

Moe (Albert Street) Primary School

Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School's** 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 **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School'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 **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School's** commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Reduce student competition based on clothing
- Enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

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

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School's** compulsory school uniform items are as follows;

Item	
Shirts	-short or long sleeved polo shirt or skivvy -plain long sleeve T-shirt (black, green, yellow or white) are permitted to be worn under polo shirts
Jackets	-bomber jacket with school logo (green) -grade 6 jacket (commemorative)
Jumpers	-rugby top with school logo (green) -windcheater (green)
Pants	-black pants i.e. track or cargo pants, no denim.
Shorts/Skirts	-black shorts, skirts or skorts
Socks	-socks (school colours only black, green, yellow or white.)
Shoes	-black (or mostly black) school shoes/sneakers or elastic sided school boots
Hats	-broadbrim or bucket hat with school logo (green)

Beanies	-black beanie (with school logo when available from the uniform shop)
Scarves	-scarves (school colours only black, green, yellow or white.)
Coats	-rain jackets or coats (school colours only black, green, yellow or white.)
Dresses	-green and yellow sports dress (uniform shop) or green and white check school dress

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School** students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing in school colours, may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Jewellery and cosmetics

For OHS purposes.

- Students are required only to wear small studs or sleepers in ears
- A wristwatch, and/or a necklace that can be safely tucked away under school uniform are acceptable
- Facial piercings must be only a small stud.
- Please be aware that any other jewellery worn that may be considered a safety risk, may be asked to be removed.
- The wearing of make-up is considered inappropriate at school.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn anytime they are outside from the first day of Term 4 until the 1st of May.

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 **Moe (Albert Street) Primary School**, or parents may obtain items from department stores or other generic uniform stores.

Moe (Albert Street) Primary School wellbeing team operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. The second-hand uniform rack is located in the officer foyer and each item is \$3 for purchase.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Welfare Officer 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

Moe (Albert Street) Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and parent portal and we will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the Wellbeing officer. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Welfare Officer will be informed, and a phone call/portal message home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT 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 or Welfare Officer 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.
- The student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal or Welfare Officer 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 Welfare Officer 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

Moe (Albert Street) Primary School 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 *Complaints Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website and online parent portal
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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

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