



STUDENT UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

Commencement of 2025 to 2028



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Morang South Primary School Office on 9404 1548.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Morang South 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 Morang South Primary School's School Council in 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
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- support Morang South'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
- enable students to be easily identified during excursions and off-site activities.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

In 2025, there are a number of new uniform items that will replace older style pieces. A period of 2 years, from commencement of school in 2025, will be provided to assist the families with the process and related costs associated with these changes.

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

Uniform

Parents and children may choose from any of the options listed below.

JUMPERS*:

- A maroon top with a white/coloured Morang South logo in either windcheater or bomber jacket styles. N.B. Due to Occupational, Health & Safety hooded tops must not be worn.
- The Year 6 jacket will be black with the children's names listed on it. An explanation on how to order this will go home with the students the year prior to commencing Year 6.

SHIRTS*:

- Prep to Year 5 - A maroon/black spliced polo shirt with coloured Morang South logo. These are available with either long or short sleeves.
- Year 6 - A black/maroon spliced (reversed) polo shirt with coloured Morang South logo, with the list of 'class of' names on the back can be ordered at the end of the year prior to starting Year 6.
- In the winter months, the maroon/black spliced maroon long sleeve top can be worn under the girls winter A-line tunic dress; alternatively a plain black long sleeved top can be worn.

SHORTS*:

- Unisex maroon cotton back short with white piping.
- Girls maroon lycra skort or PV Skort.
- Year 6 children may wear a black short.
- All shorts must be above knee length; no three quarter length shorts. 'Skins' are not to be visible below the hemline of the shorts unless the activity requires it. In this case a note from the school would indicate the approved event, such as Cross Country.
- Due to Occupational, Health & Safety draw strings must not be worn outside of the clothing and should be tucked in.

PANTS*:

- Unisex maroon track pants with striped double knee and ankle cuff .
- Maroon bootleg pants for girls are also acceptable.
- Year 6 children may wear the equivalent in black to the track pant/boot leg styles listed above.
- Leggings are not acceptable, including the wear of these under girls Summer dresses.
- Due to Occupational, Health & Safety draw strings must not be worn outside of the clothing and should be tucked in.

DRESSES:

- School-design Summer dress
- School-design Winter A-line tunic (this is a pre-order item required by due date)
- Maroon or black tights may be worn with the A-line tunic if extra warmth is desired.

- No shorts or pants (including “skins and tights”) are to be visible below the hemline of a dress or shorts or skorts.

SOCKS:

- Only plain maroon, black or white socks may be worn.

SHOES:

- Black school shoes or sport shoes which are predominantly black or white.
- Solid practical shoes (lace up or Velcro with covered toes) are to be worn – N.B. Due to Occupational, Health & Safety no thongs, open toed sandals or soft ballet type shoes are to be worn.
- On the days students have Physical Education, Sport or a sport like incursion or excursion, students are required to wear appropriate, supportive and practical sport shoes.

HATS:

- Acceptable sun protective hats are the school design legionnaire and bucket hat style. These are available from the school office as well as our uniform supplier.
- A black beanie with coloured Morang South PS logo.
- Non-uniform plain black or maroon beanie may be worn.

SCARVES:

- Only plain maroon, black or white scarves may be worn.

JACKET/RAINCOAT:

- A maroon soft shell jacket with coloured Morang South PS logo.
- A maroon or black fleece raincoat jacket.

ART SMOCK:

- Parents are required to provide their children with some kind of protective clothing for an art smock.
- Waterproof art smocks can be purchased at the school, local shops and our uniform supplier, or an old thick long sleeve shirt from home would also be ideal.
- Art Smocks will need to be replaced as children grow.

SCHOOL BAGS:

- A maroon backpack style bag with the school logo is recommended. These are ergonomically designed to support young backs and hold all folders and materials required to be carried by our students.

General appearance

It is expected that a neat, tidy appearance is kept and that Morang South Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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.

Breaches of the Student Dress Code are to be managed in a consistent manner with the school's Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy procedures.

Items not bearing a school logo are acceptable only when colour and style are identical to the standard uniform.

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. Sleepers worn in the ears (that a child's finger cannot fit through its' diameter) are acceptable. Rings, necklaces, bracelets, studs or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.

Cosmetics, including skin glitters and removable tattoos may not be worn at school. On special days or events inclusions may be made as indicated by the school notices, e.g. footy day, book week or school concert. Cosmetics such as skin toners used to disguise medical conditions may be approved if supported by the appropriate documentation. (Applications should be made to the Principal). Only clear nail polish is permitted. Students wearing nail polish may be asked to remove it by staff.

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. Coloured hair should be natural in appearance. Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink, blue or purple) or other unnatural coloured hair dyes and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. large spikes or Mohawk cuts) are not permitted. All hair accessories should be selected to conform to the colour scheme (maroon, black, white) as listed in this policy.

School uniform hats are compulsory in Term 1 and the beginning of Term Two (for the entire month of April) and then from the middle of August in Term 3 until the end of Term 4. Hats are also required on any other day prescribed by the school (advanced notice will be given). 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 Standard 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible. The sunglasses remain the responsibility of the student at all times.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from directly from Lowes, Shop 42, Plenty Valley Shopping Centre, 415 McDonalds Road, South Morang or from their website.

<https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/morang-south-primary-school>

Hats, school bags and art smocks are available for purchase from the school office.

Morang South Primary School Parents and Friends Association operate a donation scheme for good quality second hand uniforms, and also operate a second hand uniform store for parents at the school. The second hand uniform store will operate during school time. These times will be published via the Facebook Parent's page, on Compass and on the door of the second hand uniform shop.

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

Morang South Primary School will ensure that this Uniform and Student Dress Code policy is communicated to all families and students through our website and in the enrolment information pack. We will work with families who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where reasonable and possible.

A note of explanation from the parents is required on each occasion the child is not in uniform. If a particular student is regularly out of uniform, the Principal (or delegate) will follow up the matter with the child's parents with a view to enabling the child to conform to the policy. 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 Uniform and Student Dress Code policy on a recurring basis, a note will be provided via the student, or communicated directly to the parents by the classroom teacher. 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.

Actions undertaken by the school in relation to on-going non-compliance will be in accordance with the Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion policy guidelines.

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.
- students require immediate commencement (new student) and a uniform is not accessible in the short term; to be negotiated with the Principal.

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
- consider OHS factors, safety and wellbeing
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

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

Morang South 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 Complaint and Grievances Policy, available on our [school website](#).

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in Compass annual briefings/termly newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- [Morang South Primary School Sunsmart Policy](#)
- [Morang South Primary School Complaints and Grievances Policy](#)
- [Morang South Primary School Student Engagement Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy](#)
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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