



MIDDLE PARK STATE SCHOOL -Independent Public School-

STUDENT DRESS CODE

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At Middle Park State School all students are required to wear the school uniform as set out in this Dress Code. Wearing a school uniform has many advantages in that:

- *School uniforms have a positive effect on students.* School uniforms promote a single standard of dress. Therefore, school environments become less competitive and more focused on learning. High expectations mean high achievement.
- *School uniforms boost school spirit.*
Helping to build a sense of community within the school, uniforms create an atmosphere of belonging. This essence of unity can positively affect a child's attitude toward school and can lead to better learning and improved attendance.
- *School uniforms promote a safe, healthy learning environment.*
Uniforms make it easier for school officials to identify non-students while promoting a safe and comfortable atmosphere.
- *School uniforms make mornings easier.*
Through simplicity, uniforms promote time efficiency, organisation and neatness. Getting the morning off right is the key to a productive and happy day.
- *School uniforms are cost-effective.*
Although expensive in initial outlay, uniforms can last throughout a school year or longer.
- *School uniforms encourage individual self-expression.*
With uniforms, students find ways to express themselves creatively, rather than through their clothes - through the arts, music, sports, personality and academic achievement.

THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE:

It is expected:

- The school uniform is to be worn every day.
- The sports uniform, which consists of royal blue culottes or royal blue rugby knit shorts together with two toned blue polo shirt with school logo, is to be worn when a physical education class is scheduled with the specialist teacher. It is also worn on sports days and when representing the school in competition.
- Black school shoes or black joggers with non-marking soles to be worn.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Ribbons in school colours, being blue and white, are permitted.
- Hair colouring is to be kept within the natural hair colour range and styles are to be conservative and neat.
- For Workplace Health and Safety reasons the only jewellery permitted is a watch. Only one pair of sleepers or studs is to be worn in pierced ears. If a student has a particular reason for additional jewellery they need to discuss with/get permission from Administration.

The school has a “No Shady Hat – No Play” policy. A hat is required for excursions. Students are required to dress in correct school uniform, especially when representing their school.

CURRENT UNIFORM AS DESCRIBED IN THE PARENT HANDBOOK

Uniform – for Everyday Wear

- *Dress in school material and design
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- *Royal blue culottes or *royal blue rugby knit shorts
- *Two toned blue polo shirt with school logo
- White socks
- Black shoes or black joggers
- *Royal blue zipped front jacket with school logo or *two toned blue rugby knit long sleeve polo shirt
- *Royal blue track pants
- *Royal blue wide brimmed hat, legionnaires hat or bucket hat with school logo
- *Royal blue or navy leggings or tights/*royal blue stretch bootleg pants

Prep Uniform – for Everyday Wear

- *Two toned blue polo shirt with school logo
- *Royal blue culottes or *royal blue rugby knit shorts
- White socks
- Black school shoes or black joggers
- *Royal blue zipped front jacket with school logo or *two toned blue rugby knit long sleeve polo shirt
- *Royal blue track pants
- *Yellow legionnaires hat

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Year 6 commemorative shirts are appropriate for everyday wear, however, on formal occasions it is required that the school uniform is worn, e.g. photos, special assemblies, excursions.

PERFORMING ARTS UNIFORM

All students participating in any performing arts activity (choir, instrumental music and dance troupe) are required to wear the full performing arts uniform:

- *Performing arts shirt
- *Performing arts long pants
- Black shoes or black joggers
- Black socks

SPORTS CARNIVALS

On designated sports carnival days, children are permitted to wear their house coloured t-shirts with sleeves.

FREE DRESS DAYS

Our school has a number of free dress days during the year when children wearing free dress are encouraged to donate a gold coin, which is then donated to a nominated worthwhile cause. The following clothing is **not** appropriate for these days:

- Clothing printed with inappropriate or offensive imagery or wording
- Clothing that is not sun-safe, e.g. singlet tops, midriff tops
- High heeled shoes or open toed shoes
- Jewellery that does not conform to the usual standards

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