

RATIONALE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils 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 also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all 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 wear SunSmart clothing.
- To promote cohesion and good order in the school.
- To prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing.
- To develop responsibility for possessions.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The dress code will take precedence over a student's individual preference.
- After consultation, Murchison 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 applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Students **may not** participate on school excursions if they are not in **full** uniform unless it is a requirement of the excursion.
- Muslim students are to wear the prescribed alternate uniform.
- All school uniform **must** be clearly named so that lost items can be identified and returned to owner.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears, plus wristwatches are the recommended acceptable jewellery for equality, safety and security reasons.
- Extreme hair colourings and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Exemptions can be made at the discretion of the Principal.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only hats that are acceptable are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They are compulsory from September 1 to April 30. Green beanies can be worn in winter.
- The school uniform will be able to be purchased from the School Uniform coordinator at the front office. There are also second-hand uniforms, which have been donated back to the school available for purchase.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and price list, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Uniform Policy.

- If there is a legitimate reason a uniform cannot be worn for a day parents will inform the school by note or telephone.
- If a student is continually out of uniform then an arrangement will be made for them to wear a loaned uniform, if there is one available, and parents will be responsible for the cost of laundry.
- Dress lengths must be of modest and respectable length.
- Students are encouraged to wear black boy leg shorts or sports briefs underneath school dresses.
- All school shorts must be worn on or above the hips and not rolled up.
- Where family hardship is experienced, arrangements can be made through the principal for the supply of second-hand uniform items or State Schools Relief.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, medical/health condition or economic hardship must contact the Principal.

School Uniform includes:

- Bottle Green polo shirt – long or short sleeved
 - Bottle Green & Gold logo polo t-shirt (can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop)
 - Bottle Green windcheater
 - Bottle Green / Grey shorts
 - Green track pants / grey pull on pants
 - Green jacket
 - Green broad-brimmed/bucket hat / green beanie
- (Broadbrim hats must have a brim of at least 7cm's. Bucket hats must have a brim of 6cm.)

From September 1 through to April 30 hats are compulsory whenever students or staff are outside.

- Black shoes
 - Runners
 - Enclosed sandals
 - Green and white gingham dress
 - Green skort/skirt
 - Green/Grey pinafore with/without green/grey tights
 - Green/Grey leggings under a skirt/skort or dress
- **NB** – All green items are “Bottle” green and grey

Uniform which can be purchased through retail outlets such as Quality Teams (green & gold polo), K-Mart, Target, etc.

The School Logo can be embroidered on any items of clothing purchased from other retailers at Quality Teams in Shepparton for a small charge (\$10 approx.).

Quality Teams is located at 27 Benalla Rd. Shepparton Phone: 58311944

The school has a supply of second-hand clothing which has been donated for sale at \$1 per item.

Families with medical, religious or cultural attire requirements can be catered for in our schools uniform policy. Please inquire on enrolment.

NB - Long hair is to be tied back and jewellery is restricted to a watch and studs or sleepers for those with pierced ears.

Children are also encouraged to apply sunscreen and dress appropriately for weather/season.

Please make sure all your children's belongings are clearly named, particularly items such as windcheaters that are often removed at school and may be misplaced. Items of **Lost Property** are placed in a container in the office and may be claimed at any time.