



## Modbury West School Uniform Policy

### Guiding Principles:

At Modbury West School we believe that the wearing of school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, safety and unity in our school. Wearing of uniforms enhances our public image, reduces peer pressure and encourages appropriate clothing for school activities. Equality is fostered by a policy common to all students.

Our uniform policy is in accord with the dress code guidelines and policy for public schools under the Education Act and is endorsed by the School's Governing Council, the Principal and the school community. Issues of health, safety, equity and expense have been considered when developing these guidelines.

### Expectations at school:

**It is expected that all students will wear the school uniform.**

### The Uniform

- All tops are to be *plain* red or navy blue. T-shirts to be collared for sun protection.
- All pants, shorts and skirts to be *plain* navy blue at a minimum of mid-thigh in length.
- Shoes and socks are to be plain coloured black, blue or white.
- Any items sold through the Uniform Shop with the school logo
- Hair beyond shoulder length needs to be tied back.
- All accessories (e.g. hair ties) to be plain red or navy blue.
- Additional items may include scarves that are either red or blue.
- Hats to be navy blue and broad brimmed.

### Unacceptable Attire

- Footwear which is unsafe for physical activity or does not provide adequate support e.g., thongs, large boots.
- Clothing and accessories which are "loud" or with logos or designs.
- Make up, nail polish, false nails and eyelashes.
- Jeans.
- Strappy or sleeveless tops.
- All jewellery other than studs or sleepers (in ears).
- Bare midriffs.

## Hats

- For the whole school year students are required to wear a navy blue broad brimmed hat, ideally purchased from the uniform shop, that gives good cover to the face, neck and ears whenever they are outdoors. This includes recess breaks, lunch breaks and whilst undertaking fitness, PE lessons, sports trainings and matches.
- Hats must have no cuts or graffiti on them.
- For safety hats must not have an under chin strap or cord
- Students who do not have a hat need to play under designated sheltered areas – verandas, gazebo and areas protected with shade cloth.
- Students who refuse to stay in designated areas will be given a yard time-out.

## Year 6 Students / SAPSASA Sport

- Year 6 students will be permitted and encouraged to wear their seniors jumpers which will be in keeping with school uniform colours.
- Students who are selected into SAPSASA district representation teams and receive a district jumper will be permitted to wear this for a period of 2 weeks following the event.

## Casual Days

- Students may wear casual clothing of various colours that is in keeping with the school's SunSmart policy and does not have any offensive logos or images.

## Exemptions

- The Principal may exempt students from wearing the school uniform upon written request from a parent or caregiver on cultural, medical or religious grounds.

## Implementation

- Parents are expected to support the school in ensuring their child arrives at school in the correct uniform. In the event of a student arriving to school, not in full uniform, a teacher or any other staff member will provide a verbal reminder of our policy and present the student with a 'Uniform Notice' to be sent home.
- Students who receive 3 uniform notices in a term will be asked to change into a provided uniform if they attend in the incorrect uniform.
- Exceptional Circumstances: The school recognises that occasionally, due to family reasons a child may come to school out of uniform. On these occasions parents should provide a note to the class teacher. The Principal may also approve special occasions where uniforms are not required to be worn.

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