



# DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

## Overview

The College believes that the image of the College is reflected in the appearance of students and that a uniform encourages a sense of pride and belonging to a group. All students must wear the correct uniform in a neat and clean manner. The uniform is to be worn during school hours, on the way to and from school, and on excursions, unless permission is given for 'casual' dress. Mortlake P-12 College is proud to support gender diversity within our community and as such our uniform policy is a reflection of this.

## Rights and Responsibilities

### Staff Rights

- To expect all students to wear correct school uniform unless specified otherwise.
- To expect students to be correctly attired for Physical Education and Sports sessions.
- To expect appropriate uniform or clothing for excursions as communicated.

### Staff Responsibilities

- To ensure all students are in correct uniform.
- To ensure that when a student is not in the appropriate school uniform, a "Uniform Pass" has been obtained from the House Mentor Teacher or School Office Administration.

### Student Rights

- To have input into the nature of the uniform.
- To expect all students to wear the appropriate school uniform.
- To expect that staff support school policy on school uniform.

### Student Responsibilities

- To be attired in correct school uniform at all times unless otherwise specified e.g. some excursions.
- To provide the House Mentor Teacher or Classroom teacher with a note from parents/ guardians explaining any change from correct uniform.

### Parent Rights

- To expect support from teachers in the wearing of correct school uniform.
- To have input into the nature of the uniform.
- To expect that the uniform be practical, readily available and reasonably priced.

### Parent Responsibilities

- To provide the correct uniform for their child.
- To make sure their child is attired in correct school uniform unless otherwise specified e.g. some excursions.
- To supply a written explanation if their child is out of uniform.
- To support school policy on the wearing of school uniform.

## Student Appearance

As part of the College Uniform Policy, there is an expectation that students will present themselves in a neat and orderly manner when wearing the College Uniform as per guidelines established by the College.

The guidelines which relate to student appearance have been reviewed and clarified. Parents and students should note the following requirements:

## Uniform Items

Students must own one full **Formal Uniform** and one full **Every Day Active Uniform**. All uniform items are permitted to be worn on a daily basis. However at certain times of the year there will be occasions where the Formal Uniform must be worn. Students are permitted to mix and match all items of the school uniform except for designated formal occasions.

Examples where **Formal Uniform** would be expected include: School Photo Day, some Formal excursions, days when students are representing the college at a formal event.

Examples where **Every Day Active Uniform** would be expected include: Normal school day, some active excursions e.g. Outdoor Education excursions.

Students must own one full **Sporting Event Uniform**. This uniform is to be worn to sporting events

Examples where **Sporting Event Uniform** would be expected include: GWR Athletics, District Athletics.

All uniform items are available for purchase from Mortlake P-12 College or cheaper generic unbadged items may be purchased from major retailers (The generic style must match that of Mortlake College's brand ie: black quick dry material shorts not basketball shorts).

If a further garment is to be worn under the school shirt, it should be a plain white t-shirt or singlet and must be tucked in and hidden away.

### Formal Uniform

- Grey Shorts or Grey Pants/Black Business Style Pants (No cargo or track pants)
- White Polo Shirt Long or Short Sleeve with College Logo
- Junior Grey Skirt or Senior Skirt – must be approximately knee length
- School Dress – must be approximately knee length
- School Jumper
- School Jacket (Soft Shell) (School Blazer maybe supplied as well)
- Long Grey, Black or White Socks
- Black polishable school shoes (Pictures of examples of appropriate shoes are provided at the end of this document)

### Every Day Active Uniform

- Black Shorts with school logo or plain unbranded shorts of similar style (approved) and / or;
- Black Track Pants with school logo or plain unbranded tracksuit pants
- School or House Polo Shirt with logo or unbranded.
- School Hooded Jumper Year 11/12 Only (2020 Trial)
- School Jacket (Soft Shell)
- Black polishable school shoes or Black Leather Runners (Pictures of examples of appropriate shoes are provided at the end of this document)

### Sporting Event/Class Uniform

- Black Shorts with school logo or plain unbranded shorts and / or;
- Black Track Pants with logo or plain unbranded tracksuit pants and / or;
- Black unbranded leggings.
- School or House Polo Shirt with logo or unbranded.
- Mortlake College Rugby Jumper
- School Jacket (Soft Shell)
- Sport runners

### Outer Garments

- A Black scarf may be worn with the school uniform in cold weather.
- A wide broad brimmed hat must be worn outside by staff and students during Terms 1 and 4.
- School designed and approved Beanie can be only worn in Terms 2 & 3 outside of the classroom only.

## **PE Classes & Sports Days**

- If you have a PE class or sport training on a casual dress day, you must have appropriate clothing to complete the expected activities set in the PE Class; change into sports uniform as described above.
- It is recommended that all students have a change of clothes for PE classes. (With the exception of Foundation-Year 5, they will wear their PE uniform all day on their assigned PE day)
- Plain black leggings can be worn for PE classes and for competing in sporting events if approved by the teacher in charge of the activity.

## **Hair**

Whilst the College does not prohibit any specific hair styles the following considerations should be adhered to:

- The hair style does not cause a safety issue especially in 'hands on' classes.
- The hair style is respectful and not offensive.
- The hair style does not prohibit the student from participating in normal learning activities.

## **Dress Code for Casual Dress Days & Camps**

Dress standards must be non-offensive.

Footwear: closed in shoes must be worn. No thongs or sandals. This is a safety issue.

Tops/Blouses/Shirts: must be of a suitable length to have no midriff showing and must have sleeves. Slogans, Logos, etc. must be in line with the image of the College.

Shorts: No frayed or torn shorts or jeans.

Skirts/Dresses: must be approximately knee length and not cause offence.

PLEASE NOTE that students may expect to be sent home or be given another consequence if clothing does not comply with these College rules.

## **Implementation**

The wearing of correct uniform is an expectation that will be made of all students at Mortlake P-12 College. Students who attend school in the incorrect uniform can expect to be followed up by any staff member they encounter.

Students who do not have the correct uniform available on a particular day should arrive at school with a note from their parents stating the issue with uniform.

Serious and or ongoing uniform breaches will result in the student not attending class until a parent teacher conference occurs where the Uniform Policy and expectations will be reiterated and an agreed plan forward is made.

## Appendix A

### Footwear at Mortlake P-12 College – New Uniform

- Black runners can be worn but they must be leather – no mesh – all black.
- T bars have been phased out of uniform during 2019.
- All black leather school shoes are still okay.
- The choice is up to families black leather school shoes or black leather runners.

### Examples of shoes that can be worn as part of Everyday Active & Formal school uniform



### Examples of shoes not part of Everyday Active & Formal school uniform.

