

MARSHALL ROAD STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

The code applies during school hours and travelling to and from schools and for co-curricular and extracurricular activities unless otherwise stated.

Rationale:

Our student dress code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school
- fostering a sense of pride and belonging to our school
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences
- fostering cleanliness, good grooming and pride in appearance
- ensuring student safety
- promoting a positive image within the school and broader community
- ensuring equality for all students

Uniform Standards

Uniform is to be worn by students to and from school and at school activities unless otherwise stated.

Dress:	Green and white check. A-line with cap sleeve and zippered front
Culottes/skort/shorts:	Green/Grey - worn with MRSS Polo shirt or blouse.
Shirt:	Green and white check peplum blouse, dress shirt (buttoned shirt) or MRSS Polo Shirt
Socks:	White/Grey
Shoes:	Black closed in shoes (To ensure safety, students without appropriate footwear will not be able to play outside.)
Hat:	Years 1-6 Bottle Green (7cm brim), Prep (Yellow)
Jumper:	Unisex bottle green zip front jacket with MRSS logo.
Winter Slacks:	Bottle Green/Grey
Tights:	Bottle Green

- **Sports uniform:** MRSS Polo shirt in house colour work with grey shorts or green shorts/skorts/shorts. Sports uniform can be worn on whole school assembly day (currently Monday) and to school sporting events such as swimming carnival, cross country and athletics carnivals. Representative teams should wear their school uniform to school and change into their sports uniform during lunch.
- **Hats:** Children must wear a dark green hat with a brim (7 cm) which protects the face and neck when engaging in outdoor activities. This includes walking to and from school and waiting for the bus. “No Hat, No Play”

- **Sunglasses:** The wearing of sunglasses is encouraged but caring for these remain the responsibility of students.
- **Swimming:** When swimming students must wear a rash shirt or t-shirt to protect them from the sun. Students must wear one-piece swim suits.
- **Hair:** Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back for health and safety reasons. If ribbons etc are worn they should be dark/bottle green. Inappropriate hairstyles such as mohawks are not acceptable.
- **Jewellery:** The only jewellery students can wear to school is a watch and no more than two pairs of small sleepers or studs in their ears. No other exposed body piercing is permitted. Stick on tattoos should not be worn to school. *However, medical alert bracelets are permissible.*
- **Graffiti:** students are not to draw on either themselves or on their uniforms.
- **Make-up:** Make-up or fingernail polish is not permitted unless approved for a school performance.

Non-uniform Standards

When a school activity is a non-uniform activity (including free dress days), the following guidelines will apply:

- Clothing must be sun safe and modest. (Short shorts and skirts, singlets tank tops, T-shirts with offensive advertising, cult images, drugs or alcohol or other inappropriate slogans are unacceptable for school wear)
- Students must wear closed in shoes.

Special Circumstances:

- The school, with support from the P & C will have a bank of second-hand clothing which can be made available to students whose families are experiencing difficulty in purchasing the required uniform.
- Students and families may request to adapt the uniform on religious, medical or cultural grounds. This should be done in writing
- For hygiene reasons, the second-hand bank of clothing will not include socks, shoes or hats. Any items issued to students should be returned to the office after laundering.

Strategies to implement the dress code

- The school community is made aware of the dress code through the following communication channels: school assemblies, parent handbook, newsletter and website.

Processes for students who aren't wearing uniform

- Students must bring a note from parents/carers explaining why they are not wearing correct uniform. This note needs to be presented to the office before school and an exemption card will be given for the student for that day or period of time depending on

individual family circumstances. School shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses, if available, will be offered to the student for the day and returned to the office store after laundering.

- Parents of students not wearing uniform and without a note will be contacted to discuss the dress code and possible consequences in order to rectify the situation.
- Students may be denied participation in non-educational activities or withdrawn from situations where student safety could be compromised.
- Students who continue to choose not to follow the dress code or to bring a note will be referred to Admin.