

## MORANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

2013-2016

#### **RATIONALE:**

Wearing the compulsory school uniform fosters pride in the school and unifies students from various social backgrounds into a more cohesive school community. It encourages children to *live our school values*, identify with the school and helps to break down discrimination by removing peer pressure to conform to passing fashion trends.

Make-up and jewellery being worn by primary school students negatively impacts on our school image.

Whilst on excursions, the uniform enables our children to be easily identified and helps them to project a positive image outside the school.

#### **AIM:**

To have all children at this school wearing the compulsory uniform everyday as described within this policy.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

All children are to wear uniform and adhere to the dress code at all times. (That includes, during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.)

A neat and tidy appearance is expected at all times.

Breaches of the Student Dress Code are to be managed in a consistent manner with the school's Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy procedures.

Items not bearing a school logo are acceptable only when colour and style are identical to the standard uniform.

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIFORM**

Parents and children may choose from any of the options\* listed below.

#### **JUMPERS\*:**

- A maroon top with a white Morang South logo in either windcheater or bomber jacket styles. N.B. Due to Occupational, Health & Safety hoods must not be worn.
- The Grade 6 jacket will be black with the children's names listed on it. An explanation on how to order this will go home with the grade six students each year.

#### **SHIRTS\*:**

- A maroon polo shirt with white Morang South logo, or a white polo shirt with maroon Morang South logo. These are available with either long or short sleeves.
- In the winter months, a white or maroon long sleeve top can be worn under the matching polo shirt. (Black is not acceptable)

#### **SHORTS\*:**

- Maroon cotton knit elastic waist unisex short or maroon microfiber elastic waist unisex short or a maroon drill short (mid thigh – knee length) for boys.
- Grade six children may wear a black short in the styles listed above.
- All shorts must be above knee length; no three quarter length shorts. 'Skins' are not to be visible below the hemline of the shorts unless the activity requires it. In this case a note from the school would indicate the approved event, such as Cross Country.

- Due to Occupational, Health & Safety draw strings must not be worn outside of the clothing.

#### **PANTS\*:**

- Unisex maroon track pants with or without ankle bands/cuffs.
- Maroon drill pants for boys and bootleg pants for girls are optional and acceptable.
- Grade six children may wear black pants in the styles listed above.
- Due to Occupational, Health & Safety draw strings must not be worn outside of the clothing.

#### **FOR GIRLS\*:**

- Girls may also choose to wear our summer dress, maroon skort or the winter tunic (tunic has detachable bodice and may be worn as a skirt only).
- Black skort is optional for Grade six.
- Socks can be worn with dress, skort or tunic.
- Maroon or black tights may be worn with the tunic/winter skirt if extra warmth is desired.
- No shorts or pants (including “skins and tights”) are to be visible below the hemline of the dress or shorts or skorts.

#### **SOCKS:**

- Only plain maroon, black or white socks may be worn.

#### **SHOES:**

- Solid practical shoes (lace up or Velcro with covered toes) are to be worn – N.B. Due to Occupational, Health & Safety no thongs, open toed sandals or soft ballet slippers are to be worn.
- We would prefer black school shoes or sport shoes which are predominately black or white.
- On the days students have Physical Education, Sport or a sport like incursion or excursion, students are required to wear appropriate, supportive and practical sport shoes.

#### **OUTDOOR WEAR ([Not to be worn during class time](#))**

#### **HATS:**

- These are compulsory in terms one and the beginning of term two (for the entire month of April) and then from 1<sup>st</sup> September in term 3 as well as all of term four.
- Sun protective hats are in a legionnaire, broad-brimmed and bucket hat style. They are available from the school office as well as our uniform supplier.
- A maroon, white or black beanie (no logos) may be worn in winter.

#### **SUN GLASSES:**

- Students are encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.
- They may be worn during first and second lunch play breaks or may be worn on approved excursions. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside.
- The sunglasses remain the responsibility of the student at all times.

#### **SCARVES:**

- Only plain maroon, black or white scarves may be worn.

#### **RAIN JACKET/PARKER:**

- The school would prefer plain maroon, black or white jackets or parkers.
- In winter, a non-uniform thick warm jacket or parker may be worn outside.

#### **HAIR:**

- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) or unnatural hair dyes and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. large spikes or Mohawk cuts) are not permitted.
- All hair accessories should be selected to conform to the colour scheme as listed in this policy.

#### **JEWELLERY:**

- Watches are encouraged.
- For safety reasons, only small stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears (that a child's finger cannot fit through its' diameter) are acceptable. Only one pair of earrings is acceptable.  
N.B. Due to Occupational, Health & Safety earrings that 'dangle' or protrude (from the front or back) of the ear may not be worn at any time.
- Rings, necklaces, bracelets, studs or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.
- Religious necklaces must be worn underneath clothing.

#### **MAKE-UP:**

- Obvious make-up such as coloured lipsticks, coloured lip gloss, foundation, eye make-up, skin glitters, blush, coloured zinc creams, tattoos etc. are not approved, unless a school based approved activity requires makeup. In this case a note from the school would indicate the approved event. For example, Parents and Friends Association fundraisers, such as footy day.
- Cosmetics such as skin toners used to disguise medical conditions may be approved if supported by the appropriate documentation. (Applications should be made to the Principal)
- Other than clear nail polish, nail polish may not be worn at school. Students wearing nail polish will be asked to remove it.

#### **ART SMOCK:**

- Parents are required to provide their children with some kind of protective clothing for an art smock.
- Waterproof art smocks can be purchased at the local shops and our uniform supplier or Mum or Dads' old thick long sleeve shirt from home would also be ideal.
- Art Smocks need to be replaced as children grow.

#### **SCHOOL BAGS:**

- A maroon back pack style bag with the school logo is recommended.
- These are available from the school office. Ergonomic facts sheets about school bags are available on our school website:

<http://www.morangsouthps.vic.edu.au/page/110/Accountability>

## **2. AVAILABILITY**

New uniforms are available from our approved supplier: *Northern Regional Uniforms*.

Address: Unit 21 Number 8 Oleander Drive, South Morang. Phone: 03 94364005.

Parents and Friends Association will operate a donation scheme for good quality second hand uniforms, and also operate a second hand uniform store for parents at the school.

The second hand uniform store will operate during school time. These times will be published in our newsletter, school website and Facebook group, on the door of the second hand uniform shop and in the school foyer.

Arrangements can also be made to supply uniforms via *State Schools Relief* for families experiencing extreme economic hardship. Please make an appointment to discuss this with the Principal.

## **3. EXEMPTIONS**

Exemptions will be provided where:

- An aspect of the uniform policy offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents.
- An aspect of the uniform policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- An aspect of the uniform policy prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
- The student has a particular health condition that requires a variation to the uniform policy.
- Children are new to the school, for a short time, negotiated with the Principal.

Parent's seeking exemption to the MSPS Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background or similar must apply in writing to the Principal.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM POLICY:**

Any amendment to this policy requires a formal motion of the School Council, and only after a process of due consultation.

#### **5. ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM POLICY:**

A note of explanation from the parents is required on each occasion the child is not in uniform. If a particular student is regularly out of uniform, the Principal (or delegate) will follow up the matter with the child's parents with a view to enabling the child to conform to the policy.

#### **6. EVALUATION:**

This policy will be reviewed by School Council as part of our 4 year cycle.

**[Ratified by MSPS School Council: 28/08/13]**

\*This policy was created and reviewed in consultation with School Council, the Parents and Friends Association, the general parent community, the Student Voice leadership team and school staff.