



# MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Student Uniform Dress Code Policy

### Help for non-English speakers



If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Mirboo North Primary School on (03) 5668 1375 or email [mirboo.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mirboo.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### PURPOSE

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

This dress code has been developed by Mirboo North Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community 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 Mirboo North Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

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, and during school hours. When representing the school, students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code and may be provided with representative clothing of the occasion.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Mirboo North Primary School has a gender neutral uniform OR Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

Mirboo North Primary School has a compulsory school uniform that is easy to wear and serviceable.

Our approved uniform consists of:

- Red Polo Shirt
- Navy blue tracksuit pants, leggings, shorts, skirts or skorts
- Navy blue fleece zip jacket or windcheater (**no hoodies during school hours**)
- Blue and White Gingham Dress

- School approved wide brimmed hats in Term 1 and 4
- Sensible Shoes – Predominantly black or white (no open toed shoes)

Optional:

- School beanie
- Winter jacket

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mirboo North 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

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

School polo's, windcheaters, winter jackets, beanies and zip jackets, with embroidered logos are available from the school office to purchase.

Hats are compulsory in Term 1 & Term 4 as part of our [Sunsmart Policy](#). These can be purchased at cost from the school office. Iron-on school logos can also be purchased from the school office.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide 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**

Mirboo North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and School Handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, families will be notified. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

### **EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person 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 particular disability or health condition that requires a exemption from the dress code

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student, parents/carers and teachers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not approved, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

### **CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Mirboo North 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 [Parent Complaint Policy](#)

### **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Mirboo North Primary School's [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Mirboo North Primary School's [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Mirboo North Primary School's [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

**This Policy was adopted and ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Mirboo North Primary School**

**On 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

**Signed: Veronica Halliday**  
**School Council President**

**Signed: Matthew Snell**  
**Principal**

**Next Review \_\_\_\_\_ June 2026 \_\_\_\_\_**

## APPENDIX A: MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

UNIFORM ITEMS
Red short sleeve polo with school logo * Plain navy shorts or track pants without decoration or retail brand name* Navy polar fleece, Zip jacket or windcheater with school logo* <b>(No hoodies during school hours)</b> Navy broadbrim hat in terms 1 and 4* Navy blue Softshell jacket with school logo* Navy beanie with school logo*
SPECIAL UNIFORM ORDERS
Red long sleeve Polo with school logo* Blue and White checked dress Navy Skorts
FOOTWEAR
Appropriate footwear is to be worn including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closed-toe sandals</li><li>• black school shoes</li><li>• pull on school boots</li><li>• runners</li></ul> No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

\*These items are available from Mirboo North Primary School Office. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.