

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school administration office.

PURPOSE

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

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

Mirniyan Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are listed in Appendix A of 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
- Studs and sleepers are the only acceptable jewellery
- No make up or nail polish.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st August to 30th April 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 PSW, closest store:

PSW Store
Unit1, 5 Intrepid Street
Berwick, Vic, 3806

Or parents may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/mirniyan-primary-school.html>

Mirniyan Primary will in the future operate a second-hand uniform store for parents.

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 the Business Manager, Sharon Steele, to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mirniyan Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in enrolment packs. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Assistant 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.

Measures taken by Mirniyan 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 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 in writing 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

Mirniyan 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 at [**MPS COMPLAINTSPOLICY.PDF**](#)

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school 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

- Mirniyan Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Mirniyan Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Mirniyan 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](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	5.3.25
Consultation	5.3.25
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	5.3.26

APPENDIX A: MIRNIYAN PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Windcheater

Navy V- neck windcheater with school logo

Jacket

Navy jacket with school logo

Rugby jumper Grade 5 & 6 only

Navy rugby jumper with school logo

Polo shirts

Navy long and short sleeved with school logo.

Scooter Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Pants

Plain, navy-blue track, tracksuit or Gebardine pants without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights

Navy blue or white socks (no logo must be visible)

Navy blue tights

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or all Black Only runners (no other colours) with no brand names. Laces to be plain black

Other sport specific runners may only be worn to PE or Sport lessons, or inter-school sport events and students must be able to tie laces if required.

Mesh Bucket Hat/Beanie

Bucket hat and Beanie Navy with school logo

Rain Jacket

Navy, Other colours may be worn to and from school

Scarf

Navy with school logo or a plain navy may be worn to and from school

Headwear

Navy blue, sky blue, or gold yellow or white, hair ribbons, elastic bands or “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Dresses

Summer blue, gold and white checked dress

Box pleat tunic with sky skivvy

Shorts

Plain navy-blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Hats – to be worn from 1st August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim mesh bucket hat with school logo

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GENERAL	 1118355 S/S Mesh Polo	 1118375 L/S Mesh Polo	 1167615P Bonded Jacket	 1121019 V Neck Windcheater	 1102706 Rugby Jumper	 1111569 Stretch Microfibre Shorts	 1110360 Elastic Waist Shorts	 1110400 Elastic Waist Pants
GENERAL	 1118471 Gebardine Pants	 1110737 Zip Cuff Tracksuit Pants	 1110738 Double Knee Trackpants	 1168016 Summer Dress	 1104002 Box Pleat Tunic	 1101364 Scooter Skort		
ACCESSORIES	 2511050 Crew Sock - 3 Pack	 2511050 Crew Sock - 3 Pack	 2513000 Tights	 1160380 Art Smock	 1100593 Mesh Bucket Hat	 8360396 Scholar Bookbag	 8362220 Trek Junior Backpack	