Student Uniform Policy

Myrtleford P12 College
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Myrtleford P12 College's 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 Myrtleford P12 College'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 Myrtleford P12 College'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.

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

Myrtleford P12 College students are required to wear full school uniform at all times.
Uniform is as follows:

Both boys and girls

- Polo shirt with stripe collar and College logo, in either red or white. It is available in long sleeves for the junior students
- Polar fleece and/or soft shell jacket with College logo in either red or black
- Knit V-neck wool blend jumper with school stripe and logo
- Black pants, shorts, skirt or skort
    - Straight legged, full length pants
    - Cuffed fleecy pants
    - Minimum mid-thigh length skirts/shorts
    - No logos, words or other colours permitted
    - Must not be leggings ie. no tight-fitting bike shorts/active wear or denim or cargo pants ie. no external pockets.
- Black broad-brim hat with logo to be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. School beanie is optional for outside wear in cold weather.
- Black sturdy shoes with adequate toe protection (no additional colours)
- Black or white socks – no logos or words visible

Other alternative uniform items include:

- Winter tartan Pinafore junior students only
- Winter tartan skirt both senior and junior students
- Black opaque tights/leggings may be worn with winter skirt or pinafore
- Summer dress (minimum mid-thigh length) – bike shorts may be worn under summer dress

Sports uniform

Students in P- 4 have the OPTION to purchase the MP12 College Sport Shirt if they would like an alternative for Sport and PE days (The Sport Shirt is COMPULSORY for Year 5-12). Students who have sport/PE can wear their sport shirt to school in the morning, but they need to remember to bring their regular uniform shirt. Students who have sport/PE during p 5/6 can wear their sports uniform home. During wet weather students are advised to bring a spare pair of shoes.

Note:

Students wishing to wear extra clothing for added warmth may wear additional clothing under their uniform items provided such additional garments are not visible. If a non-uniform jacket is worn to school in cold weather it must be removed when in class.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Any jewellery worn should be removed in circumstances when there is an occupational health and safety risk. Teachers may specifically request students to remove jewellery if there is a perceived OH&S risk.

Health and safety

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

Students who wear braids or locks may wear them loose, except for classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Billy & Me, 67 Clyde Street, Myrtleford

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 or year 7 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 to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Myrtleford P12 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass and Class Dojo. 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, parents will be contacted to work out a suitable plan. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, and a phone call home may be required. If non-compliance continues to be an issue students may be sent home. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance and access to learning.

Measures taken by Myrtleford P12 College 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
- 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
- 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

Myrtleford P12 College 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 the College Website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums and assemblies
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- Myrtleford P12 College SunSmart Policy
- Myrtleford P12 College Parent Complaint Policy
- Myrtleford P12 College 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

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