



# MALVERN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### GENERAL MANAGEMENT & ORGANISATION

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

School Uniform at Malvern Valley Primary School is compulsory.

#### RATIONALE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy. It is not the intention of the Uniform Policy to prevent students expressing their individuality.

#### AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students and to discourage peer pressure.
- To maintain the health and safety of students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To enable students the opportunity to express their individuality, within the guidelines of the Uniform Policy.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

##### Organisation

- 1.1 School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- 1.2 The Dress Codes apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- 1.3 All staff members are expected to enforce the dress code and follow through any non-compliance procedures as necessary.
- 1.4 Summer, winter and sports uniforms will be prescribed and must be worn.
- 1.5 The student Dress Code, including detail of uniform will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year. This information will also be made available on the school's website at: <http://mvps.vic.edu.au/parents-community/school-uniform/>
- 1.6 School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 1.7 School uniform may be purchased from Surrey Clothing. Orders placed via online store (<http://www.surreyonline.com.au>) will be delivered to school.
- 1.8 The school will provide the opportunity to purchase 'pre-loved' uniform items.
- 1.9 Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State School Relief for families experiencing financial hardship.
- 1.10 Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or financial hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- 1.11 The Principal and School Council committee will review the uniform as required or directed by the school council.

##### Dress Code

- 2.1 The uniform should be presented in a clean and professional manner at all times. Holes should be patched with matching material.
- 2.2 Black school shoes are to be worn with summer and winter uniforms. Shoes may be 'traditional style' or 'runner style' however they must be 100% black and free from different coloured logos/branding.

- 2.3 Grade 4, 5 and 6 students can wear runners and white socks with their sport uniform, only on days of Physical Education lessons, Interschool Sport days for Grade 5/6s or other sports activities that have been deemed acceptable by their classroom teachers. Students of grades Prep-3 may wear runners for Physical Education days. If students require runners for other events throughout the day, they must be changed into, not worn all day.
- 2.4 The only acceptable hat is a Sunsmart hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside only in terms 1 and 4 and must be free from decorative writing.
- 2.5 Red beanies can be worn outside in winter months as a substitute to a hat.
- 2.6 Grey tights may be worn under the girl's tunic as a part of the winter uniform.
- 2.7 Tights of other colours may be worn but must not be visible under the uniform.
- 2.8 Undergarments or compression garments may be worn and visible however must be the same colour of the uniform worn and free from logos/branding. For example, in winter a student can wear a white long sleeved undergarment under the short sleeved sport uniform t-shirt for additional warmth.
- 2.9 If an additional jacket or external layer is required, it must be worn over the uniform bomber jacket, not as a replacement and must only be worn outdoors.
- 2.10 Stud earrings or sleepers are the only permissible earrings and must only be worn in the ears.
- 2.11 Watches are acceptable.
- 2.12 Jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets or any other items are not permitted as they provide a catch or tangle hazard. Should special consideration be sought, the children's parents must write a letter to the Principal.
- 2.13 Extreme hair colours (eg. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg. spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted, unless as part of a school event (eg. House colours at Carnivals, Whacky Hair Day Fundraisers, etc.).
- 2.14 Hair below the shoulder must be tied back off the face.
- 2.15 Headbands and hair ties must be black, red, white or grey.
- 2.16 Cosmetics, including nail polish, are not to be worn at school.

### **Non-compliance**

- 3.1 Students will be warned and instructed to remove any accessory that does not comply with the Dress Code. Should it be inappropriate for the item to be removed at school, it must be before the next school day.
- 3.2 Should the item be worn consecutive days, the classroom teacher will attempt to contact the parents of the student in person, by calling or writing a note in the student's diary.
- 3.3 Students who continue to be non-compliant with the Dress Code will have a letter sent home to their parents by the class teacher (Appendix 2).
- 3.4 If non-compliance continues, students will be either required to change into spare uniform items that are located in Sick Bay (these items must be washed and returned by parents) or to miss a portion of their play time, at the teachers discretion.
- 3.5 Should it be required, parents may need to be contacted directly and a meeting with the classroom teacher and Principal established.

### **APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1: School Uniform List
- Appendix 2: Non-compliance note

### **LINKS**

Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

**RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 2015**

**TO BE REVIEWED: 2018**

## Appendix 1

### Malvern Valley Primary School Uniform List

#### Winter: All Grades

- Red long sleeve Polo with school logo
- Grey pants
- Red polar fleece vest
- Bomber jacket with school logo
- Grey tunic
- Grey tights / socks
- 100% black school shoes

#### Summer: All Grades

- Red short sleeve polo with school logo
- Grey shorts
- Red polar fleece vest
- Bomber jacket with school logo
- Red check gingham dress
- Red slouch hat
- Grey socks
- 100% Black school shoes

**Sports:** Grades 4-6 (Permissible only on Physical Education days and sports days nominated by class teachers)

- Red knit shorts or red tracksuit pants
- White short sleeve polo with school logo
- White socks
- Runners

#### Accessories

- Red, black, white or grey hair bands and ties
- Red school bag with school logo
- Art smock

#### Grade 6

- Grade 6 T-shirt can be worn at any time with summer, winter and sports uniform

## Appendix 2

### Non Compliance Note



## Malvern Valley Primary School

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Principal: Gaylene Fehlberg

Dear Parent(s),

Malvern Valley Primary School's Uniform Policy forms an integral part of the school's operation. There are many reasons for its implementation, such as the health and safety and equality of students and minimising the expense imposed upon parents.

It has been noted that **(student's name)** is currently not complying with the school's dress code as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Specifically, point **(insert aspect of non-compliance here)**.

Should there be any reasons which inhibit your child's ability to comply with this aspect of the school's dress code, please place these in writing addressed to the Principal, or organise a time to meet with the Principal to discuss the matter further.

Kind regards,

**(class teacher name and signature)**