



# Mulga Street Primary School

## Uniform Policy

A school uniform/dress code policy is in place at Mulga Street Primary School in an effort to improve student safety, relieve peer pressure and provide economical certainty for parents in the purchase of school approved clothing items. Uniforms play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community. It is also a mechanism to support and build school morale, respect and a deeper sense of belonging.

### **Dress Code – Acceptable items of Clothing**

At Mulga Street Primary School students are expected to wear either a red polo shirt or the approved polo T-shirt and a blue windcheater, these are available for purchase from the front office.

Navy or dark (blue or black) pants/shorts/skirts are to be worn. Navy tights may be worn under school dresses or skirts.

Blue/white checked dresses are also permitted (these can be purchased from Big W, Kmart, Best and Less, etc).

A school jacket can be purchased from Mount Gambier Safety Supplies, alternatively, students are able to wear a plain navy blue jacket.

A blue bucket hat will be required to be worn by all students during outdoor activities in Terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from the front office.

Clothing must meet acceptable community standards of neatness and decency e.g. tank tops, crop tops are not appropriate.

Year 6 students, with teachers' involvement, may wear their school designed windcheater in school colours.

### **Dress Code Exclusions**

The following items are not part of the approved school uniform/dress code at Mulga Street Primary School and as such, cannot be worn by students:

- Brightly dyed hair (students are permitted to use 'spray on wash out' colour in their hair for Sports Day and identified whole school events)
- Tank tops, Crop tops
- Shorts must be ½ way down to the knee
- Make up including painted or false nails
- Jewellery except for small sleepers or studs in the ears only
- Wallet chains or large belt buckles
- Hooded jumpers
- Preferably head bands and hair ties are to be in the school colour of blue or red.
- SAPSASA jumpers

### **Approved School Colours**

At our school the approved school colours are navy blue and red. Clothing items must be solid in colour. Patterned, striped or dotted designs are not part of the school uniform.



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### Footwear

Closed shoes or runners are acceptable for most school activities. School – type sandals (enclosed around the toe area and a strap around the ankle) are also approved as suitable at Mulga Street Primary School.

Thongs and open slip on style footwear are not approved as they pose a significant safety risk to students.

### Instances of Non-Compliance

Students who choose not to comply with the Mulga Street Primary School dress code will be asked to remove the non-complying item of clothing and replace it/them with an approved item of clothing provided (where available) by front office staff.

Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately under supervision by front office staff.

With discretion, the school principal may follow the procedures outlined by the Department for Education Dress Code to address instances of non-compliance with the approved dress code of the school. These may include:

- Posting a standard letter home to parents requesting compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Telephoning the parent/s to request compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Seeking the support of the Education Director aligned to the school

### Exemptions

Parents may request that the child is granted an exemption from wearing school uniform. All requests must be made in writing to the Principal. It is unlikely that an exemption on the grounds of financial hardship will be granted because a supply of good quality second hand clothing items will also be able for purchase from the Mulga Street Hub.

Exemptions may be granted on the following grounds:

- ❖ Religious
- ❖ Cultural or ethnic
- ❖ New Student (time to purchase)
- ❖ Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- ❖ Sensory issues
- ❖ Any other grounds Governing Council may determine.

### Other information for parents

It is strongly recommended all uniform items and clearly labelled with the student's name.

School Bags – are available from the Front Office (optional)

SAPSASA - Jumpers purchased by families may be worn on Fridays to recognise student accomplishment in their chosen sporting endeavours.