



# Montmorency South Primary School

*Together we Learn, Lead and Achieve*

## Student Dress Code



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school on 94396201 or [Montmorency.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Montmorency.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### PURPOSE

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

This dress code has been developed by MSPS'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 MSPS'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; and
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

### 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

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must ensure uniforms are in good repair, with all items clearly marked with the owner's name.

#### **MSPS uniform items**

The full list of MSPS's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

These items may not be replaced with generic or alternative items, with the exception being now discontinued school-labelled items (so long as these are in good repair) and named generic alternatives (see next section).

## Generic items

The following items may be purchased from generic providers. Parents are encouraged to ensure these items are consistent with the school colour palette as listed in Appendix A (navy blue, jade, white) and avoid non-MSPS logos or prints:

- shorts, pants, long-sleeve undershirts for warmth
- skorts (navy blue) – note uniform option below
- Hair accessories, socks
- Bucket or sun safe hats (navy) – note uniform option below
- Polar fleece (navy) – note uniform option below

The principal retains discretion to request removal of items that may be perceived as inappropriate or offensive.

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Students who participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program are required to have their hair tied back.

Jewellery, non-natural nails, nail polish and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted. Studs and sleepers are highly recommended.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1 September to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Spartan School World on Main Road, Lower Plenty (see school website).

P&F also operates a second-hand uniform pop-up store for parents, please ask at Reception for details.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## IMPLEMENTATION

MSPS will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, the parent information book and the school's newsletter. 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, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. 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.

Measures taken by MSPS to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 departure from the dress code; or
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial hardship that prevents them from complying with 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 and/or their parents/carers; and
- 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 allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

MSPS 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*, available on our school website.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in the Parent Information Booklet
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- MSPS Sunsmart Policy
- MSPS Parent Complaint Policy
- MSPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2024
Consultation	School Council Education sub-committee School Community- 20.11.24 Student Leadership groups: PALs and SALs
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	December 2028

## APPENDIX A: MSPS UNIFORM ITEMS

### All year round

The following uniform shop items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform. All other items not listed on this list must match the MSPS colour palette of navy blue, jade or white.



## MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Effective 1/5/24 - 28/2/25



Item	Code	Colour	Size	Price
Summer Dress	DRS04TCG	SPA5024 Check Navy/Jade	Child	\$ 42.75
			Adult	
Winter Tunic	TUN02TRC	TR6007 Check Navy/Jade	Child	\$ 46.55
Winter Skirt	461.SKT02TRC TR6007	TR6007 Check Navy/Jade	Child 4 to 10	\$ 43.70
			Child 12 to 16	\$ 47.50
Short Sleeve Panel Polo	461.POL08TCS	Jade/Navy/White	Child	\$ 30.40
			Adult	
Long Sleeve Panel Polo	461.POL12TCS	Jade/Navy/White	Child	\$ 32.30
			Adult	\$ 34.20
Sport Shirt	461.SUBPOLO	Navy/Green	Child	\$ 39.90
			Adult	\$ 41.80
Bomber Jacket	461.JKT02TCS	Navy/Jade	Child	\$ 39.90
			Adult	\$ 41.80
Hoodie	461.WCH03TCC	Navy/Jade	Child	\$ 39.90
			Adult	\$ 41.80
Polar Fleece Jacket	461.JKT04PFP	Navy	Child	\$ 38.00
Polar Fleece Vest	461.VES01PFP	Navy	Child	\$ 32.30
			Adult	\$ 34.20
Skort	RHSOR07TRP	Navy	Child	\$ 25.00
Jersey Short	RHSOR01TCP	Navy	Child	\$ 22.00
			Adult	\$ 24.00
Active Stretch Pant	RHACTPANT	Navy	Child	\$ 31.00
Double Knee Track Pant Straight Leg	RHTRP04TCP	Navy	Child	\$ 29.00
Double Knee Track Pant w/ Cuff	RHTRP02TCP	Navy	Child	\$ 29.00
Art Smock	RHARTSMOCK	Red or Royal	S, M, L	\$ 21.00
Winter Beanie	461.ACBEANIE	Navy	One Size	\$ 11.40
Legionnaire Hat	461.LEGHAT	Navy	One Size	\$ 10.45
Bucket Hat	461.BUCHATADJ	Navy	S/M, L/XL	\$ 10.45
Surf Hat	461.SURFHAT	Navy	S, M, L, XL	\$ 14.75
Active Pak School Bag	461.HB2-8709	Navy	25 Litre	\$ 42.75
Library Bag	RHB229BSACK	Assorted Colours	One Size	\$ 9.00
Reader Bag	461.LIBFOLIO	Navy	One Size	\$ 11.40
Swimming Duffle Bag	461.DUFFLE	Navy	One Size	\$ 14.25