



# School Uniform Policy

## Rationale

It is compulsory for students at Mount Compass Area School to wear school uniform at all times. Under the EDUCATION ACT (1972) and REGULATION 86 school councils have the power to:

- Determine school dress policy.
- Enforce uniform obligations and exemption conditions.

The school uniform has been determined through a consultative process, involving the Governing Council, the uniform committee, staff, students and parents.

School uniform is important to:

- create a positive image of the school through maintaining a high standard of appearance
- encourage a sense of belonging and pride in our school
- easily identify our students on school grounds and in the community, which is important for student safety
- create a more equitable social environment
- provide practical clothing for all subjects and activities.

## Expectations

All students must be in full uniform at all times.

1. In situations of financial hardship, arrangements will be made by the Wellbeing team and/or the Principal, to supply students with correct uniform.
2. On those occasions when it is not possible for a student to comply with the uniform requirements, a written note must be provided (diary or email) and shown to the student's Care Group teacher. This is a valid *exemption* on the day it is received by the Care Group teacher. Students will be expected to show evidence of this exemption when requested by staff.
3. New students may be exempt from wearing school uniform until they can purchase one. This will be negotiated between the family and the enrolling staff before the student starts.
4. Students may also be exempt from wearing school uniform due to health reasons.
  - a. On these occasions, families should contact the school and students are still expected to be dressed appropriately for school, in school colours (maroon, white & black).
5. Families will be notified on those occasions when uniforms are not required, for example camps or student casual days.
6. Any specialist uniform must be negotiated through the uniform committee.
7. Local sporting club attire is not a substitute for school uniform.
8. School colours are maroon, black and white.



## Uniform

### Polo shirts

- R-12: maroon polo with white piping and side insert and white logo
- A plain black long sleeved undergarment may be worn underneath polo shirts. Wearing this undergarment without a school polo on top is not part of the uniform.

### Jumpers and Rugby tops

- R-12 jumper: maroon fleece jumper, with pocket, white school logo.
- R-12 rugby top: maroon and white striped rugby top with white logo
- Year 12 top: in school colours, designed by year 12 students and approved via uniform committee
- Hooded jumpers are not available for purchase through the school and will be phased out by the start of the 2026 school year.
- School jumpers are not to be worn without the school polo shirt or school dress underneath.

### Shorts or Skorts

- Plain black
- These must be no shorter than the student's thumbs when arms are relaxed by their sides.

### Pants

- Plain black pants or black jeans, trousers or track pants. Black jeans must not be faded, stonewashed or ripped.
- Other denim colours and see-through leggings are **not** part of the school uniform.

### Dress - summer

- MCAS Maroon check "Cleolene" and no shorter than the student's thumbs when arms are relaxed by their sides.
- Leggings can be worn under the summer dress.

### Winter – skirt/tunics

- Tartan 9051 Gabardine/Cotton Inverted Pleat or Black and no shorter than the student's thumbs when arms are relaxed by their sides.
- Leggings can be worn under the skirt.

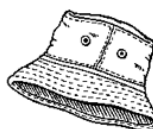
### Accessories

- Beanies and scarves, in school colours (maroon or black), may be worn in winter. No logo or school logo only.
- R-5 Students must wear a broad brimmed or bucket style (with NO drawstrings) during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be maroon in colour.

broad brim



bucket hat



- 6-12 Students must wear either a school approved cap (school cap or show cap), broad brimmed or bucket style (with NO drawstrings) during Terms 1 and 4.
- Hats need to be removed in class.

### Footwear

- In practical lessons, fully enclosed flat shoes are required at all times to meet safety standards
- 6-12 Students must wear trainers for physical education classes.
- R-5 students may wear sandals or trainers.
- Inappropriate shoes including ugg boots, crocs, thongs, backless footwear and heeled shoes should not be worn.

### Make-up and Jewellery

- Minimal make-up acceptable
- Acrylic nails are not recommended as this can be a WHS issue during practical lessons.
- Jewellery needs to be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.

### Rain Jackets and Coats

- Students may wear rain jackets and coats of any colour, but not in class.
- Maroon rain jackets with school logo are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

### Special uniforms

- Sporting events: MCAS Sports tops will be supplied on loan by the school
- Sporting clubs: MCAS Club tops will be available for purchase and are only to be worn for the club events and at school on the day of the club (eg running club, pedal prix etc)
- Agriculture: Stone coloured MCAS work shirts will be available for purchase and are to be worn with black jeans only. This uniform is for school agricultural events and may also be worn at school on the day students have practical Agriculture lessons (years 11 and 12 only). Stone coloured MCAS work shirts will be available for loan during Show week if families choose not to purchase (middle and senior school).

Approved by Governing Council 2025

