

## STUDENT UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

Reviewed by: School Council  
Date reviewed: October 2021  
Date of next review: October 2024  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Beauty Secondary College'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 Mount Beauty Secondary College'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 Mount Beauty Secondary College'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 from Year 7 to 11 are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities. Year 12 students wear casual clothes that are deemed appropriate by the standards in this policy.

### **Policy:**

#### **UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE**

The full list of Mount Beauty Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mount Beauty Secondary College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

#### **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. Cosmetics must be kept to a minimum. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

#### **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 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 are not to be worn inside.

#### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Mount Beauty Hardware and Drapery, Mount Beauty. The College also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents located in the Office.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal 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**

Mount Beauty Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in year level handbooks. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed, and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Mount Beauty Secondary College 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 either in writing or in person 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
- 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**

Mount Beauty Secondary College 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 is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

### **Further Information and Resources:**

- Mount Beauty Secondary College Sunsmart Policy
- Mount Beauty Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Mount Beauty Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### **Review cycle:**

This policy was last updated on 11<sup>th</sup> October and is scheduled for review in October 2024.

## APPENDIX A: MOUNT BEAUTY SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
<b>OUTER LAYERS</b>	
Polar Fleece Top	Plain navy polar fleece with school logo
Rain Jacket (optional)	Navy with fleece lining with school logo
<b>SHIRT</b>	
Polo Top, short sleeves	Navy blue, collared polo, button up shirt, short sleeves with school logo
T-shirt / Long sleeved t-shirt	Any T-shirt visible under school shirt must be plain white or navy blue
<b>PANTS / SLACKS</b>	
Long Pants	Navy, plain, no cargo pockets (no jeans)
Shorts	Navy, plain, no cargo pockets *Appropriate length for school wear, measured from the tip of the index finger with arms straight, down sides.
Sports Shorts	Navy
Sports Shirt	White with school logo
<b>DRESS / SKIRT</b>	
Traditional School Dress	*Appropriate length for school wear, measured from the tip of the index finger with arms straight, down sides.
Woollen Tartan Skirt	Either full length or knee length *Appropriate length for school wear, measured from the tip of the index finger with arms straight, down sides.
Summer Skirt (Dress material)	Pleated or straight *Appropriate length for school wear, measured from the tip of the index finger with arms straight, down sides.
Black or Navy Tights Navy Leggings	Subject to availability
<b>SHOES</b>	
	Plain black leather shoes/boots Plain black, sneaker style (no white trim or visible logos) Plain black/dark brown sandals – with heel strap
<b>SOCKS</b>	
	Short, plain white, navy, or black
<b>BELT</b>	
	Plain white or navy. No studs
<b>BUCKET HATS (optional)</b>	
	Navy with school logo
<b>Students are able to wear any full broad brimmed hat ensuring sun safety and protection during Terms 1 &amp; 4.</b>	