

Merino Consolidated School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

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Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:



- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To provide a balance between the rights of individual students and the best interests of the whole school community
- Items sold by the school will be at cost

Policy Implementation:

- Students must wear correct school uniform to school, while travelling to and from school, and when they are engaged in school activities out of school hours each day. Exceptions to this will be on days designated as casual or dress up days. Exceptions are granted by the principal.
- Students who have a specific religious, medical or cultural need to wear items different from, or in addition to, the school uniform will be granted an exemption to do so from the principal. It is the responsibility of the parents to contact the principal to request an exemption.
- On designated casual, or themed, clothes days, students are to wear clothing which is in keeping with the standards of appearance of the uniform. Specifically students are not to wear open shoes, singlet tops, brief shorts / skirts, or clothing with offensive slogans/logos.
- Children with hair below shoulder length are to have it tied back at all times.
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Footwear other than uniform shoes are not to be worn to school. Students are encouraged to bring suitable footwear for specific purposes (runners, work boots, football boots) to change into when needed at school.
- Additional clothing worn underneath school uniform, that is visible, must be navy, yellow or white in colour.
- School hats are to be worn at all times when outside during terms 1 & 4. Hats other than the school slouch hat are not acceptable.
- Students are to be encouraged to wear suitable, UV protectant, sunglasses during terms 1 & 4.

- Uniform for sporting events (representing the school) is to be school sports uniform, unless otherwise stated.
- Head bands and ribbons worn in hair must only be gold or navy.
- Children are permitted to wear jewellery but this should be limited to a watch, small earrings (only sleepers or studs) and bangles that are not loose and don't pose a danger to any students.
- Nail polish, if worn, should be of a subtle colour and age appropriate.
- Dresses and skirts are to be worn with appropriate coloured shorts or leggings to maintain modesty during play

Uniform for Students (Regular Items)
➤ Navy polo shirts with gold trim and infill sides with Logo
➤ Navy polo fleece jumper (monogrammed)
➤ Navy Gabardine drill pants
➤ Navy cotton drill shorts or Rugby Knit Shorts
➤ Navy or white socks
➤ Navy slouch hat with Logo
➤ Black shoes or boots
➤ Girls Flexi-waist Skirt
➤ Girls Navy Tights ⁴ to be worn with Winter Skirt
➤ Blue and white check summer dress
➤ Girls Elastic Waist Pant
➤ Headbands/ribbons - navy or gold <u>only</u>
➤ Polar Fleece Beanie with Logo
Optional Items
Navy Walker Dry & Cosy Jacket with Logo
Navy/Gold Jacket (monogrammed)
Tartan Skirt (worn to mid-calf length) Available at Hip Pocket Workwear Mt Gambier. 08 8723 1677

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