



Mt Eliza Primary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Mt Eliza Primary School Ph: 9787 1385.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mt Eliza Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Mt Eliza Primary's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Mt Eliza Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Mt Eliza Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mt Eliza Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Make up may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.



Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of head lice and for student safety. All hair accessories such as scrunchies or headbands must be green or gold/yellow.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from the second Monday of August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the onsite uniform shop at school, or parents may order it directly from <https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/mt-eliza-primary-school-online/> where their order will be processed and delivered to their child at school, or the family will be contacted once their order is ready.

Mt Eliza Primary School PTA also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at a reduced cost. Opening days and times are communicated in the newsletter.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the principal or member of the Wellbeing Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Mt Eliza Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter articles. The school will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a verbal reminder will be issued to the student by the teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, a notification to the students' parents/carers will be issued via Compass.

Measures taken by Mt Eliza Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code and/or it is part of their IEP/BSP/ISP plan.
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.



The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Mt Eliza Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint can be found in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website <https://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/about-us/>

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mt Eliza Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Mt Eliza Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mt Eliza Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2024
Consultation	Community consultation, Education Committee and School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2028



APPENDIX A: MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Category	Item	Colour	Specific Information
Footwear	school shoes/t-bars	black	Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.
	runners	primarily black or white are encouraged	We encourage runners to be worn on sport/PE days. Runners are for sport use, canvas shoes, 'wheelies' or shoes with flashing lights are not appropriate or permitted to be worn to school at any time.
	socks	black or white only	No visible logos permitted on socks
	tights/stockings	bottle green	To be worn under skirt or pinafore or dress only
Headwear	broad brimmed hat	green official MEPS hat with logo	Available from the uniform shop. Casual hats are not permitted
	headband, scrunchie, ribbon, hair tie/clips	bottle green or yellow	
Bottoms	shorts (jersey/drill)	bottle green	Plain, no branding Basketball shorts are not permitted to be worn unless at a interschool sport basketball tournaments
	skirt/skort	bottle green	Shorts may be worn under the school skirt
	tracksuit pants	bottle green	
	bootleg legging/pants	bottle green	
	slacks/pants	bottle green	
Tops	short sleeve polo shirt	bottle green with MEPS logo	Iron-on logos available to transition to new logo from 2025
	skivvy	plain white	The skivvy is not permitted to be worn as an outer garment
Outer Garments	windcheater	bottle green with MEPS logo	
	bomber jacket	bottle green with MEPS logo	
	soft shell Jacket	black with MEPS logo	No casual jackets are permitted to be worn at school
	beanies/scarves/gloves	plain green or black	Beanies, scarves and gloves are to be plain with no logos. Casual beanies are not permitted.
Dress	school dress	bottle green and white check	Shorts may be worn under the school dress.
	pinafore	tartan	White skivvy is the only permitted undergarment to be worn underneath the pinafore.
Year 6	Year 6 polo	bottle green	Ordered through an online portal in Term 4, it is external to the regular uniform shop orders.
	Year 6 Hoodie	bottle green	
Years 3-6 Sport	MEPS sport shirt	green and gold	Ordered through uniform shop. Only permitted to be worn on PE/Sport or interschool sports days.
	basketball shorts	bottle green	Only permitted to be worn at interschool sport basketball tournaments