

## Meadow Springs Primary Schools Student Dress Code Policy

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## Preamble

At Meadow Springs Primary School we believe learning is enhanced in a welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and caring environment. The Student Dress Code essentially creates a sense of community, identity and safety for all students. Our aim is to provide a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe. The wearing of school dress code enhances school pride and a positive image of our school. It identifies our students ensuring their safety throughout the school day and whilst on excursions.

It is intended to reduce peer pressure for students and families by alleviating issues of competition and purchasing of expensive brand name clothing. The School Dress Code Policy will involve consultation with the wider school community when required. The School Board endorses the policy and any review or future changes will need to be ratified by the School Board.

## Policy

Students are required to adhere to the following policy.

- The School Dress Code colours are navy blue, ochre and grey.
- Navy blue shorts or zena skirt.
- Navy blue pants.
- Meadow Springs Primary School polo shirt.
- Meadow Springs Primary School jacket.
- Meadow Springs Primary School dress
- Meadow Springs PS Faction Shirt (Faction Fridays and Carnivals only)
- Footwear – sport shoes appropriate for physical education and sport.
- Meadow Springs Navy blue hat for K – 6 students. (Must be worn out doors at all times)
- Hair must be tied back, neat and tidy, off the face, natural in tone and style
- Headbands must be navy blue in colour and of plain style
- Only the following jewellery items are permitted:
  - One small single gold/silver stud/small ring per ear;
  - One unobtrusive finger ring
  - One administration approved necklace/bracelet
  - One wrist watch

## Items NOT permitted

School Dress Code does not include the following items. As such they should NOT be worn to school:

- Makeup and coloured nail polish are not permitted. (Students will be required to remove this at school).
- Fingernails must be kept short for safety reasons
- Hair must not be brightly coloured, have patterned shaving or mow hawked etc.
- Denim (including jeans).
- Snap pants, Leggings etc.
- Thong type footwear except on medical grounds accompanied by a written note to class teacher from parent/caregiver.
- Parent/caregiver or during swimming lessons.
- No temporary hair colours except for sports carnivals or excessive hair adornments.
- Large earrings, spacer ear rings etc.
- For safety reasons, other visible body piercings are not permitted.
- No excessive or valuable jewelry for safety and security reasons.
- No brand names or logos larger than 50mm in diameter.

## **Guidelines**

### ***Sports, Excursions, Incursions Clothing***

If attending a school excursion, all students are expected to wear approved school uniform. Students arriving at school without the approved uniform will be expected to wear items of clean clothing provided by the school or remain at school and not participate in the excursion. Students representing our school at sporting carnivals and activities are to wear our school team uniform where necessary e.g. soccer/football guernsey, netball bibs etc.

### ***Casual Days***

Casual days are held to support community fundraising activities. Students are expected to wear casual clothing in accordance with our Sun smart policy and safety requirements allowing them to fully participate in the daily educational activities e.g. enclosed sports shoes.

### ***Outdoor Wear/Excursions***

Navy blue parkas, jackets and appropriate rainwear are acceptable for outside wear at recess and lunchtime only (no brand names or logos larger than 50mm).

### ***Purchasing School Dress Code Items***

School Dress Code items may be purchased through the Uniform Shop. Parents may choose to purchase generic brand navy jumpers or pants etc. from department stores.

### ***Senior Year 6 Students***

Each year the senior students have an opportunity to purchase the Year 6 Leavers polo shirt.

### ***Responsibility***

Parents: All parents will receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents will be expected to purchase a hat and clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship may be discussed with the Principals.

### ***School Board***

The School Board supports and endorses this policy as a formal school policy.

### ***Leadership***

All staff will support the student dress code and will take appropriate action in relation to any willful and persistent breach of the Dress Code. Leadership staff will identify students not wearing appropriate clothing and will contact parents either by phone, letter or diary note. Leadership staff will keep a record of communication and action taken to ensure compliance with the policy. Teachers give out letters of non-compliance (see proforma) signed by Admin if students do not follow the Dress Code and if there is no exemption from the parent or Admin.

## School Dress Compliance

When students arrive for school in clothing that does not comply with the School Dress Code:

- Contact will be made with the parent/caregiver, by phone and/or by letter by a member of leadership staff.
- The student will then be offered a spare school top, which they will be expected to wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon.
- If the student does not comply with school dress code expectations then they will be supervised in the shaded quiet court area, which allows for close supervision and protection from the sun for safety.
- Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with the Principal or Deputy Principals.
- Families will be provided with assistance and support by the school where necessary.
- Depending upon activities undertaken students may be required to remove jewelry during the duration of an activity. The safe keeping of these items remains the responsibility of the student.