



# McDonald Park School

## DRESS CODE

### BELIEF STATEMENT

Our school dress code creates a sense of community, which is engendered in the feeling of belonging of all individuals. Students wearing the school's dress code will promote;

- ✓ a sense of pride in our school
- ✓ a commitment to the ideals we are aiming to achieve
- ✓ individual self esteem
- ✓ a positive image of our school in the wider community
- ✓ a sense of security for all students.

### POLICY STATEMENT

- The dress code policy was drawn up after consultation with parents, students and staff. It has been endorsed by the Governing Council as a code of dress for all students attending McDonald Park School.
- All items of the dress code that can be interchanged are acceptable eg green windcheater for polar fleece top or plain red polo top for top with school logo.
- Students in the school follow a number of different codes of conduct as part of the school community. The dress code fits within these and we seek parent support in upholding this code, as we do with others.
- Wearing the school's dress code eliminates inequality and unnecessary competition, and provides good training for future life and careers.
- At no stage will students be educationally disadvantaged for not adhering to the dress code.
- The principles of the dress code are in accordance with Education Department regulations that came into effect from January 27th 1994.

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- Black shorts / skorts of mid thigh length
- Red and black polo shirt with or without school logo or red polo shirt
- Green and white checked dress
- Bottle green polar fleece jumper
- White or black undershirt
- Black pants - no leggings/active wear
- Green tartan pinafore
- White cotton shirt
- Green broad brimmed, bucket hat
- Suitable school shoes that facilitate safe participation in physical activity
- Black, green, red or white beanies / scarves – for outside use only
- Jackets as supplied by family for outside wear (preferable colour black)

- ◆ All students are required to wear clothing that is consistent with the school dress code.
- ◆ Principal may exempt students upon written request from parents. Grounds upon which parents may seek exemption are:
  - \* religious
  - \* cultural or ethnic
  - \* new students (time to purchase)
  - \* itinerant students
  - \* any other reason to be approved at principal discretion
- ◆ Where there is a genuine short term reason for children not wearing clothing consistent with the dress code the school should be informed as soon as possible, preferably in writing.
- ◆ Students will wear clothing consistent with the dress code for official school activities (eg school photos) and class excursions (not including camps).
- ◆ No logos, apart from the school logo, are permitted on any items of clothing.
- ◆ Blue shorts or blue jeans are not part of the schools' dress code. All shorts must be neat and plain (not excessively baggy, no coloured stitching or embroidery on them, be frayed or ripped). Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- ◆ The school has a sun safe policy of 'no hat – play in the shade' during terms one and four. Only wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats are suitable. Cuts or graffiti on hats are not acceptable.
- ◆ Year 6 jumpers are available.
- ◆ Year 6 polo tops were introduced in 2024.
- ◆ Tank tops are not to be worn.
- ◆ Jewellery to be kept to a minimum, watches and plain studs or sleepers for pierced ears is suitable, no other piercings are permitted.
- ◆ Hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum and to be in school colours.
- ◆ Students may wear SAPSASA or other representative tops for a period of one week after the event.
- ◆ No make up is to be worn to school.
- ◆ Please label clothing