

Mark Oliphant College SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Uniform Regulations

Education Regulations 2012 (Part 6 – 86) on school dress code, provides as follow:

- the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
- consultation entitlements and processes
- enforcement obligations and exemption conditions

Why have a uniform?

- it promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school and community
- it gives the school a unique identity
- it creates a sense of equity for the students
- it is practical in its application to a wide range of physical activities & weather conditions
- it is appropriate to offer students a wide range of choices to suit activities
- it ensures students observe health, safety, decency and community standards
- it eliminates competition for brand name and 'fad' clothing, as well as the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories

The Governing Council has approved the Uniform and expects compliance by students. Support from parents and staff is essential in ensuring its compliance.

From time to time the Uniform Committee will recommend changes of the uniform to the Governing Council for approval. Any change of uniform will be phased in and previously approved items will continue to be acceptable uniform and may be sold by the supplier for up to 12 months following approval of changes.

Implementation of the dress code uniform

While it is expected that students will comply with the dress code, the Principal may exempt students upon written request from a parent/guardian. If approved the student will be issued with an exemption pass in accordance to the specific circumstances.

Grounds on which a parent/guardian may seek exemption are:

- religious, cultural or ethnic
- itinerant students
- financial hardship
- medical reasons supported by a doctor's statement
- other grounds determined by the Governing Council

Compliance obligations

1. Uniform is expected to be worn on a daily basis
2. Any student not wearing full school uniform who:
 - (a) has note of explanation from home, will be provided with a loan uniform and is expected to change/comply.
 - (b) does not have a note of explanation from home, will be provided with a loan uniform and may be given a detention
3. Parents/Caregivers will be contacted by the College if students persistently breach the school dress code. This may include a request for a meeting to resolve difficulties.
4. All students in Foundation to Year 12 are required to wear the approved school uniform. Due to seasonal variations, students may dress in either summer or winter uniform depending upon their own needs.
 - Parents are asked to contact the school if there are extra-ordinary circumstances preventing students wearing the school uniform on a particular day

Mark Oliphant College's Uniform Policy is designed to reflect community standards and ensure that our students are prepared, comfortable, able to function and be safe whilst performing any school activity. It is expected that students ensure that they are neat, groomed and maintain standards of acceptable presentation which are guided by the i-care principles and their wellbeing.

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CASUAL DAY EXPECTATIONS

All students are required to follow the CASUAL DAY DRESS CODE. Clothing, footwear and accessories should be suitable for school wear. This is inclusive of:

- safe, enclosed footwear (no ugg boots, thongs, flip-flops, sandals, high heels etc.) no bare midriffs, no low-cut tops, tank tops, excessively short shorts, skirts, dresses etc.
- no inappropriate logos, text or images on clothing

Early Years

SHORTS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
SKIRT Charcoal
TROUSERS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
TRACK PANTS Poly Cotton Fleece Straight Leg
LEGGINGS Black under garment only
WHITE SHIRT Open neck short sleeve
POLO Red Cherry mesh polo

DRESS Chicago Summer dress
BUCKET HAT Charcoal bucket hat
TIE Grey standard (on request)

WOOLLEN JUMPER Charcoal V-Neck
JACKET Charcoal Fleece zip jacket
FOOTWEAR Predominately black / white closed shoe

Primary Years

SHORTS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
SKIRT Charcoal
TROUSERS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
TRACK PANTS Poly Cotton Fleece Straight Leg
LEGGINGS Black under garment only
WHITE SHIRT Open neck short sleeve
POLO Red Cherry mesh polo

DRESS Chicago Summer dress
BUCKET HAT Charcoal bucket hat
TIE Grey standard (on request)

WOOLLEN JUMPER Charcoal V-Neck
JACKET Charcoal Fleece zip jacket
FOOTWEAR Predominately black / white closed shoe

Middle Years

SHORTS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
SKIRT Charcoal
TROUSERS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
TRACK PANTS Poly Cotton Fleece Straight Leg
LEGGINGS Black under garment only
WHITE SHIRT Open neck short sleeve
POLO Dark Navy mesh polo

DRESS Chicago Summer dress
BUCKET HAT Charcoal bucket hat
TIE Grey standard (on request)

WOOLLEN JUMPER Charcoal V-Neck
FOOTWEAR Predominately black / white closed shoe

Senior Years

SHORTS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
SHORT Charcoal Fashion Senior ONLY
SKIRT Charcoal
TROUSERS Charcoal, elastic waist, draw cord & Black
TRACK PANTS Poly Cotton Fleece Straight Leg
LEGGINGS Black under garment only
WHITE SHIRT Open neck short sleeve
POLO White mesh polo

DRESS Chicago Summer dress
BUCKET HAT Charcoal bucket hat
TIE Grey standard (on request)

WOOLLEN JUMPER Charcoal V-Neck
FOOTWEAR Predominately black / white closed shoe

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FOOTWEAR

Footwear must comply with WHS requirements. **This means wearing shoes that are sturdy** and able to withstand the demands of school including **Science** where chemicals are used; **Technical Studies** where heavy metals, solid materials and machining equipment are used; **Home Economics** where sharp utensils and hot ingredients are used; **Physical Education** where jumping, landing, running, turning, twisting occur on a variety of floor surfaces.

Black lace up shoes or lace up trainer sports shoe (predominantly black) are to be worn – NO CANVAS

*Consequently, ballet pumps, light weight canvas shoes, thongs, backless shoes, open sandals and Ugg boots are **not** acceptable footwear **at any time** at school.*

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Girls may wear nude or black 70 denier stockings (with no pattern) with the winter skirt.
- Only plain white or dark grey t-shirts/long-sleeve jumpers can be worn under shirts (to be worn “tucked in”) [not to be visible underneath uniform items.
- Year 12 Commemorative Windcheater and. The shades of white and grey are to be reserved for the Year 12 Windcheaters, jackets and polo shirts. Students may have their given name OR surname OR appropriate nick name printed on the back of their shirts, which shall be subject to checking through Senior Leader.
- Other school-related uniform items (e.g. SAASTA uniforms, Pedal Prix jumpers for team members may only be worn on days when the activities are taking place.

- Cultural headwear of recognised religions may be sourced and worn according to custom and be of plain white, grey or bottle green colours