



Mount Erin College

Student Dress Code

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Mount Erin College 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 Mount Erin 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 Example School'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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

Uniform and appearance

The full list of Mount Erin College's compulsory school uniform items are available in Appendix A and B in this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Mount Erin College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties, if worn need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, watches, and one facial piercing with a clear stud are the only acceptable jewellery. Make-up, hair and nail polish must be natural and in neutral tones.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Shoulder length hair or long must be tied up for all practical classes (P.E, Food, VET, Wood, Tech)

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat (plain navy peak cap or wide brimmed cap) during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen. Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 Beleza School Uniform Frankston, Shop 3 129-133 Beach Street Frankston VIC 3199 Phone: (03) 9783 - 1088 Email: beleza@beleza.com.au website: <https://www.beleza.com.au/>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact your child's House leaders to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Implementation

Mount Erin 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.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

Removable items in breach of the uniform policy will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis the following steps will be taken:

First Occurrence – lunchtime detention. Parents will be notified via compass.

Second Occurrence – after school detention. Parents will be notified via phone call or after school detention notice.

Third Occurrence – Principal detention. Parent Teacher Meeting. If a student is continually out of uniform they may be sent home immediately with parent consent.

Parent Teacher Meeting and further consequences may include; daily compulsory student sign in each morning for a period of time and/or internal suspension. Significant non-compliance may result in external suspension.

Measures taken by Mount Erin College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Exemptions to dress code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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

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

Mount Erin 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

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)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further Information

- Mount Erin College Parent Complaint Policy
- Mount Erin College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	[insert date]
Consultation	[insert date/s and who you consulted with e.g. student representative groups, parent groups, school council]
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	[insert date – noting that the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years]

MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

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, black or white ankle socks NO LOGOS
- Navy, black long socks
- Navy, black 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)

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 & 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).
- Nose piercings must be a clear stud, no ring based items.
- Body Art is to be covered at all times.

MAKE-UP:

Only a minimum of 'non-obvious' make-up may be worn. Only clear or neutral tone 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:

A Plain Navy Blue scarf is 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.

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VET Building and Construction Uniform

- Subject specific polo shirt with school logo
- Subject specific safety items (clothing and footwear)

