



# Melrose High School

Marr Street Pearce ACT 2607

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SCHOOL POLICY and PROCEDURE:

## UNIFORM POLICY

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**Dress Standards & Colour Codes in Public Schools**

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## UNIFORM POLICY

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#### 1. Rationale:

This policy requires all students to adhere to school dress standards during school hours. The policy aims to foster a sense of identity, pride and connection within the school and the community. It ensures that students are able to operate in a safe and discrimination free environment.

#### 2. Definitions

School dress standards are the colours and styles chosen by a school board to represent the school uniform.

- ◇ Below the waist, students should wear plain black pants, shorts or skirt.
- ◇ Above the waist, students should wear a white shirt or white polo neck shirt. No logos, patterns or slogans other than those depicting official school roles are allowed. Sleeves may be long or short. No singlet tops or revealing garments are allowed.
- ◇ A school dress in blue and white is the preferred uniform for all girls
- ◇ In cold weather, students should wear a plain navy blue or black fleecy lined sweatshirt, jumper, hoody or school jacket, preferably with the school logo.
- ◇ Custom made representative tops for special roles such as Band, School Ambassadors or Leaders may be worn at any time.
- ◇ Year 10 students can design and purchase a rugby top and/or a polo shirt for their final year. Students are encouraged to wear the Year 10 rugby top instead of the navy blue sweatshirt or jumper. Similarly the polo shirt can be worn in lieu of the normal white shirt.
- ◇ PE uniform is compulsory. It consists of a designated T-shirt or rugby top, navy shorts or tracksuit pants. Students are not permitted to participate in PE in the clothes they wear to school. PE tops are available from the school canteen.

### 3. Requirements

Students should not break the spirit of the Dress Standard. Therefore:

- ◇ All clothing should be clean, tidy and in good repair; frayed, torn or dirty clothing is unacceptable.
- ◇ Students must wear shoes or joggers to meet safety standards for practical work; no thongs, sandals or ballet slippers are to be worn at school
- ◇ Hats should be worn outside the building.
- ◇ Students must be suitably attired before travelling on an excursion
- ◇ Football jumpers and jackets cannot be substituted for the school sweatshirt or hoody.
- ◇ In extreme cold temperature, plain black or navy blue overcoats are preferred, leniency with plain overcoats will apply. Students need to ensure their dress beneath the overcoat is uniform.

### 4. Non Compliance:

Non compliance or failure of a student to uphold the required dress standards may include:

- ◇ the offer of appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at the school. Student will be asked to swap their item with the replacement garment. The personal item will be returned to the student on return of the laundered loan item,
- ◇ preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school,
- ◇ restricted access to the outer playground.
- ◇ preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program
- ◇ informing student's parents or carers of incident and discuss further with parents or carers, representatives of school and student to prevent recurrence, or
- ◇ Implementing a process of conflict resolution or mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

This does not include

- ◇ The prevention from continued participation in essential curriculum activities, except where necessary for reasons of safety (in which case, alternative educational activities are provided)
- ◇ any sanction that damages their academic or external career prospects such as negative mentions in references or school reports

### 5. Special Consideration

The Principal will make allowances for

- ◇ mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- ◇ the unavailability of an item,
- ◇ a matter relating to the student's health,
- ◇ economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress;
- ◇ conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds, and
- ◇ an exemption from wearing the dress requirements granted by the principal for designated special events such as fundraising for special projects through a colour free day.

Written permission will be provided to all students granted an exception and must be carried with them at all times during the school day.