

Mawson Lakes School

Uniform And Dress Code Policy



The Department for Education, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines provide the following guidance on the school dress code:

- The right for the Governing Council to determine the school's dress code policy;
- Consultation and decision making processes;
- Enforcement obligations;
- Exemption conditions; and
- Review and modification processes.

The Regulations and Administrative Instructions and Guidelines are available on the Education Department website.

1. VISION

- 1.1 Students wear their uniform with pride and have a sense of belonging to the school community
- 1.2 The school has a unique identify
- 1.3 A sense of equity is created for all students
- 1.4 Students observe health, safety and 'decency' standards
- 1.5 Competition for "brand name" and "fad" clothing and the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories is eliminated.

2. ACTION

- 2.1 There will be a school uniform An External Service Provider(ESP) will be contracted to supply our school's uniform and manage daily operations of our uniform shop.
- 2.2 The School colours will be navy and white

- 2.3 The School logo will be used
- 2.4 No specific brand of clothing will be required
- 2.5 A sun-safe hat with MLS logo is required between 1st September and 30th April. The only acceptable hat logo is to be the school logo. In the interests of health and safety, Mawson Lakes School follows the Cancer Council Guidelines.
- 2.6 Sandals or enclosed footwear will qualify as acceptable forms of footwear. (Thongs will not be acceptable)
- 2.7 Items of clothing should ensure student's safety and must not restrict movement or participation in curricula activities
- 2.8 While it is expected that all students will comply with the dress code, parents/caregivers may apply to the principal, in writing, that their child/children be exempted for complying

with the dress code. The grounds on which parents/caregivers may seek exemption are:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- Financial hardship
- Medical reasons that are supported by the families doctor
- Itinerant students
- New students who may need a period of time to purchase the necessary clothing
- Any additional grounds determined by the Governing Council as the need arises

2.9 It is expected that dress code clothing be worn at all times. Any student not wearing the school uniform will be spoken to by a staff member and will be encouraged to wear the uniform. The Principal or nominee will contact Parents/caregivers if a student persistently and wilfully breaches the dress code.

2.10 Any change to the dress code will only be made after consultation with parents and caregivers. Implementation of such changes will occur after the formal notification period of six months.

2.11 In the interests of safety and equality for all students it is recommended that the following items are not worn to school:

- Clothing with large brand names and logos
- Singlet tops and muscle shirts
- Snap pants
- No clothing made from denim fabric, includes denim jeans, three quarter pants or skirts
- Thongs
- High Heeled shoes
- Make-up
- Jewellery except simple studs, sleepers (jewellery that is worn is done so at the students own risk)

2.12 Uniform

- Short sleeve Navy or White polo shirt
- Navy shorts,
- Navy or White socks
- Summer dress (ESP Issue)
- Long sleeve Navy or White polo shirt (UMS Authorised Supplier)
- Short sleeve Navy or White polo shirt
- Rugby Jumper,
- Navy trousers
- Navy tracksuit,
- Navy parachute tracksuit, with logo
- Navy, knitted jumper,
- Navy or White socks
- Pinafore (ESP Issue)
- Skirt (ESP Issue)

2.13 Footwear

- School shoes
- Enclosed sandals
- Sneakers/Joggers

2.14 Headwear

- Legionnaire, bucket or broad brimmed hats

2.15 Mawson Lakes School expects the Principal and Staff to enforce the dress code of the school and to take appropriate action in relation to breaching of the dress code policy

3. REVIEW

Staff and Parents will bring issues to the attention of Senior Staff. Consultation will occur with students, staff and parents. If appropriate, Dress Code guidelines will be revised.

Ratified by Staff on 12th June 2018

Ratified by Governing Council on 19th June 2018

Principal: David Cowles

Governing Council Chair: Andre Stuyt

