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Uniform Policy

“Mount Eliza Secondary College is committed to safe and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be our primary focus of our care and decision making.”

PURPOSE

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 Mount Eliza Secondary College Dress Code.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy and Dress Code that 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.
- The times in which summer and winter uniform may be worn are as follows:
- Terms 1 and 4 – summer uniform
- Terms 2 and 3 – winter uniform
- However, during the first week of Term 2 either summer or winter uniform will be permitted and during the last week of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4 either summer or winter uniform will be permitted.
- Wearing the blazer is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3 with the winter uniform when students are travelling to and from school. In summer the blazer may be removed; however, the pullover must not be worn as an outer garment when students are travelling to and from school. Students need to have the blazer with them at school all year.
- The only items of jewellery permitted are a watch, and up to two simple stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears. Ear spacers are not allowed. Jewellery which is unacceptable will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/guardian.
- Facial piercings, including tongue piercings, are banned.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Students must be clean-shaven.
- Clear nail polish and natural coloured cosmetics only may be worn at school. Students will be directed to remove excessive make-up by sub-school personnel or members of the Principal team.
- Students are permitted to wear only the hats, gloves and scarves prescribed in the Dress Code. Beanies, balaclavas and other non-uniform headgear are not acceptable.

- The uniform shop operator, *Dobson's Pty Ltd*, will provide a service to buy and sell quality new and second hand uniform to school families.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and purchase arrangements, will be published on the school website and in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 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 School Council for consideration.

References: Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide

http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/enviro/4_8.htm

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was endorsed/approved by the Mount Eliza Secondary College Council on ___/___/2019 for review if legislative or other changes require in the interim or no later than December 2023.

Principal Signature

School Council President Signature