Student Dress Code Policy

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact school office on 51271512 or moe.ps.south@education.vic.gov.au.

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Moe (South Street) Primary School requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Moe (South Street) Primary School's, School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance and school.
- support Moe (South Street) Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost-effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours, and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Moe (South Street) Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Navy or White shirt with twin stripes and embroidered school logo.
- Navy shorts/skorts.
- Navy windcheater with twin stripes and embroidered school logo.
- Navy spray jacket with twin stripes and embroidered school logo.
- Navy skivvy to be worn under school polo. (Plain navy- blue without decorations or brand names)
- Navy track pants or pants. (Plain navy-blue pants without decorations or brand names)
- School Dress – Gingham.
- Navy Broad-brimmed or bucket hat with logo.
- Navy blue beanie with school logo. (Winter)

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- Fully enclosed shoes that are appropriate for active participation in sporting activities (no thongs, opened-toed sandals, steel capped boots, or gum boots are permitted)
- Grade 6 only – Polo top and Jacket with student names on the back

All dresses, shorts and skirts need to be at mid-thigh length. (A measure of the correct length - when your arms are down by your side the bottom of the dress/shorts/skirts need to touch the tip of the fingers.)

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Moe (South Street) Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Hats must be free from graffiti
- Tokens (PB4L Roary Tokens) must be on student's uniform only

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Jewellery such as nose rings, pendant earrings, eyebrow bolts, necklaces are not permitted for safety reasons. A finger ring may be worn at the Principal's discretion if it can be demonstrated to have exceptional significance for the child, whilst remaining safe.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Uniform items – outside use only

- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Gloves, jackets or coats may be worn outside at school, however are not permitted to be worn in the classroom.

Hair and Sun Safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

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Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the front office at school. Moe (South Street) Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform stall twice a term for parents which items can be purchased from.

Support for families experiencing difficulty.

Please contact the Principal or Welfare Officer to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: https://www.ssr.net.au/

IMPLEMENTATION

Moe (South Street) Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Newsletter and Compass notifications. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students are expected to wear school uniform each school day.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school. This will occur through our uniform Exchange program. Students with non-compliant uniform items will exchange their clothing for the correct uniform. At the end of each day, students will be able to collect and return the borrowed uniform item.

If a student is out of uniform, a Compass notification will be sent to the parent/carer by the classroom teacher.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a parent/carer will be contacted to discuss the issue. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed, and a further phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Moe (South Street) Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Out of Uniform Days

Out-of-uniform days for will be completed on set days throughout the term/year only after approval from the principal and or School Council. This includes class acknowledgments, class parties or other days as planned by the school.

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The last Friday of every month will be the set day for individual student's to come in out of uniform for any personal acknowledgements. The timing and frequency of these days will be reviewed by the Principal.

When coming out of uniform, children need to wear appropriate clothing for school.

Students are not permitted to wear the following pieces of clothing on an out of uniform day;

- tops that show a child's midriff.
- tops that have thin straps that expose the shoulders.
- shorts/skirts/dresses/skorts must comply with the dress code length.
- Slip on or high heel shoes.
- Gumboots
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At Moe (South Street) Primary School, we prioritize sun safety during all swimming events. To protect participants from harmful UV exposure, all swimmers **must** wear a T-shirt when out of the water. While in the water, swimmers are encouraged to wear a sun-safe rash guard or UV-protective swim shirt for optimal sun protection.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background.
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code.
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request.
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers.
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Moe (South Street) Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code,

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further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available http://www.moe-southst-ps.vic.edu.au/.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website.
- Reminders in our school newsletter.
- Discussed in student forums.
- Included in staff handbook.
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required.
- Included in transition and enrolment packs.
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Moe (South Street) Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Moe (South Street) Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Moe (South Street) Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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