

Mawson Lakes School – Uniform and Dress Code Policy



Reviewed and Ratified by Governing Council: November 2024
(Acting Principal: Tammy Lambden, GC Chairperson: Peter Richings)

Mawson Lakes School Uniform and Dress Code Policy aims to ensure:

- student diversity: disability, religion and cultural considerations and gender expression
- students wear their uniform with pride and have a sense of belonging in the school community
- the school has a unique identity
- our uniform supports students safety through ease of identification
- our uniform provides freedom of movement, level of comfort and considers climatic conditions
- competition for inappropriate, 'brand name' and 'fad' clothing is removed

The Department for Education School Dress Code Administration Instruction provides guidance on the Uniform and Dress Code and is available at: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/doc/school-dress-code-administrative-instruction>

Purchasing

An external service provider (ESP) has been contracted to supply our school uniform and manage operations of our uniform shop.

UMS is Mawson Lakes School ESP. They are located at:

Para Vista Shopping Centre,
Shop 17, 296-306 Nelson Rd, Para Vista SA 5093
Phone: 0431 771 156

They also provide sales at Mawson Lakes School (near the Book Nook) on:

Wednesdays 8am-9:30am (EFTPOS available)

and can be accessed online through direct ordering: <https://umspl.com.au/pages/mawson-lakes-school>

Mawson Lakes School colours are predominately navy and white.

Items

Items of clothing should ensure student's safety and must not restrict movement of participation in a range of activities.

Clothing items include:

- Short sleeve navy or white polo shirt
- Long sleeve navy or white polo shirt
- Navy knitted or rugby jumper
- Navy fleecy zipped jacket
- Specialised Year 6 commemorative jumper
- Summer dress (UMS issued)
- Winter tunic (UMS issued)
- Navy shorts
- Navy straight leg pants/drill pants/trackpants/trousers
- Navy skirt/skort
- Navy or white scarf
- Navy or white socks
- MLS Logo available for separate purchase to iron on at home



Footwear:

- School shoes
- Enclosed sandals
- Sneakers/joggers

Headwear (aligned to Sun Protection Policy):

- Navy legionnaire, bucket or broad brimmed hat
- Navy or white beanie
- Navy or white hijab/dastar or other cultural headcovering
- Navy or white hair accessories (scrunchies, ribbons, bows, clips etc)

The following items are not to be worn at school

- Brand name clothing and logos
- Singlet tops and sleeveless shirts
- Denim clothing (jeans, jackets, skirts)
- Sports uniforms and SAPSASA jumpers (except when representing school sports activities)
- Thongs, Crocs, Ugg boots or shoes with heels
- Make up
- Jewellery except simple studs and sleepers (Jewellery that is worn is at students own risk)

It is expected that the uniform and dress code clothing be worn at all times.

Parents/caregivers may apply to the Principal in writing for an exemption to comply with the dress code on the grounds of

- religion
- culture
- financial hardship
- medical reasons (supported by a medical professional)
- itinerant students
- new students (who require a period of time to purchase clothing)

Any student not wearing or following the uniform and dress code will be spoken to by a member of staff and encouraged to wear the uniform.

The Principal or nominee will contact families if a student persistently and wilfully breaches the uniform and dress code.

Staff and families may raise concerns with their child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Review

Consultation will occur with students, staff and families. If appropriate, the Uniform and Dress Code Policy will be revised.

Previously ratified June 2018 and August 2022