



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, instills 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. The dress code is not gender-specific.
- 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.
- 1.6 School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code.
- 1.7 School uniform may be purchased from Surrey Clothing. Orders placed via the online store (<http://www.surreyonline.com.au>) will be delivered to the 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 are entitled and encouraged to apply for exemptions either in writing to the Principal or in cases where this is not possible, in person.

1.11 The Principal and School Council will review the uniform as required.

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 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. 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. It must be worn in accordance with the SunSmart Policy and be free from decorative writing.
- 2.5 Red beanies can be worn outside in winter months as a substitute for a hat.
- 2.6 Girls can wear grey tights under their tunic as 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 sports uniform t-shirt for additional warmth.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 Grade 6 students are permitted to wear their Grade 6 garment on days all days where regular dress code applies (ie. not sports days)
- 2.11 Stud earrings or sleepers are the only permissible earrings and must only be worn in the ears.
- 2.12 Jewellery (for example, necklaces, bracelets or any other items) is 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. Watches are acceptable.
- 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, must not 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, 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 playtime, at the teacher's 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: 2017

TO BE REVIEWED: 2020

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
- 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

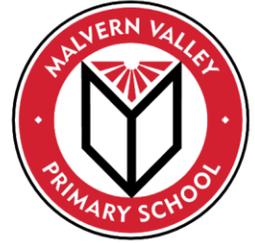
Accessories

- 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 2



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INFORMATION

UNIFORM NON-COMPLIANCE

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 Jack is currently not complying with the school's dress code as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Specifically, he 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 Jack continues to arrive at school out of uniform, he will be asked to change into a spare school jacket for the day, as per our policy.

Kind regards,

(class teacher name and signature)