## 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 require a school uniform \& sports uniform
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). (At present, black dress pants are not an item the school has for sale. These would need to be purchased elsewhere.)

Examples where School Uniform would be expected include: Normal school day, some active excursions e.g. Outdoor Education excursions, School Photo Day, some Formal excursions, days when students are representing the college at a formal event.

Examples where Sports Uniform would be expected include: GWR Athletics, District Athletics or some excursions.
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.

## School Uniform

- Grey Shorts, black shorts or Grey Pants/Black Business Style Pants (No cargo or track pants, skins or activewear 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)
- Yr 12 Rugby Jumper (Optional Item for Year 12 Students)


## Sports 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.

Primary students are able to wear their sports uniform all day on the days they have PE classes.
Secondary students are to bring their PE clothes and change when they are in their PE Class.

## 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 school uniform


Examples of shoes not part of school uniform.


