue).

SUN POLICY – as a Sun Safe School hats must be legionnaire or wide brimmed. We have a “No hat, no play” policy. Students without a hat must remain in a designated shaded area.

Availability of items

The school uniform consists of flexible colours, navy blue from the waist down and navy or a combination of red and navy from above the waist. (Denim clothing is not acceptable uniform wear).

Clothing can be ordered from the front office at our school or from local department stores.

Hair

Students with hair below shoulder length should wear their hair tied up with plain accessories (preferably navy and/or red).

Jewellery

The following items of jewellery are considered appropriate for school:

- Watch

- Neck chain worn under clothing
- Earrings - studs and sleepers only.

Jewellery should be kept to an absolute minimum for safety reasons and is not to be worn as a fashion statement.

During some activities, jewellery may need to be removed. The school cannot take responsibility for damage to jewellery or for the loss of jewellery items.

Lost Property

Any items of clothing, lunch boxes etc found at school are left in the “Lost Property” box which can be accessed via the front office.

Parents are requested to label all items of clothing and goods brought to school to ensure they are easily returned to the owners when misplaced.

Second hand clothing is not currently available.

Toys and Valuables

Special or valuable items should not be brought to school. Trouble and tears can result from loss or damage to items. It is also difficult for little children to understand why some have expensive toys when others do not.

Unacceptable items

- Make-up and nail polish
- Piercings other than ears
- Dyed hair (natural colours permitted)
- Thongs, slip on or high heeled shoes
- Bare midriffs or shoulders
- Clothing with messages, tags or logos
- Pants with stripes
- Baseball caps
- Tattoos
- Belts or chains hanging from clothing
- Inappropriate short shorts or short dresses
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Our policy has been designed in line with Education Department Policy and acknowledges the right of parents to choose the style of clothing they wish their children to wear providing it complies with the school colours and dress code.