Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the college on 9727 8100.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mooroolbark 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 Mooroolbark 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 Mooroolbark 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.

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 Mooroolbark College'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, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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
- Discrete ear studs-sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back whenever health and safety concerns exist.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn inside.

PE Specialist Uniform

Students are required to wear the standard school uniform at all times. PE uniform is only to be worn during the timetabled PE lesson and must not be worn with the standard school uniform outside of this period. Specialist tops, such as Sports Leadership, Duke of Edinburgh and Talented Sports tops, may be worn on the day of the relevant class or activity. A permanent uniform pass for the year of enrolment will be issued to enable this. The pass is valid only for the current year of enrolment and must be reissued in subsequent years if required.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW Uniform Group Croydon
https://www.psw.com.au/schools/mooroolbark-college.html

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the Help with school costs and fees page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the House/Cluster leader or Wellbeing Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mooroolbark College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Student Planners. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Where a student is temporarily unable to comply with the uniform requirements, a short-term uniform pass may be issued upon receipt of a note from a parent or guardian outlining the reason. Uniform passes are issued at the discretion of the school and are intended for temporary circumstances only.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis the student will be issued with a lunchtime detention that will be recorded on Compass. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Mooroolbark 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 college website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Compass communication
- Discussed in student House meetings
- Included in staff handbook
- 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

- Mooroolbark College Sunsmart Policy
- Mooroolbark College Parent Complaint Policy
- Mooroolbark College 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	March 2026
Consultation	Education and Community Relations Committee & College Council
Approved by	Principal Ann Stratford & College Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2030

APPENDIX A: MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

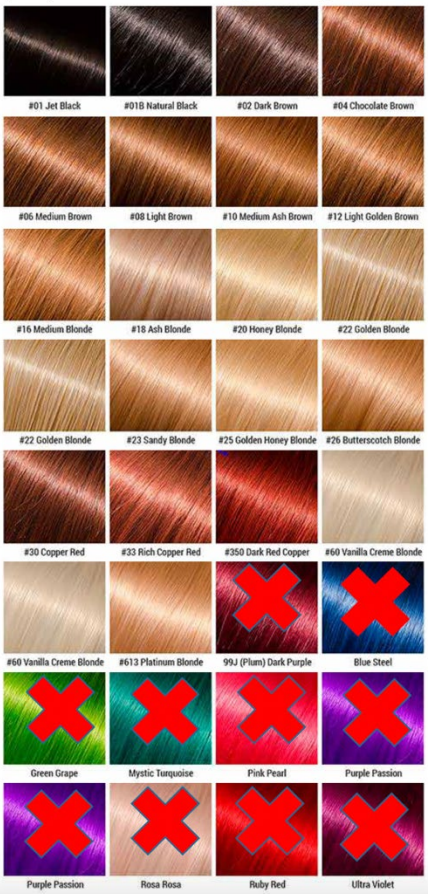
YEAR ROUND UNIFORM - SUMMER	
Dress	Mooroolbark College summer dress
Shorts	College grey shorts
Polo Shirt	White polo shirt with College logo
Jumper	Navy blue College jumper with logo or College rugby jumper
Socks	Plain white socks that cover the ankle or are knee length
Shoes	Black polishable lace up or buckled school shoes

YEAR ROUND UNIFORM - WINTER	
Skirt	Mooroolbark College tartan skirt (Douglas tartan)
Trousers	College grey trousers
Polo Shirt	White College polo shirt (A white plain long sleeve or plain short sleeve t-shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirt for warmth)
Shirt	A plain white long sleeve business style shirt (Year 11 and 12 students only)
Jumper	Navy blue College jumper with logo or College rugby jumper
Jacket	The College jacket is the only permissible jacket to be worn, unless it is the Performing Arts jacket. Year 12 students may wear the customised jackets
Stockings	Plain black or navy blue stockings or tights (Matching ankle socks may be worn over the top of stockings for warmth)
Socks	Grey, black or white socks that cover the ankle or are knee length
Shoes	Black polishable lace up or buckled school shoes
Scarves	Plain scarves in navy, white, dark green, black or Douglas tartan

YEAR ROUND PE/SPORTS UNIFORM	
Polo Shirt	Navy and green College sports polo shirt (House based).
Shorts	Mooroolbark College navy sports shorts (two options available – one of which has an inside lining).
Tracksuit Pants	Mooroolbark College tracksuit pants or plain navy blue.
Shoes	Lace up sports shoes.
Jumper	College rugby jumper.
Hat	A plain navy hat must be worn Terms 1 & 4.
Additional Items	It is recommended that all students bring a drink bottle, sunscreen, and a mouth guard to all sports classes/activities.

HAIR COLOUR POLICY

Hair colour chart: If selecting a hair colour outside of the allowed range, please check with a principal class member before proceeding.



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1101055 L/S Shirt 1101150 L/S Blouse 1111842 Mesh Sports Polo

110271 Rugby Jumper 1118206 Micro Mesh Polo With Double Stripe Collar 1105050 Wool Blend Unisex Jumper 1100207 Oxford Jacket 1100950 Soft Shell Jacket 1100815 Soft Shell Jacket

1118610 Girls Stretch Trouser 1104030 Elastic Back Trousers 1114010 Pleated Trousers 1100408 Microfibre Trackpants 1110738 Nylon Double Knee Tracksuit Pants 1118986 Tailored Short Stretch Gab 1100848 Microfibre Shorts 1118835 Girls Lined Sport Short 1103030 Elastic Back Shorts

1104001 Box Pleat Skirt

1100534 Summer Dress

ACCESSORIES

1101919 Wool/Acrylic Baseball Cap 1100863 Acrylic Scarf 8303200 College Backpack with Laptop Insert 1100600 Tie 2512000 Turnover Knee Hi Socks 3 pack 1100381 Apron

Notes:

All students choosing to wear pants/shorts for day wear must be in grey attire (not blue)

Sports shorts/tracksuits are not part of the daily uniform and can only be worn during PE classes or as otherwise directed.

Sports polos cannot be worn as daily uniform and can only be worn during PE classes or as otherwise directed.

Leggings are not part of the sports uniform.

Pleated trouser are the only uniform option for students choosing to wear long pants.

Polishable black school shoes.

Students who are unable to wear the uniform on a particular day must bring a signed and dated note from their parents/guardians and provide it to their homegroup teacher for a daily pass.