
STUDENT DRESS STANDARD AND COLOUR CODE

DEPARTMENTAL LINKS

POLICY TITLE: Dress Standards & Colour Codes in Public Schools

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Mount Rogers Primary School, in conjunction with the school board, has developed and implemented a school *Student Dress Standard and Colour Code* policy. Mount Rogers Primary School expects students to abide by a dress standard while attending school or official school activities. This dress standard may include colour code or school uniform.

2. RATIONALE

2.1 This policy documents school dress standards, colour code or authorised school uniform requirements. School dress standards, colour codes or uniforms reflect community beliefs about uniforms promoting pride in the school and generating a sense of belonging among students. They are consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity legislation and the Department of Education and Training's *Sun Protection* policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 *Dress standard*

The preferred option of Mount Rogers Primary School is that all students wear school uniform. As an alternative, students may wear school colour code.

School dress standards are to be:

- comparable to school uniform ie shorts, skirts, long trousers and shirt;
- plain coloured with no messages or images;
- Sun Smart approved ie no singlets, halter tops; and
- safety compliant ie no thongs, dangling earrings, necklaces or chains, high heeled shoes.

In addition:

- jewellery is to be limited to simple stud or sleeper earrings and a watch;
- shoes must be appropriate to complete school activities safely; and
- make up and artificial nails are not acceptable for school.

Mount Rogers Primary School acknowledges the role of daily fitness and sport in the school day. Students may wear appropriate clothing and shoes as specified by teachers or coaches for that activity. Wearing House colours is encouraged for carnivals.

Special event days eg SRC fun days, are regular events in the school calendar. Students are encouraged to participate fully in these events whilst complying to the dress standard.

3.2 *School colour code*

The school colour code is red and black.

3.3 *School uniform*

Mount Rogers Primary school uniform consists of the following options:

- Red polo shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts, trousers or skirt;

- Black and white checked dress, with white collar and red tab;
- Red jumper/jacket with school logo;
- White socks;
- Shoes – black or white, closed shoe or sandal, appropriate to school; and
- Red or black hat, Sun Smart approved.

Traditionally, year 6 students have their own t-shirt designed and printed for the current year.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Mount Rogers Primary School expects students to abide by the school uniform, colour code or dress standard during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of the school.

4.2 In developing a *Student Dress Standard and Colour Code* policy the principal and school board have:

- Consulted with parents, the school community, staff and students and incorporated issues of availability, affordability and functionality of items of clothing;
- Considered occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity legislation and the Department of Education and Training's *Sun Protection* policy;
- Considered the maturity of students, gender, disability, religious and cultural beliefs, socio-economic circumstances and a student's sense of individuality and self-esteem in personal appearance; and
- Enforced aspects of student dress standard, colour codes or uniform related to safety such as safe footwear and hats and swim shirts as required by the Department of Education and Training's *Sun Protection* policy.

4.3 Parents are informed:

- in writing of the policy guidelines through the school newsletter and in the school handbook;
- at the time of enrolment and asked to take responsibility for outfitting their children according to the requirements; and
- that a full copy of the school's *Student Dress Standard and Colour Code* policy is available for inspection.

4.4 Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students.

5. Non compliance and resolving conflict

5.1 Mount Rogers Primary School employs a range of strategies to uphold the required dress standards. These strategies may include:

- offering appropriate item/s from a supply of clothing/uniforms held at the school;
- preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school or is not part of the educational program;
- informing student's parents or carers of incidents; and
- implementing a process of conflict resolution or mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

5.3 Strategies for non-compliance will not include suspension, exclusion from essential curriculum activities except for safety reasons and any sanction where dress code items are not available because of circumstances beyond the student's control.

5.4 At Mount Rogers Primary School the preferred approach to ensuring students abide by dress standards, colour code or uniform is the positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour.

6. Special considerations

6.1 In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the principal must consider:

- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- the unavailability of an item, economic hardship and conscientious objections eg objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds, and
- matters relating to the student's health.

RELATED POLICIES

Sun Protection 2006

Providing Safe School P – 12 2007

Teachers' Code of Professional Practice 2006