

K-6 SCHOOL DRESS CODE

RATIONALE

Mandurah Primary School has established a Dress Code for the following reasons:

The Mandurah Primary School Community, with endorsement of the Mandurah Primary School Board believes the wearing of school uniform promotes pride and a sense of a school identity.

The school dress code and the wearing of a school uniform K-6 will:

- Assist in building school and team spirit.
- Encourage equity between students by reducing peer pressure.
- Contribute to student safety, comfort and well-being.
- Is a cost effective option for parents.

We aim to:

- Foster and enhance the public image of our school
- Assist in building our school pride and team spirit
- Ensure students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Encourage equity among students, eliminating peer competition about what everyone is wearing at school.
- Prepare students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.
- Provide protection against skin damage from the sun.
- Make students easily identifiable

CONSIDERATION and SUPPORT

- Parents and staff should provide ongoing support and encouragement to children to adhere to the dress code.
- The procedure for children who do not follow the dress code will entail a discussion between the Principal and family on an individual basis.
- There is an expectation that children from Years K-6 will follow the dress code.

GENERAL

- All items should be named
- All hair to be worn neat and off the face – shoulder length hair is to be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Faction T-Shirts can be worn on Fridays and Carnival days
- A Year 6 leaver shirt is available as a memento and can be worn every day provided it is clean and presentable, if not school uniform applies. This will be ordered no later than commencement of school in Term 2. Presentation of the Leavers Shirt will be made before the end of Term 2.
- The Principal approves a variation to the Dress Code to enable religious beliefs to be met.
- The Principal is the final arbiter on what constitutes appropriate dress.



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STUDENTS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE DRESS CODE

Students will be counselled and resolution of their concerns sought. Non-compliance with the dress code where exemptions have not been sought may result in a student being prevented from attending any activity in respect of which the student is representing the school. This includes activities in school or out of school hours, and will include representative teams of participants or spectators in areas of sport, drama, music, excursions, incursions and school social functions.

EXEMPTIONS

The grounds for exemption or modification relate to student health, cultural considerations, religion or any other matter which, in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from dress code requirements.

The exemption must be negotiated with the Principal at the time of enrolment.

Provision for temporary exemptions will be made to accommodate new students and the non-availability of components of dress code items, or where there is significant change to student circumstances. A copy of any exemption record will be provided to the student's parents and teachers, and placed on the student's file.

CHANGES TO THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Changes to the dress requirements will be kept to a minimum. All changes will be carried out in consultation with:

- The School Board
- The Student Leadership Team
- Staff
- Parents

Where to Purchase the uniform from

- All uniform items including school shirts, shorts, skorts, jackets, and hats are available from Hot Klobba.



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Winter and Summer Uniform K-6 – School Board Endorsed. Please note: this is for girls and boys.

- Polo uniform shirt - blue/black, must display the school logo
- Black uniform shorts, skirt or skort (Plain black is acceptable)
- Black uniform tracksuit pants and zip jacket with school logo
- No logos or badging other than school logo and coloured leggings will not be accepted.

** Please select which item is suitable and comfortable for your child.*

Footwear

- Sports shoes – joggers or sneakers
- Closed in shoes
- Socks

Cosmetics/Jewellery/Ear Rings/Body Piercing

- Students are not permitted to wear any make up including nail polish
- No jewellery other than earrings – sleepers or studs
- Other body piercing and decorative jewellery are not permitted
- Watches are encouraged
- Medicare Alert Bracelets will be permitted; please ensure the school is aware at time of enrolment.
- Temporary Tattoos: Students are not permitted to wear visible temporary tattoos.
- School coloured headbands only/ no loud or excessive adornments will be accepted.

Hats

- Black bucket hat with blue brim with school logo
- Black/White cap with school logo
(both hats can be purchased from Hot Klobba)

N.B: A “NO HAT, NO PLAY” policy operates all year round

ENROLMENT

Parents and students will be informed of the Mandurah Primary School dress code at the time of enrolment. **Acceptance of enrolment at this school assumes an agreement between the school, the parent/guardian and the enrolling student, that the student will dress within the guidelines of the school dress code.** Any grounds for exemption should be raised and agreement reached at this time with the school Principal. If the dress code is unacceptable, parents have the right to apply for admission to a school where the dress code reflects their preference.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

Families who may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to seek a solution.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRESS CODE

Parents of students who for religious or health reasons, may wish to modify the school dress code, are required to request either at enrolment or in writing to the Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

The amended policy & procedures confirm that the school board is to develop and regularly review, in consultation with the school community, a dress code that:

- Adheres to State & Federal human rights, anti-discrimination & equal opportunity legislation; and
- Is similar for all students, as far as is practicable, & includes gender neutral options such as shorts & pants.

