



STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Malvern Valley Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

The dress code has been developed by Malvern Valley Primary School's School Council 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 Malvern Valley Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- maintain and enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- provide a recognisable uniform that provides a form of student safety and group security when students are attending school organised off site activities or events (eg. excursions).

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

The full list of Malvern Valley Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Malvern Valley 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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- 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
- Grade 3 - 6 students can wear runners and white socks with their sports uniform, only on days of Physical Education lessons, Interschool Sports days or other sports activities that have been deemed acceptable by their classroom teachers
- Red beanies can be worn outside in winter months as a substitute for a hat
- Undergarments or compression garments may be worn with the sports uniform 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 sports uniform t-shirt for additional warmth.

- If an additional jacket or external layer is required, students can wear the sport/rain jacket over the uniform bomber jacket, not as a replacement.
- Grade 6 students are permitted to wear their Grade 6 rugby jumper as part of their uniform all days.

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. Should special consideration be sought, the children's parents must write a letter to the Principal.

Cosmetics, including coloured nail polish, cannot be worn at school.

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. Headbands and hair ties must be black, red, white or grey.

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.).

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 and on any other day where the UV index is above 3, as per the SunSmart Policy prescribed by the school. School uniform hats can be worn on any days.

Hats cannot be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

School uniform items may be purchased from Surrey Clothing. Orders placed via the online store (<http://www.surreyonline.com.au>) will be delivered to the school.

Malvern Valley Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform shop in the Canteen during school hours. Items are \$5.00 each.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Any parents experiencing difficulty are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss support that may be able to be provided 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

Malvern Valley Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and enrolment packs.

Non-compliance

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be warned and instructed to remove any accessory that does not comply with the School Student Dress Code. Should it be inappropriate for the item to be removed at school, it must be before the next school day.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the School Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher (See

Appendix B). If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and they will contact the student's parents. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

If non-compliance continues, students will either:

- be required to change into spare uniform items that are located in First Aid (these items must be washed and returned by parents); or,
- to miss a portion of their playtime, at the teacher's discretion.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

There may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally. Students and their parents or carers may apply in person or in writing 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 disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code and the school is unable to provide sufficient support.

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.

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

Malvern Valley 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, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Malvern Valley Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Malvern Valley Primary School Complaint Policy
- Malvern Valley 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 19th August 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2023.

Appendix A

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
- Red MVPS Sport / Rain Jacket
- 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 MVPS Sport / Rain Jacket
- Red check gingham dress
- Red SunSmart hat
- Grey socks
- 100% Black school shoes

Sports: Grades 3 - 6: Permissible only on Physical Education days and days nominated by class teachers)

- Red sports shorts, skort or red tracksuit pants
- MVPS Sports Polo Shirt
- Red MVPS Sport / Rain Jacket
- White socks
- Runners

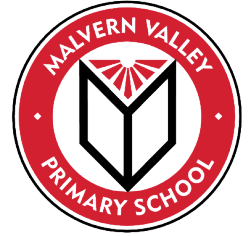
Accessories

- Red, black, white or grey hair bands and ties
- Red school bag with school logo
- Art smock
- House Colour T-shirt/accessories

Grade 6

- Grade 6 Garment

Appendix B



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INFORMATION

UNIFORM NON-COMPLIANCE

Dear Parent(s),

Malvern Valley Primary School's Dress Code 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 xxxx is currently not complying with the school's dress code as outlined in the Dress Code Policy. Specifically, he/she is often wearing a non-school uniform jacket/jumper.

Uniform items can be purchased online or in person from Surrey Clothing, or for \$5 an item from the school's Second Hand Uniform Shop in the Canteen.

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.

If xxx continues to arrive at school out of uniform, he/she will be asked to change into a spare uniform item for the day, as per our policy.

Kind regards,

(class teacher name and signature)