Murrayville Community College

Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Murrayville Community College.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Murrayville Community 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 Murrayville Community 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 Murrayville Community 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

Murrayville Community College's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

<u>Tops</u>	
Polo shirt	royal blue - white logo
Windcheater	navy - white logo
Skivvy/Long Sleeve T	white, royal blue, navy or black
Jacket	navy polar fleece jacket – white logo navy hoodie – white trim and logo plain navy or black jacket
<u>Bottoms</u>	
Shorts	navy or black mid-thigh or school issue only (not bike shorts)
Pants	grey, navy or black tailored pants or navy or black tracksuit pants (no leggings/tights or denim) – any logo must be less than 6cm in diameter
Skort	plain navy or black, no trim
Socks	plain white, black, navy or grey – may have a small logo

Other

Hat	broad brimmed hat/bucket hat
Dress	same material as present uniform or (navy & white check primary only)

Interschool Sport
Athletic tops provided (school set)
Blue school polo *or* blue sports shirt
Any selected MCC approved jacket or windcheater (listed above)
Black *or* navy shorts

Sport/PE
Red (Lowan) *or* blue (Winjeel) sports shirt, SRC top *or* Sunsmart top (sleeves and collar)
Navy sports hoodie
Black *or* navy shorts
Runners – non marking ONLY

An approved school sport top or SRC top must be worn if students are to be permitted to leave or arrive at school in PE attire

Footwear
Mainly black, lace up – no bright coloured trims or laces
Sandals - flat black, brown or navy - NO LOGOS – NO SURF SANDALS
For some activities in some classes eg. Welding in Tech or activities in Agriculture students will need to wear solid shoes or boots to meet OHS requirements
Thongs (may only be worn to and from the pool) – All students

Jewellery – Boys and Girls
1 plain ring, 1 plain fine necklace, 1 plain bracelet/ bangle, plain earrings (stud or small sleepers, maximum of two per earlobe only)
No other body jewellery.

Secondary students may wear a light application of skin coloured foundation or concealer, clear lip gloss or lip balm only, and Primary & Secondary – neutral tones (eg beige, light pink or French) nail polish (no bright colours).

Year 12 students may supplement the secondary uniform with school approved annual Year 12 Tops, & Jackets

Casual Days - Students are not permitted to wear thongs or singlets on these days.

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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Any make up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

Health and safety

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

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

Hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. Hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn during inside classes.

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 from office at school, or parents may order it directly from https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/murrayville-community-college

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 Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Murrayville Community College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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.

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

Murrayville Community 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 our 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)
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Murrayville Community College SunSmart Policy
- Murrayville Community College Parent Complaint Policy
- Murrayville Community 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

Policy last reviewed	2nd September 2025
Consultation	September 2025 with school council
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	September 2027 – noting that the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years