

**PURPOSE:**

At Mill Park Primary School we believe a dress code strengthens our sense of belonging, unity and identity. School uniform promotes health and safety by allowing rapid identification of students.

GUIDELINES:

- The uniform is compulsory.
- Primary School Wear (PSW) will be engaged to supply uniform items to the school community.
- Students are required to wear school uniform when attending excursions. Students not in full uniform will not be invited to attend the excursion.
- Children competing in Interschool and District sports events or representing the school at music performances and excursions will be required to wear the specified uniform items.
- The colour scheme of navy blue will be the prime focus of our uniform.
- The uniform should be smart, durable, safe and comfortable.
- Wherever possible articles of uniform will be gender inclusive.
- For any social, religious or cultural reasons, an exemption may be granted by discussing such issues with the Principal.
- In times of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Assistant Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- For health and safety reasons some decisions regarding dress will be made by the Principal and publicised in the newsletter.
- Parents will continually be informed about school uniform issues. Information and regulations from the DET relating to uniforms will be given to community members, as they become available.
- New items of uniform will be approved by School Council.
- Any changes/deletion of uniform will be approved by School Council.
- In the parents' interest all endorsed items of uniform will remain in operation for at least three years.
- School uniform items shall be plain, with no other obvious colour logos or decorative items added.
- Windcheaters, polar fleece jackets, scarves, beanies, hats and navy long and short sleeve polos with gold stripe will be required to have a school logo present.
- Basic black footwear and neutral sport trainers should be suitable and safe for all weather, sport and play. For issues of safety, thongs, sandals, clogs, dress shoes, shoes with high heels or platform shoes are not allowed. Children are expected to wear socks as part of the uniform for health and safety reasons. Dark navy tights may be worn with dresses in winter.
- The only acceptable jewellery items are watches, stud earrings, small sleepers, and plain signet rings. A maximum of two earrings per ear is allowed.
- Hair accessories should be in school colours and flat to the head. Scrunchies, flat headbands and bobby pins are allowed. Butterfly clips, hair extensions and extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink, or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Scarves and any other head coverings must be in navy.
- Make up is inappropriate and should not be worn at school. Clear nail polish is allowed **not** coloured.
- School hats will be compulsory between beginning of September and end of April to maximise protection from the sun (in line with Cancer Council of Australia research findings).
- Navy beanies and scarves may be worn between May and August.
- School uniform will be required to be worn until the last day of the year, except for approved out of uniform days.
- Children who are consistently out of uniform and do not provide a note from parents will be provided with uniform from the second hand cupboard for the day.
- Year 6 commemorative graduation garments will be reviewed every three years in consultation with students from Year levels 3 – 5 and School Council. Review 2020.
- House coloured T-Shirts to be worn on Physical Education days and whole school sporting event days.

Approved Uniform Items:

- Navy Windcheater with logo
- Plain navy skivvy worn with winter tunic
- Plain navy pants
- Navy short sleeve polo with two gold stripes on collar and logo
- Navy long sleeve polo with two gold stripes on collar and logo
- Navy zippered vest with logo
- Navy polar fleece jacket with logo

- Plain navy shorts
- Navy gold white check summer dress
- Winter school navy/gold woven tunic or skirt
- Navy legionnaires/ slouch hats/ bucket hats/ all with logo
- Navy scarves with logo
- Navy beanie with logo
- Navy raincoat
- House colours polo tops with Logo

Non Approved items

Pants with obvious decoration, i.e., zippered and/ or buttoned sides, cargo pants, jeans, flared pants, parachute pants.

Guidelines for Out of School Uniform days

Out of School Uniform Days are a lot of fun for students at Mill Park Primary School and usually occur once a term.

School Council appreciates students' adherence to these guidelines. We are striving to ensure that students have fun on these days and that they are also safe from potential accidents, which could otherwise be avoided by wearing appropriate out of uniform clothing.

Parents and students need to keep in mind that the children's timetables do not change on these special days. This means that students may still have PE or Art etc. They may also be playing an outside game with their class or participating in creative activities in their classrooms. This may mean that they will be running around playing games or even painting, using glue or clay.

Mill Park Primary School is also a 'Sun Smart' school which means that it is compulsory for children to wear a hat from the start of September to the end of April.

School Council recommends that on Out of School Uniform Days parents take care to ensure that their child:

1. Wears activity appropriate shoes on the day - 'fashion' shoes with chunky or high heels can be dangerous during physical activity sessions, even at recess and lunchtimes
2. Wears tops/t-shirts which cover the midriff area and as much of the shoulders as possible
3. Wears comfortable and sensible pants/skirts/ shorts to school. E.g. 'Hipsters' or mini-skirts or mini shorts are not appropriate when your child is sitting on the floor or participating in PE
4. Does not wear T-Shirts with inappropriate language or symbols on them
5. Wears any hat of their choice on the day

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Primary School Wear will have total ownership of the uniform shop and will supply and maintain all aspects of managing the uniform shop, including stock supply, staffing, orientation programme and distribution of promotional materials.
- A 5% royalty of all sales is paid directly to the school twice a year.
- Items of school uniform will be available from the PSW uniform shop.
- Commemorative windcheaters and polo shirts will be offered as an additional uniform item to Year 6 students at the end of Year 5.
- Short sleeved polo shirts in the school's House Colours (red, blue, yellow, green) will be made available for purchase through the PSW Uniform Shop.
- For students not wearing uniform, parents will be required to supply a note on that day.
- For students who are constantly out of uniform and their dress code is of concern, a call will be made to the home.

EVALUATION:

The policy will be evaluated biannually.