

## Student Dress Code Policy

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Beauty Secondary College's 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 Mount Beauty Secondary College'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
- support Mount Beauty Secondary College'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 from Year 7 to 11 are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities. Year 12 students wear casual clothes that are deemed appropriate by the standards in this policy.

### **Policy:**

#### **Uniform and Appearance**

The full list of Mount Beauty Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

The guidelines for Year 12 casual clothes and casual dress days are available at Appendix B to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mount Beauty Secondary College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments match the school uniform colours of navy blue or white.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

School accepts no responsibility for harm caused by wearing jewellery to school.

Students must remove any items that pose potential health/safety risks for the duration of that particular class.

Any external body decorating/decorations must be suitable for the school environment and students must be able to participate fully in all school experiences and opportunities.

- Jewellery/fake nails/nail polish must be removed for specific classes due to safety issues/health risks
- Nothing should dangle below the jawline for safety
- Cosmetics should be minimal and in natural colours.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

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

School uniform hats, or other school appropriate broad brimmed hats, must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats, or other appropriate broad brimmed hats, may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school or other appropriate broad brimmed hat during outdoor activities and staying in the shade wherever possible. Sunscreen should also be applied when heading outside.

Hats are not to be worn inside. No hats or other head coverings are to be worn inside, unless they are traditional religious/cultural head coverings. Caps are not permitted at any time.

Sunglasses are not to be worn inside. 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 Mount Beauty Hardware and Drapery, Mount Beauty. Mount Beauty Secondary College also has a range of second hand uniform items. Please contact the Office.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Student Safety and Wellbeing Coordinator 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/> HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/"w HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/". HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/"s HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/"sr. HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/"n HYPERLINK "https://www.ssr.net.au/"et.au/

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Mount Beauty Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in year level handbooks. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, contact with home and a Student Support Group meeting will be required to determine the best outcome for the student, family and school.

If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance, however privileges, such as extra-curricular activities may be withdrawn.

Measures taken by Mount Beauty Secondary College 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.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

A combination of negotiation and disciplinary measures will accompany non-compliance. The number of offences accrued will reset to zero at the start of a term. Students not complying with this policy at Mount Beauty Secondary College will be issued with the following consequences:

### **First Offence:**

- In Home Group, or when the student arrives at school, the Home Group or classroom teacher will ask for the non-uniform item to be removed. It will be named with a sticker and the staff member hands it in to the office.
- The staff member monitoring removal will note the instance in Compass (Minor Behaviour – Uniform).
- Student to collect at the end of the school day.

### **Second Offence:**

- In Home Group, or when the student arrives at school, the Home Group or classroom teacher will ask for the non-uniform item to be removed. It will be named with a sticker and the staff member hands it in to the office.
- The staff member monitoring removal will note the instance in Compass (Minor Behaviour – Uniform).
- Student to collect at the end of the school day.
- Year Level Coordinator to email home that day through Compass (Minor Behaviour – Uniform, Communications tab).

### **Third Offence:**

- In Home Group, or when the student arrives at school, the Home Group or classroom teacher will ask for the non-uniform item to be removed. It will be named with a sticker and the staff member hands it in to the office.
- The staff member monitoring removal will note the instance in Compass (Minor Behaviour – Uniform).
- Student to collect at the end of the school day.
- Year Level Coordinator to contact home that day (preferably a phone call) to organise a Student Support Group meeting to investigate reasons and offer support to enable compliance.

### **Continuous Offence:**

- In-School suspension/detention.
- Further Student Support Group meetings with a parent/carer for the most positive outcome for the student.
- Significant non-compliance may result in external suspension (for consistently behaving in an unproductive manner that interferes with the wellbeing, safety or educational opportunities of any other student).
- Significant non-compliance will see privileges withdrawn, such as extra-curricular opportunities, until the non-compliance ends.

## **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

Mount Beauty Secondary College 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, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

### COMMUNICATION

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

### Related Policies and Resources:

- Mount Beauty Secondary College Sunsmart Policy
- Mount Beauty Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Mount Beauty Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Enga HYPERLINK](#)  
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["https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-engagement/policy"](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-engagement/policy)ement policies and guidelines.

### Policy review and approval:

Policy last reviewed	This policy was last updated August 2023
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **UNIFORM LIST**

Mount Beauty Hardware and Drapery are the only stockist of the MBSC uniform and are a great local option when purchasing new uniform items. **\*Prices are approximate and are subject to change\* Updated January 2023.**

#### **OUTER LAYERS**

Polar Fleece Top	Plain navy polar fleece with school logo	\$42
Rain Jacket (optional)	Navy with fleece lining with school logo	\$60 all sizes
Crew Neck Jumper	Cotton Fleecy	\$40

#### **Shirt**

Polo Top, short sleeves	Navy blue, collared polo, button up shirt, short sleeves with school logo	\$19.95
T-Shirt/Long sleeved t-shirt	Any t-shirt visible under school shirt must be plain white or navy blue	

#### **Pants/Slacks**

Long Pants	Navy, plain, no cargo pockets (no jeans)	\$24.95-\$39.95
Shorts	Navy, plain, no cargo pockets	\$19.95-\$34.95

#### **Dress/Skirt**

Traditional School Dress	*Appropriate length for school wear	\$55-\$58
Woollen Tartan Skirt	Either full length or knee length	\$55-\$95
Summer Skirt (Dress Material)	*Appropriate length for school wear (pleated or straight)	\$48
Black or Navy Tights Navy leggings	Subject to availability	\$13.95 (tights)

#### **Shoes**

Plain black leather shoes/boots	\$39-\$59
Plain black, sneaker style (no white trim or visible logos)	
Plain black/dark brown sandals – with heel strap	

#### **Physical Education and Sports Uniform**

Sports Shirt	White with school logo	\$21.50
Sports Shorts (Mesh)	Navy	\$16.95
Sports Shorts (New)	Navy	\$30 Approx*

#### **Socks**

White, navy, or black. Any logos must be white/black only and not cover more than a quarter of the sock (ie. the majority of the sock should be the main sock colour).	\$3.50-\$14.95
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#### **Belt (optional)**

Plain white or navy. No studs

#### **Bucket Hat (optional)**

ensuring sun safety in Terms 1 & 4.	Navy with school logo NB: Students can wear any school appropriate broad brimmed hat ensuring sun safety during Terms 1 & 4.	\$3.50-\$14.95
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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Year 12 Clothing Code and Casual Dress Days Guidelines:**

Clothing expectations of Year 12 students and for all other students on Casual Dress Days include:

- Students will attend school dressed neatly and cleanly
- Clothing with adult themed icons (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sex), offensive slogans or messages is not acceptable
- Student footwear must sufficiently protect the student's foot. Students are not permitted to wear thongs or shoes without a heel strap
- Open-toed sandals are, for safety reasons, not appropriate in some classes e.g. Technology and Science
- Shoulders must be covered; singlets, including basketball, sleeveless football jumpers, or narrow strapped tops are not acceptable
- Short shorts, dresses or skirts are not acceptable (must not be shorter than fingertip length when arms are stretched and on thighs)
- Leggings/ exercise tights must not be worn without a skirt or shorts. A long jumper or windcheater is not an acceptable substitute
- Exposed midriffs or underwear are not acceptable
- Plunging necklines or 'see through' materials are not acceptable
- All jewellery must be unobtrusive and meet the Student Dress Code Policy
- Students must conform to the College's rules relating to hats; broad brimmed in Terms 1 and 4. No hats are to be worn inside the buildings. Caps are not acceptable
- Students representing the College at interschool sporting events will be required to wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the event. This may include team uniform
- Students judged to be inappropriately dressed will be asked to go home and return in suitable attire. Where this cannot occur, the student will be appropriately attired from the College's uniform stocks.