



MOSSFIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mossfiel 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 Mossfiel Primary School'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 Mossfiel 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 Mossfiel Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

Hair and Sun safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 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.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the school.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the office 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

Mossfiel Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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. Measures taken by Mossfiel 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 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

Mossfiel 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 is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Mossfiel Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mossfiel 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

School/VRQA/Department	Approval Process	Last Updated	Review Cycle	Scheduled for Review
Department	School Council	May 2020	1 year	May 2021

APPENDIX A: SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

It is School Council policy that students wear school uniform, not only at school, but also when representing Mossfiel Primary School away from the school, e.g. at school excursions and sporting events. Our **School Uniform Code**, supported by the staff and the School Council, also includes:

SCHOOL UNIFORM HATS

- **School uniform hats** are either the green wide brimmed hat or green bucket hat.
- The wearing of school uniform hats is required during Terms 1 and 4 to be Sun Smart. Students are encouraged to wear a school hat throughout the year.

HAIR

- **Hair accessories** [ties, scrunchies, headbands, bows, ribbons and head scarves/hijabs] need to be in the school colours of bottle green, gold, white or black only.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Only natural **hair colours** and no extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawk style) are permitted.

MAKE-UP

- No **make-up** or coloured **nail polish** are permitted.

FOOTWEAR

- Safe and appropriate **footwear** is to be worn; thongs, open-toed sandals, slides and platform-sole shoes are not to be worn by students.
- **Socks and tights** are to be in school colours of bottle green, gold, white or black only

JEWELLERY

- Appropriate **jewellery** is permitted, i.e. watches, approved charity bracelets or badges, stud and small sleeper earrings (limit of 2 earrings per ear) are the only jewellery items to be worn by students.
- Jewellery that is likely to cause injury in the event of an accident is not to be worn.

SUNGLASSES

- **Sunglasses** with plastic lenses may be worn.
- Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen (the school does not provide sunscreen).