

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

School Council has approved compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Manifold Heights Primary School.

AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride and identification with our school.
- Maintain and enhance the high public and community regard for the school and its students.
- To provide durable clothing that is practical and cost effective.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Students are required to wear a school uniform as approved by School Council.
- All students representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.
- For safety reasons, jewellery, with the exception of watches and plain stud or small “sleeper” earrings, is not permitted.
- Natural hair colour only, unless there is a specific school event or activity requiring hair to be coloured. For non-school events a note should be provided to the classroom teacher about the event and the hair colour requirements.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- For safety and health reasons, students with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back.
- In line with our Sunsmart policy all students will be required to wear a school hat when outside from October until May. This includes lunch- time, recess, and Physical Education classes and sports sessions. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Uniform items will be available for purchase from Bellarine Uniforms (Noone’s) at its Moorabool Street Shop.
- A screen printing service will be offered if possible, for parents who wish to purchase a standard clothing item and then have the compulsory school logo on it.
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the school newsletter annually, and form part of our information pack.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.
- School Council authorises the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy and breaches will be dealt with accordingly.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal. The Principal will notify School Council and keep record of the result of each application.
- Individual items may be altered or added at any time at the discretion of the School Council following appropriate consultation with the community.
- The Principal:

- may prescribe alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions, camps, sports, events and excursions.
- may excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances.
- may assist parents in financial need to acquire uniform items.
- Uniform is listed as Summer and Winter items, however, many items are in both sections. The school logo is screen printed on all items. The Uniform will consist of the following items.

Summer Uniform:

Bottle green and white check dress (specific check) – not to be worn with tights.
 Skort – bottle green or green/white check as for dress– not to be worn with tights.
 White or bottle green short sleeve polo shirt with logo.
 White or bottle green long sleeved polo shirt with logo.
 Bottle green windcheater (with or without band).
 Senior level windcheater – Bottle green with white top half. This is for students in Years 5 & 6 only.
 Bottle green Bomber jacket.
 Bottle green Sleeveless vest.
 Bottle green shorts.
 White socks
 Headbands – white, bottle green, green/white check.

Winter options include (in addition to summer listed items above):

Bottle green or white skivvies.
 Bottle green track suit pants.
 Bottle Green long pants.
 Kilt (as supplied by Uniform Shop).
 White socks / Green tights.

Shoes:

- Black shoes.
 - Pull on black elastic sided boots.
 - Joggers/runners – predominately black or white – no fluoro colours
- ** No thongs, open toed sandals or slip on shoes ** Leggings are not part of the school uniform.**

Hat: – compulsory whenever outside from September to the end of April

- Broad brimmed (with school logo).
- Legionnaires (with school logo).
- Hats can have one identifying token but are not to be covered in badges, pins or writing.
- Caps and novelty hats are not to be worn.

Bag:

Mandatory - Bottle green with school logo

Sports Uniform:

These are to be worn when a child represents Manifold Heights Primary School at any/all inter-school sports events:

- Bottle green or white polo shirt with school logo.
- Green shorts or skort or green netball skirt.
- Track shoes/runners.
- White socks.

EVALUATION

The School Council will give consideration to a consultative process that guarantees opportunity for the viewpoints of parents/guardians, teachers and, where relevant, students to be expressed.

Consultation may include:

- Notices in the weekly newsletter
- Display of items in the foyer
- Parent survey
- Agenda item at School Council and Services Sub-committee
- Parent Forum discussion
- Other methods as deemed appropriate.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last approved by School Council on 31st August 2020 and is scheduled for review August 2023.

This policy will be reviewed every three years in consultation with the school community.