

UNIFORM POLICY

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Rationale

The first and most common impression of Modbury High School (MHS) in our community is given by our students in uniform on their way to and from school, or whilst on excursion. The MHS uniform serves multiple purposes:

- Keeps with an ethos of excellence and respect in the school;
- Projects a positive image in the community;
- Gives the school a unique identity;
- Creates a sense of belonging and equity for students;
- Practical for a range of weather conditions and activities;
- Ensure students keep within health, safety, decency and community standards; and
- Eliminates competition for 'fad' clothing or brand names, plus the wearing of inappropriate accessories or clothing items.

Objectives

The MHS Uniform Policy documents the acceptable standards of clothing worn by students at the school.

The school recognises the diverse community that constitutes its population and respects the religious and cultures beliefs of its members. At times this may require a special allowances in terms of the uniform to support the beliefs of a student and their family. Specific medical conditions may also require an exemption, in all cases, religious, cultural or medical an application detailing the exemption required should be made in writing to the Principal.

Procedure

1. Acceptable Uniform

Item	Description
Shorts	Plain navy blue, knee-length dress shorts.
Trousers	Plain navy blue, dress pants.
Shirt	MHS sky blue polo shirt. Optional MHS shirt with or without MHS tie. Year 12 students may wear a MHS white polo shirt.
Dress	MHS dress must be knee-length. New design to be worn by Year 8 and 9 students, optional for other year levels.
Skirt	MHS skirt must be knee-length.
Stockings/tights	Plain beige or navy blue.
Jumper	MHS jumper.
Jackets	MHS jacket and the Year 12 jacket, can be worn in classrooms. Plain navy blue wet weather jackets with a hood can be worn to and from school, but not in classrooms.
Footwear	Plain black, enclosed, lace-up shoes.
Socks	MHS socks or plain navy blue, white, black or grey. Must cover the ankles, no higher than mid-calf.

Hat	MHS hat, must be worn for all outside lessons and excursions in terms 1 and 4. Compulsory for PE. Hats should not be worn indoors.
Scarves	MHS or plain navy blue scarf can be worn to and from school and in classrooms at the teacher's discretion (note health and safety issues will require their removal in some lessons).
Gloves	Plain navy blue gloves can be worn to and from school, but not in classrooms.
Hair ties/Head bands	Plain navy blue, sky blue, black or white.
PE Uniform	
Shirt	MHS PE polo.
Pants	MHS shorts or tracksuit pants.
Shoes	Track shoes with on-marking soles.

MHS items are only available in the school uniform shop.

2. What should not be worn:

- Jewellery except for up to two small sleepers or studs per ear. Studs should be of plain gold or silver or a single colour of blue, green or clear stone (school colours). Any other visible jewelry (e.g. nose studs) to be removed or covered. Medic Alerts are exempt from this.
- Makeup or coloured nails. Nail length is not to be past tips of fingers.
- Hair colouring that is not appropriate for school or professional workplace.
- Denim, tracksuit pants or pants with elastic cuffs, fancy or double stitching.
- Pants or shorts with outside pockets (e.g. cargo pants).
- Visible items hung around the neck.
- Items of clothing that are visible under the polo.
- 50th Anniversary hoodies (except for PE) or old style windcheaters.
- Sandals, ballet style shoes, elastic sided shoes, boots, coloured shoelaces or foot wear with markings or stripes.
- Tattoos must not be visible.

3. Temporary Uniform Exemptions:

A temporary inability to wear the full uniform will require a note from parents/caregivers in the student's diary, which is to be taken to the Front Office for stamping before school commences. Periods of longer than one day will require written permission from the Year Level Manager, or for a week or more from the Principal.

4. Enforcement and non-compliance:

Breach of the uniform policy, without an exemption, will result in a Room 2 lunchtime detention.

All staff are responsible for the implementation of the dress code and allocation of consequences for non-compliance.

The Principal will enforce the dress code of the school and may take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to willful and persistent breach of the dress code.

5. Legislation:

Uniform policy is written pursuant to Regulation 86 of the *Education Regulations 2012*.

Policy review:

The school's Governing Council has the discretion to establish a formal review process for their school dress code, which will allow student and parent groups within the schools community to seek review when the circumstances change significantly or issues arise. For example receipt of a written request to the Principal.

The school council and staff will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Uniform Policy (at least every three years) and revise the policy when required.