MOUNT ELIZA
SECONDARY COLLEGE

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

The student dress code is to outline the expectations that Mount Eliza Secondary College community require and expect. College Council routinely support and acknowledge extensive consultation that includes student, family and teacher voice. As a college we believe these expectations represent the values and expectations of majority of college stakeholders.

The dress code aims to

- Foster a sense of community and connectedness while developing pride in self-presentation.
- Supporting the student body to feel equal and to be dressed safely for all school activities
- Enhance the profile and identity of the college in the wider community.

Students are to comply with this a dress code when travelling to and from school. And while attending school during school hours.

Family/carer support in meeting these requirements is expected and highly valued. College processes around not complying with college rules and policy may be enforced. We encourage students and families/carers to communicate with year level coordinators, should there be any concern in meeting these requirements.

Students wearing incorrect shoes and socks will be placed on detention. Students with incorrect shoes may impact participation in DESIGN/ART classes due to safety.

Students out of uniform in any other way will be given a detention and sent to Student Services. Communication home will be made to see if support can be given by parent/carer to rectify uniform. Alternatively, if available, students will be offered to borrow uniform from the college. Failure to follow these processes will result in 'Failure to follow instructions' process.

While uniform bottoms do not require branding, DOBSON's website can be used as a reference of what clothing attire and shoes are appropriate.

Shop Dobsons

SUMMER

Term 1 and Term 4 – students can wear first week of term 2 and last week of term 3.

College soft shell jacket OR/AND College blazer (black with striped braiding)

College short sleeved shirt (white with charcoal stripe) NOT PE POLO

Tailored dress shorts/slacks, grey

College dress (gloxinia/grey/grey stripe) the dress should be no more than an inch above the kneecap when student is standing

College pullover (gloxinia or black fleece) School shirt must be worn under gloxinia pullover

Socks, school grey, over the ankle

Shoes, plain black polishable lace-up (NOT T-bar, platform, mesh, suede or canvas sneakers or boots of any kind.) N.B. Shoes are expected to be cleaned and polished regularly.

WINTER

Term 2 and Term 3 – student can wear last week of term 1 and first week of term 4.

College soft shell jacket OR/AND College blazer (black with striped braiding)

College short or long-sleeved shirt (white with charcoal stripe) NOT PE POLO

Tailored dress slacks/shorts, grey

College pleated skirt (gloxinia/grey/grey stripe) skirt should sit below the knee when student is standing

College tie, optional

College pullover (gloxinia or black fleece) School shirt must be worn under gloxinia pullover

Black tights (70 denier) N.B. sheer black tights are not acceptable.

Socks, grey over the ankle

Shoes, plain black polishable lace-up (NOT T-bar, platform, mesh, suede or canvas sneakers or boots of any kind.) N.B. Shoes are expected to be cleaned and polished regularly.

PE and Sport Uniform

College sports polo shirt (gloxinia/green/white)

Black sports-gym shorts (no obvious branding, no football shorts, brief shorts)

Black track pants (no obvious branding)

Black sports tights (no obvious branding)

College rugby top, striped, with crest

College cap, black with white trim

Interschool Sports Uniform It is college policy that students wear appropriate uniform to all interschool sporting events. The uniform required is the PE/Sport outfit with the special uniform for the sport involved. Students not in the appropriate uniform will not be permitted to take part.

Dress and Grooming

Hair should be neatly styled.

Hair accessories are to be white, purple or black.

Extreme hairstyles and/or colouring are not acceptable.

Student facial hair must be neatly groomed at all times. Students that are deemed to not be well groomed, will be asked to rectify this prior to returning to classes the following day.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum

Decorative/fashion jewellery is not to be worn.

Ear spacers are not allowed.

One small unobtrusive stud-style nose piercing (1.5mm diameter) is acceptable. Any other facial piercing MUST NOT be worn. Students who cannot remove piercing will have until the following day to remove and will receive a detention. Failure to do this will result in processes pertaining to 'not following instruction'.

Jewellery considered to impact OHS, will be asked to be removed. For example, dangle or hoop earrings. Jewellery deemed unacceptable will be confiscated and only returned at the end of the school day from the front office.

Clear or neutral colour nail polish may be worn.

Nails to be kept at an appropriate length for OHS and hygiene purposes.

Light, natural-coloured cosmetics only are acceptable. Students will be directed to remove excessive make-up or coloured nail polish by sub-school personnel or members of the principal team.

Sun-Smart Policy

The college sun-smart policy states that students should wear the college sports hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen always when outside including on sporting events, excursions, or any activity.

The following items may be worn with the uniform in cold and wet weather conditions:

Mid-grey scarf with school logo; When RAINING black rain jacket with school crest; mid-grey gloves. College soft shell jacket or blazer is to be always the outer layer unless raining when the black rain jacket can be worn over the jacket or blazer.

No other variations of these items will be accepted. Hoodies, non-school jumpers, Beanies, balaclavas or similar will not be permitted.

In cooler climate, under garments may be worn as long as they are hidden – including logos. This DOES NOT include hoodies

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We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2025
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	September 2026

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