



# Student Uniform Policy

This Uniform Policy has been endorsed by the Mooloolah State School P&C and we seek support from parents and caregivers to ensure students are dressed every day in full school uniform.

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## PURPOSE

The wearing of the school uniform is essential to foster a sense of school pride. It is the school's expectation that all students wear the full school uniform while attending school, this is agreed to by student and parent on our enrolment forms.

Mooloolah State School is a Sun Safe school. This dress code is based on protection and safety. School leaders, Sports Leaders and Student Representative Council members are required to wear the uniform daily as they uphold the standard expected by the entire student body.

All of our school uniform items are sold through the P&C in our uniform shop. Our Uniform Shop is run by volunteers. An appointment may be made to visit the shop at a mutually convenient time if required outside normal opening times. For any uniform enquiries please contact our P&C via [pandc@mooloolahss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@mooloolahss.eq.edu.au) or the P&C's parent Facebook page.

Wearing of a school uniform contributes to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Enabling ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging, and encouraging students to take pride in their school and their appearance
- Incorporating sun safe clothing guidelines
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school

Mooloolah's uniform consists of a unisex polo with navy bottoms. Shorts, skorts and skirts must be of acceptable length and quality. Sports shorts or athletic wear are not appropriate attire for school.

Students are required to wear the prescribed uniform, including hat, when they leave the school grounds for excursions. Students going on a camp or an extended excursion are exempt from this requirement. However, the uniform may be required at a time within the camp or excursion timeframe. This will be communicated to students and carers prior to the excursion.

At Mooloolah State School, we pride ourselves on being inclusive whilst cultivating a sense of belonging. If your child requires adjustments to the uniform policy to support their engagement, please feel free to discuss with our Principal and Head of Special Education Services (HOSES).

## STUDENT APPEARANCE

While wearing their uniform, students are representing the school and its' values. Students are always expected to behave appropriately while in school uniform. Jewellery permitted includes a watch, sleepers/studs in ears, health and religious medallions or bracelets. Other items of adornment including necklaces, anklets, tattoos, drawings, writing and skin dye are not permitted except on school approved events.

### SHIRT

Unisex polo in school colours with identifiable school logo can be purchased from our Uniform Shop. It is expected that students wear the school shirt at all times while attending school.

Our Year 6 cohort has the opportunity to purchase a 'Year 6' designed shirt at the start of the year and are able to wear this shirt at any time.

### SHORTS SKORTS OR SKIRTS

MSS branded shorts and skorts are available in our uniform shop. Plain navy shorts, skorts or skirts are acceptable. When wearing skirts, it is preferable that students wear undergarments to provide a modest coverage. Shorts, skorts and skirts must be of an acceptable length and clearly visible under the bottom hem of the school polo. No athletic/leisure shorts or bike pants are to be worn for normal school days.

### HATS

Hats are compulsory when playing outside and travelling to and from school. We are a sun-safe school. and require the wearing of a blue or navy broad brimmed hat – no caps or sun visors. A reversible school/sports house coloured broad brimmed hat is available at our school's Uniform shop. Our hat policy applies to all school activities, including free dress days.

### SHOES & SOCKS

Closed-in white or black well fitted footwear (athletic type preferred) with white or black socks are required at all times. It is preferable that students wear shoes that they can independently remove and put back on, so for students in the lower years it may be more suitable to wear athletic type shoes with Velcro closing.

A teacher may authorise removal of shoes/socks for certain activities. Students without the appropriate footwear will be required to be seated during the lunch breaks in covered area. Students presenting with thongs, crocs, boots or other inappropriate footwear may be excluded from some school activities. Our shoe policy applies to all school activities, including free dress days.

## WINTER APPAREL

A school logo branded zip jacket is available in our uniform shop. Other than our branded zip jacket a plain navy, V-neck jumper or zip jacket, may be sourced from an external retailer. **Strictly no hoodies.** Undershirts and vests are acceptable in school colours of navy, royal blue or black. Plain navy tracksuit pants preferred, navy leggings are permitted but must be worn underneath shorts, skorts or skirt. No jeans. Please choose outerwear with no pattern, logos or slogans.

## SPORTS

We do not have a specific sports uniform at Mooloolah State School. Students can reverse the school hat to show their house colours. At our school sports carnivals, (swimming, cross-country and athletics), students may wear sun-safe clothing to match their sports house. Coloured shirts with house names are available from the uniform shop.

Our sports houses are

Maddock – light Blue	Rungert - Red	Westaway - Green
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For districts sports opportunities where the student is representing our school, we can supply a school team shirt for the event. After the event, please ensure the shirt is laundered and returned to school.

## NAIL POLISH

Fingernails are to be kept trimmed and neat and tidy at home, as a guide fingernails should not be seen from the underside of the finger. Acrylic/fake nails, bright nail polish or other nail accessories are not to be worn to school.

## MAKEUP

The wearing of make-up in any form by students is not permitted at school. Uncoloured lip balm is permitted.

## HAIR

Should be neatly groomed and of natural colour. Hair should be kept away from the face and eyes as to not impact learning. During some sporting or other activities hair must be secured as to not pose a safety hazard. Preferably, hair accessories should suit our school colours, matching the uniform polo. Hair accessories that pose a safety issue or distract students from learning may be asked to be removed.

It is recommended that hair that extends below the collar be:

- Pulled back so that it does not fall over the face; and/or
- Secured so that doesn't touch or hang over the collar

## JEWELLERY

Permitted jewellery items include a watch, small sleepers/studs in ears, medical alert and small religious jewellery. Permission to wear religious or sentimental items may be granted by the Principal, upon written application by the parent/guardian of the student. Jewellery may need to be removed for various activities as it may pose a safety risk to the wearer or others, items that cannot be removed will require to be tapped for safety.

Other items of adornment including necklaces, anklets, tattoos, drawings, writing, skin dye and hair colouring are not permitted except at school approved events.

## WEARABLE MOBILE DEVICES

The Department of Education QLD has a specific policy regarding mobile devices this includes smart watches. This is the specific paragraph taken from this policy:

*All state school students must keep mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' during school hours. Wearable devices, such as smartwatches, must have notifications switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours.*

## WATER ACTIVITIES

For all learning activities that take place in water, e.g. swimming, and surf skills, students will wear a **sun safe rated rash shirt** or a shirt with sleeves that provides a high degree of protection from UV light. Exception: a shirt is not required when the in-water activity is competitive e.g. during a race at the swimming carnival.

During school-based swimming lessons the wearing of thongs/slide type footwear is acceptable for walking to and from the water activity. Students must return to wearing school appropriate footwear when not attending the water-based activity.

## FREE DRESS OR SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

The sun safe policy applies as a standard for every school day. Clothing worn must protect the shoulders and upper arms from the sun. Clothing worn by students must cover the torso modestly, not have words or images that are offensive or likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations; be unsafe or likely to result in a risk to health and safety of the student or others. Students wearing non sun safe clothing will be required to play in undercover area during break times. Our school's Hat and Shoe policy (above) remains for free dress days.

## NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS CODE

Sanctions will be applied to students who fail to comply with our uniform policy. Students out of uniform will be supported to return to expectations. Where needed, supervised arrangements will be put in place during breaks and a phone call home may be initiated.

Compliance with wearing the correct uniform and is recognised and supported within our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (see Behaviour response chart – Purple, blue and green behaviours).

- Students who do not comply with the dress code for educational excursions may be prevented from participating.
- Students who do not comply with the dress code maybe prevented from participating in non-essential school educational programs.

Recurring issues with uniform policy compliance my require further consequences as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

## EXPLICIT CONSEQUENCES

Non-compliant behaviour	Consequence
Wearing hoodies or a jacket/jumper that is not in school colours or display inappropriate logos/slogans	Student will be asked to remove the item. If the weather is too cold for the student to participate in outdoor activities (including playtime) the student will be sent to the office to phone home and wait for an appropriate winter apparel.
Hair that is not secure and is falling into the face and adversely affecting their learning or causing a safety issue during activities.	Students whose hair is a safety concern will be asked to secure their hair. If they do not attend school with equipment to support this, they will be asked to go to the office to be supplied with appropriate options. A phone call home may also be initiated.
Long fingernails, including false nails. Nail polish or other nail adornments.	Student will be asked to remove items. Fingernails that are excessive must be cut or filed down at home. If this is not done before attending school then student will be asked to wear tape around each fingertip and, if necessary, a glove worn over the hand.
Inappropriate footwear	The student will be asked to sit out from activities that cause a safety hazard, this may include missing play time. A phone call home may be initiated.
Inappropriate Jewellery	The jewellery item will be removed and a phone call home may be initiated.

Wearable mobile device performing functions more than a simple watch	The item will be confiscated and a phone call home initiated. This is a Department of Education Queensland policy upheld by all state schools.
Excessive Make-up	As a school we are unable to provide any products to assist in the removal of make-up. The student will be asked to visit the bathroom to wash off the makeup. A phone call home may be initiated.