

Mawson Lakes School

Dress Code and Uniform Policy



The Department for Education Training and Employment, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines provide the following guidance on the school dress code:

- The right for the Governing Council to determine the school's dress code policy;
- Consultation and decision making processes;
- Enforcement obligations;
- Exemption conditions; and
- Review and modification processes.

The Regulations and Administrative Instructions and Guidelines are available on the DECS website.

1. VISION

- 1.1 Students wear their uniform with pride and have a sense of belonging to the school community
- 1.2 The school has a unique identify
- 1.3 A sense of equity is created for all students
- 1.4 Students observe health, safety and 'decency' standards
- 1.5 Competition for "brand name" and "fad" clothing and the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories is eliminated.

2. ACTION

- 2.1 There will be a school uniform
- 2.2 The School colours will be navy and white
- 2.3 The School logo will be used
- 2.4 No specific brand of clothing will be required
- 2.5 A sun-safe hat with MLS logo is required between 1st September and 30th April. The only acceptable hat logo is to be the school logo. In the interests of health and safety, Mawson Lakes School follows the Cancer Council Guidelines.
- 2.6 Sandals or enclosed footwear will qualify as acceptable forms of footwear. (Thongs will not be acceptable)
- 2.7 Items of clothing should ensure student's safety and must not restrict movement or participation in curricula activities
- 2.8 While it is expected that all students will comply with the dress code, parents/caregivers may apply to the principal, in writing, that their child/children be exempted for complying with the dress code. The grounds on which parents/caregivers may seek exemption are:
 - Religious
 - Cultural or ethnic
 - Financial hardship
 - Medical reasons that are supported by the families doctor
 - Itinerant students
 - New students who may need a period of time to purchase the necessary clothing
 - Any additional grounds determined by the Governing Council as the need arises
- 2.9 It is expected that dress code clothing be worn at all times. Any student not wearing the school uniform will be spoken to by a staff member and will be encouraged to wear the uniform. The Principal or nominee will contact Parents/caregivers if a student persistently and wilfully breaches the dress code.

2.10 Any change to the dress code will only be made after consultation with parents/caregivers. Implementation of such changes will occur after the formal notification period of six months.

2.11 In the interests of safety and equality for all students it is recommended that the following items are not worn to school:

- Clothing with large brand names and logos
- Singlet tops and muscle shirts
- Snap pants
- No clothing made from denim fabric, includes denim jeans, three quarter pants or skirts
- Thongs
- High Heeled shoes
- Make-up
- Jewellery except simple studs, sleepers (jewellery that is worn is done so at the students own risk)

2.12 Summer Uniform

Unisex:

Short sleeve Navy or White polo shirt, with logo,
Navy shorts,
Navy or White socks

Girls:

Summer dress (code 8160)

2.13 Winter Uniform

Unisex

Long sleeve Navy or White polo shirt, with logo
Short sleeve Navy or White polo shirt, with logo
Navy or White skivvy, with logo
Navy trousers
Navy tracksuit, with logo
Navy parachute tracksuit, with logo
Navy or White windcheater, knitted jumper, studded fleecy jacket, button up cardigan, with logo
Navy or White socks

Girls

Pinafore (code 9002)
Skirt (code 9002)

2.14 Footwear

School shoes
Enclosed sandals
Sneakers/Joggers

2.15 Headwear

Legionnaire, bucket or broad brimmed hats

2.14 Mawson Lakes School expects the Principal and Staff to enforce the dress code of the school and to take appropriate action in relation to breaching of the dress code policy

3. REVIEW

Staff and Parents will bring issues to the attention of Senior Staff.

Consultation will occur with students, staff and parents.

If appropriate, Dress Code guidelines will be revised.

Ratified by Staff on

Ratified by Governing Council on 29 March 2016

Principal: David Cowles

Governing Council Chair: Dominic Marafioti