



MALLALA PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

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This policy has been created in accordance with Education Regulation 77 on school dress code which provides:

- ❖ the right for the school council to determine and implement a school dress code policy;
- ❖ for enforcement obligations and exemption conditions.

Belief Statement

The Mallala Primary School Governance Council believe, that the wearing of school uniform:

- Supports the school's values
- Promotes pride in our school
- Encourages responsible behaviour
- Enhances our public image
- Promotes a sense of belonging
- Reduces student peer pressure and promotes positive self esteem
- Provides appropriate school clothing for activities and excursions
- Provides student comfort and safety in all weather conditions
- Is economically viable
- Ensures students can be easily identified across the school site and on school excursions, particularly in case of emergencies.

Expectations

It is expected that all students attending Mallala Primary School will dress according to the Mallala Primary School Dress Code Policy.

Dress Code

All students are required to adhere to the correct dress code at all times:

- Commercial logos, and stripes are not acceptable on pants, shorts or tops
- No snap pants (track pants with press studs down length of legs)
- No makeup is to be worn
- Only studs or sleepers may be worn by students with pierced ears (other piercings are not acceptable)
- No nails polish or fake nails
- No fashion jewellery
- Jackets and scarves are not to be worn in class
- Team jackets/uniform for a sport, dance etc. are not to be worn except on the day of competition/event
- No denim

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School Colours

School Colours will be:

- Navy, white and black.
- School emblem will be required on all tops.

Acceptable Clothing

Tops

Tops are to be ordered through Mallala Primary School, as they will be supplied with school emblem embroidered on the left hand side.

Polo shirt – Short Sleeve

Colour – Navy with white inserts

Skivvy or Long Sleeve t-shirt in Navy or White may be worn under school top.

Year 7 students will have the option to wear the designated top/jumper.

Jumpers

Polo fleece or Windcheater – zip-up jacket or jumper Colour – Navy with school emblem

Spray Jackets

Waterproof (with hood if desired)

Colour – Plain Navy preferred

Bottoms

Shorts, trousers, plain track pants, skorts. Colour – Navy (preferred) or Black - **No Denim**

Footwear

Shoes – Covered shoes must be worn unless prior negotiation is held with the Principal. Shoes must be appropriate for usual Primary School activities.

No thongs, slip-ons, high heels, ballet flats or platforms

Tights/Leggings - Ribbed or plain

Colour - Navy/Black

Socks - Any length

Colour – White or Navy

Headwear

Hats - Broadbrim (slouch) or Bucket

Colour – Navy with emblem

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Exemptions

The Principal may exempt students from the dress code upon written request from the parent/guardian/carer.

Grounds on which parents/guardians/carers may seek exemption are:

- Religious or cultural
- Medical reasons supported by a Doctor's Certificate

Application for an exemption from the Dress Code must be made in writing, addressed to the Principal, and will be confidential.

Dress for Casual Days

The following is deemed as appropriate dress for casual days:

- No fashion jewellery (as per this policy)
- A hat must still be worn outside (as per the SunSmart policy)
- Covered footwear
- Clothes should not be revealing or offensive – neckline, shoulders and midriffs covered and no offensive wording or graphics.

Strategies for Dealing with Breaches of Code

Some strategies which may be used for wilful and persistent breaches of the dress code:

- Speak to the student (preferably in private) to encourage him/her to observe the dress code.
- Principal or representative to discuss the issue with the parent.