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 allowance 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 for an item of uniform or jewelry should be made in writing to the Principal. Any such exemptions will be recorded on Daymap for that student.

Procedure

1. Acceptable Uniform

Item	Description
Shorts	MHS plain navy blue, knee-length dress shorts.
Trousers	MHS plain navy-blue pants.
Shirt	MHS sky blue polo shirt, either the long or short sleeved version. Year 12 students may wear an MHS white polo shirt.
Dress	MHS dress must be knee-length.
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 predominantly navy blue, white, black or grey, a small brand logo is acceptable. Must cover the ankles, no higher than mid-calf.

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MHS Bucket 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.
MHS Beanie	The beanie is for use to and from school, in the yard at recess and lunch or on excursions when the bucket hat is not in use. This does not replace the bucket hat in terms 1 and 4 as it does not provide adequate sun protection. Beanies should not be worn indoors.
Scarves	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 accessories	Plain navy blue, sky blue, black or white.
PE Uniform	
Shirt	MHS PE polo, either the long or short sleeved version.
Pants	MHS shorts or non-branded navy track pants.
Shoes	Track shoes with non-marking soles.

*Hair accessories include, but are not limited to, hair ties, hair bands, clips and slides.

MHS items are only available in the school uniform shop, this is provided by Belgravia Sports, their MHS website page can be found here: Modbury High School – Belgravia Apparel | Schools (belgraviaapparelschools.com)

Headscarves and hijabs are available from the uniform shop, if worn they should be plain navy-blue, black, sky-blue or white.

2. What should not be worn:

- Jewelry 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 to be removed or covered, a single nose piercing with a small stud or ring in the nostril is acceptable. Septum nose piercings are not acceptable. Medic Alerts such as pendants or bracelets are exempt from this.
- Heavy makeup or false nails/nail extensions. Nail length is not to be past tips of fingers and any nail polish must be a neutral colour.
- Denim, tracksuit pants or pants with elastic cuffs, fancy or double stitching. Pants must be purchased from the uniform shop as above.
- Pants or shorts with outside pockets (e.g. cargo pants). Pants must be purchased from the uniform shop as above.
- Visible items hung around the neck.
- Items of clothing that are visible under the polo.
- Hoodies or other, non-MHS jumpers.
- Sandals, ballet style shoes, elastic sided shoes, boots, coloured shoelaces or footwear 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 planner, which is to be taken to the Front Office to allow them to contact YLL for approval. Periods of longer than one day will require written permission from the Year Level Leader, 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 lunchtime detention in the Learning Centre (F6 in the Flexi).

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

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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.

Our policy complies with the Department for Education's "School Dress Code Administrative Instruction" which states that appropriate disciplinary action includes:

- extra duties, for example, cleaning up litter in the school yard for a period of time during breaks, helping staff to set up for school functions, limit schoolyard or oval access at break times or prohibit excursions
- verbal warning to the student
- detention.

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

6. Responsibility:
Students wear jewelry and other items at their own risk, MHS is not liable for any loss or damage to items students chose to wear.

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 school's 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.