

## School Uniforms General Statement

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Miriam Vale State School community has resolved that it supports a student dress code because it believes that it promotes a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- ★ readily identifying students and non-students at school
- ★ eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school
- ★ fostering a sense of belonging
- ★ developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

The student dress code, endorsed by the Parents' and Citizens' Association (August 2015), reflects school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation. The school will review and evaluate student dress code periodically.

Our students recognise that the school uniform fulfils three particular functions:-

- ★ a sense of belonging to our school's student community
- ★ a sense of inclusion – no student feels left-out by not wearing 'cool' or 'trendy' clothes
- ★ easy identification for safety purposes, both at school and when on excursions.

These functions are very similar to those stated by the Parents' and Citizens' Association – but are the reasons recognised as important by our students.

### Uniform

#### SHIRTS:

**Primary:** Royal blue polo style with MVSS School Logo – Available at School Office

#### Sport Day/ Cross Country Uniform

Red or yellow (Sports' Team) polo style **on sports days only.**

**Secondary:** Royal blue polo style with grey and black trim. (To be ordered through the school office); red or yellow (Sports' Team) polo style **on sports days only**

**Performance:** Black – MVSS Performing Arts Shirt.

Students participating in music or drama performance subjects may wear their performance shirt to that class only or at performance nights.

**SHORTS:** Black school shorts or skorts – length to be between knee and mid-thigh to ensure maximum sun-safe protection.



**SKIRTS:** Black pleated Netball style or Black six-gored skirt - – length to be between knee and mid-thigh to ensure maximum sun-safe protection.

**SOCKS:** White, or white with black or blue trim or black.

**SHOES:** Students' footwear must be **joggers** which provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot.

**HAT:** **Full Brimmed** or **Bucket** hat must be worn for outdoor activities – minimum brim width 8cm for adequate sun-safe protection (Hats available at School Office - \$ 10)



### Winter Uniform

In addition to school polo shirts

**TRACKSUIT:** Plain Dark Blue or Black  
**PULLOVER:** Plain Dark Blue or Black "sloppy joe" style or open jackets or zippered jumpers or Miriam Vale Logo jackets.

**UNDERGARMENTS:** If undergarments protrude from shirts they must be white, blue or black (eg Skivvy tops)

**TIGHTS/LEGGINGS:** These can be worn but **must** have the school shorts/skirt worn over the top of them.

### NOT TO BE WORN

- beanie, caps
- jeans
- football, coloured or no socks
- incorrect colours or jumpers in Sports' Team colours (except on days of sporting events)
- parkas
- unsafe footwear
- inappropriate or offensive clothing



## STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE OR REASONABLE DRESS

### CLOTHING

**INTERHOUSE SPORTS** - Red or Yellow shirts, with a collar. Bike Pants (Black only) acceptable for competition or training.

**FREE DRESS DAY** - students own choice provided clothing is not inappropriate in terms of sun-safety, school activities and maintaining good order of the school (no offensive words/logos, closed in shoes must still be worn).

**FUNDRAISING** – Special items may be allowed on occasions at Principal's approval eg bracelets, bandanas, bad hair days.

**YEAR 10 SHIRT:** Group order decided by consensus and approval of Principal.

### Office Sales

Some school uniform items are available for sale from the school office. These include:-

- ★ Secondary school shirts
- ★ Primary school shirts
- ★ Black shorts
- ★ Sun-safe hats
- ★ School jackets & School Jumpers
- ★ Waterproof Swim Bags

## Personal presentation

### Hair

- ★ To be kept neat and tidy. If hair is long it **must** be tied back or pinned away from face.
- ★ Hair ties/accessories are to be in school colours with no excessively decorative pieces (flowers, oversized bows etc)

### Nail Polish, Make-Up

- ★ Clear nail polish only may be worn – no false nails permitted.
- ★ Foundation is the only approved make up to be worn.

### Jewellery

Safety considerations require the following jewellery guidelines:-

- ★ Earrings: plain studs or small sleepers; maximum of two (2) pairs. Facial jewellery (such as eye bars, lip rings) is not permitted.
- ★ Nose studs that are deemed by the Principal to be a safety hazard or a distraction (either by size or colour) are not permitted.
- ★ Watches may be worn
- ★ Signet rings are the only finger jewellery to be worn.
- ★ Necklaces of a religious nature are the only approved items to be worn (depending on the nature of activities students may be asked to remove these for safety reasons)

Uniforms, including logo, must not be written on or defaced (such uniforms cannot be worn to school as they show lack of pride and respect).

## Consequences for non-wearing of correct uniform

The Education General Provisions Act (2006) incorporates authority for principals to enforce a school dress code. Action can be taken against students who choose not to wear the uniform even when offered the opportunity to do so. This school will be strict about this code, but prefers to work on a cooperative basis with parents. The vast majority of parents and students know the benefits of a distinctive uniform worn with pride.

The students of Miriam Vale State School have collaborated on developing consequences for the non-wearing of correct school uniform.

### Single or occasional incident:

- Student is reminded of policy – provided with 'card' listing uniform elements

### Continued or repeated incidents

- Phone contact with parent – noting repeated incidents of being 'out of uniform' to ascertain if this is with parents' knowledge; discuss reasons for uniform policy.

### Continued disregard of uniform requirements

- Written communication with parents – noting uniform requirements and reason for policy;

offer assistance to procure or provide uniform etc...

### Long term disregard of uniform requirements

- Negotiate with parents/caregivers re: restrictions and/or limits for participation in 'out of class' activities can access classes, for example access library and computer room but for safety/security – no access to outdoor areas; unable to participate on excursions.

## STRATEGIES TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF STUDENTS

Consideration is given to:

- Newly enrolled or mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of uniform
- Economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase new items of dress
- Students with physical impairments requiring greater flexibility in interpretation of dress codes
- Conscientious objections. For example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds.

### Safety

The Principal has responsibility for Workplace Health and Safety issues on site. Students, staff and visitors are expected to act safely at all times and to comply with safety directions.

- Closed in, firm upper footwear is required for entry into **laboratories, workshops, kitchens, art and textiles areas**
- **Cyclists** are expected to wear **helmets** when riding bicycles at all times and have these securely fastened.
- Skateboards and skates are **not** allowed.
- An appropriate hat is to be worn at all times when out in the sun.
- An appropriate shirt for swimming activities must be worn.
- Jewellery needs to be removed or taped during higher risk activities, eg. Sport, welding.

### Lost Property

All possessions should be clearly named. Lost property is available for your inspection and is kept in either a box on the Primary Port Rack or in the School Admin Building. Labelling your children's clothing will enable quick identification. Any unnamed items left uncollected at the end of each term will be donated to charity

