



Mount Erin College Uniform Policy

Child Safe Standards

Mount Erin College is a Child Safe School. Our College is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. We value all students as individuals and their diversity. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision making.

Mount Erin College is committed to providing a Child Safe environment where children and young people are valued and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Our College takes a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to Child Safety to ensure that the safety of children is promoted, child abuse is prevented and allegations of child abuse are properly responded to. Mount Erin College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, the College Board has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- A minimum of jewellery will be accepted. Stud earrings or sleepers only. Facial piercings are **NOT** permitted. Students should not therefore have piercings done and then expect to be able to cover up with Band-Aids whilst this heals. Items of body art are to remain **covered** at all times.
- Dyed hair should only be coloured in natural tones (i.e. bright pink, blue, unnatural reds etc. are not permitted). Ribbons, headbands etc., must be pale blue, white or navy. Longer hair is required to be tied back and secured away from the face. Only natural hair styles will be

accepted (i.e. no Mohawk type haircuts, shaved or partially shaved heads, dreadlocks, rat tails, etc.). Hair should be clean, neat and tidy at all times.

- Only clear nail polish and a minimum of non-obvious makeup may be worn.
- The only headwear that is recommended is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. However, other caps may be worn **with the exception of beanies** which are unacceptable at any time. Students are encouraged to wear hats outside at all times. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Student Planner at the start of each year.
- College Board requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the College Board for consideration.
- Uniform must be worn safely at all times.
- The College Uniform Shop (Beleza Pty Ltd) is the only official College uniform supplier.
- **Casual Dress Days:** Students will be offered the option of wearing casual dress, for a gold coin donation to charity or fund raising event. If no donation is to be made, students are required to wear correct College uniform on these days, the College Sun Smart and Occupational Health and Safety Policies, along with the Student Code of Conduct mean that the following items are unacceptable: Hoodies; Thongs or open-toed shoes; Clothing depicting words, symbols or emblems that are offensive; singlets or tops without a sleeve and avoid flowing sleeves that may be caught in machinery; mid-riff tops, leggings or any other clothing that can be perceived to be offensive or explicit. On these days the College expects that students will continue to take pride in their appearance and wear clothing appropriate for the work they will be undertaking on the day.

- **BANNED ITEMS OF CLOTHING:** Hooded windcheaters are not allowed under any circumstances. Skins and leggings are not allowed unless they are worn during PE classes **UNDER** tracksuits or shorts.

- **AEP Uniform:**
 1. Athletes are required to wear the Sports Academy uniform to all training sessions. This includes the shorts, training top and tracksuit combined with appropriate footwear.
 2. Athletes should wear their Sports Academy uniform instead of the Physical Education uniform during PE classes.
 3. Athletes will be permitted to wear the Sports Academy uniform during regular school days (instead of college uniform). This allowance is for a maximum of two (2) days per week as detailed by the Director. The uniform must be clean and presentable and athletes must understand that it is a privilege NOT a right to wear it during regular classes. They must wear appropriate footwear as per the College Uniform Policy.

ASSISTANCE: Assistance can be sought from the Student Services team for families experiencing financial difficulty. Donations of used uniform in good condition are always welcome.

Evaluation and Review:

This Policy was ratified by the College Board in October 2017 and is due for Review in October 2019

References: Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes

Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/enviro/4_8.htm

College Uniform

It is the policy of the College Board that ALL STUDENTS in Years Seven to Twelve should appropriately wear the correct uniform at all times during the College day. Students should arrive to college in uniform that is clean and in good order. Sanctions apply for non-compliance with uniform rules. Such a policy depends upon parent support and willingness to ensure that their children are correctly dressed. College uniform rules also apply whilst travelling to and from college. Beleza School Uniforms Shop is the only official supplier of the Mount Erin College uniform.

YEARS 7 – 12

SCHOOL SHOES:

Black polishable, lace-up, Oxford style school shoes **NO T-BARS, CANVAS SLIP-ON VOLLEYS, BALLET SHOES OR SKATE SHOES**

SOCKS:

Navy or white ankle socks **NO LOGOS**

Navy long socks

Navy tights (girls - winter uniform only) **NO LEGGINGS**

UNIFORM:

School dress (girls)

Mount Erin check box pleated skirt (girls)

Pale blue shirt with college logo (years 7 – 9)

Navy gabardine, tailored or elastic waist shorts with college logo (boys years 7 – 9)

Navy gabardine, tailored or elastic waist trousers with college logo (boys years 7 – 9)

Navy V neck woollen jumper with college logo (years 7 – 9)

College tie (optional)

College blazer (optional)

Navy gabardine tailored shorts with College logo (girls)

Navy gabardine tailored pants with College logo (girls)

COMPULSORY Phys. Ed/ Sport:

PE polo shirt with college logo

College logo navy shorts or

College logo navy blue track pants

Non-marking runners

If ears are pierced, sleepers or studs should be removed to prevent injury

SENIOR UNIFORM YEARS 10 – 12

Seniors V neck woollen jumper with college logo

Stone gabardine, tailored or elastic waist shorts with college logo (boys)

Stone gabardine, tailored or elastic waist trousers with college logo (boys)

Seniors white shirt with college logo

Year 12 only - College Council approved jacket

COAT:

College navy blue Microfibre Spray Jacket with logo

College blazer (optional)

NOTE

COLLEGE BAGS: The College Board has selected a high quality ergonomically designed backpack which is highly recommended.

HATS: The College Board highly recommends all students wear a wide brim hat during terms 1 and 4. **No beanies at any time.** Hats are **not** to be worn inside.

SHOES: Only black, polishable, leather School shoes, with black laces, Oxford style (low heel) are acceptable. Students who wear incorrect shoes or shoes that cannot be worn safely will be sent home. Shoes are expected to be cleaned and polished regularly.



JEWELLERY and BODY ART: A minimum of jewellery will be accepted. Only small sleepers or small stud earrings are permitted (one on the lobe of each ear).

Facial piercings are **NOT** permitted. Students should not therefore have piercings done and then expect to be able to cover up with Band-Aids whilst this heals. Items of body art are to be **covered** at all times.

MAKE-UP: Only a minimum of 'non-obvious' make-up may be worn. **Only clear nail polish** will be accepted.

HAIR: Dyed hair should only be coloured in **natural** tones. (i.e. bright pink, blue, unnatural reds etc. are not permitted). Ribbons, headbands etc., must be pale blue, white or navy. **Longer hair is required to be tied back and secured away from the face.** Only natural hair styles will be accepted (i.e. no Mohawk type haircuts, shaved or partially shaved heads, dreadlocks, rats tails, etc.). Hair should be clean, neat and tidy at all times.

T-SHIRTS: Students in years 7-9 may wear a pale blue t-shirt, years 10-12 a white t-shirt, under their shirt for warmth.

SKIRTS and DRESSES: Are required to be knee length or below when standing.

SCARVES: Blue or white only are allowed to be worn in winter months.

SHORTS: School shorts are not to be rolled up.

BANNED ITEMS OF CLOTHING: Hooded windcheaters are not allowed under any circumstances. Skins and leggings are not allowed unless they are worn during PE classes **UNDER** tracksuits or shorts.

On Free Dress days students are required to wear smart casual clothing, closed in shoes, no offensive logos and clothing will need to be sun smart (i.e. tops need to cover the shoulders, no bare midriffs etc.). Leggings or hooded windcheaters will not be permitted and students wearing these will be sent home.

ASSISTANCE: Assistance can be sought from the Student Welfare team for families experiencing financial difficulty. Donations of used uniform in good condition are always welcome.