



Macarthur Girls High School

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UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff. The department recognises that NSW has a long history of school uniforms or dress codes being decided by the local school community. These requirements are set out in the Departments "School Uniform Policy"

The DoE uniform policy can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy?refid=285839>

Outcomes

Students at school are readily identifiable through their uniform and are provided with an economical, consistent method of meeting WHS requirements for safety in the classroom and playground environments, as well as being provided with suitable choices for participation in the full range of activities provided by the School.

MGHS Policy.

Students at MGHS are expected to wear the school uniform at all times each day they attend, or represent the school on school organized activities. They are expected to wear the complete uniform as described below, at all times unless it is with the knowledge of their parent/carer and has been sanctioned through their following of the school processes. Any disciplinary action will be based on the failure to follow process relating to uniform.

What constitutes school uniform will be determined as a result of an extensive consultation period and will include members of the school staff, students, families and community bodies represented at the school. The Principal (or delegate) will convene consultative meetings regarding uniform.

As part of this process, a review of the suitability of the current uniform is to occur at least every 5 years, with adjustments being phased in to alleviate any potential hardship for students and their families.

Implementation documents

- [School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools Guidelines \(PDF 735.39 KB\)](#)

Related documents

- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Student Welfare Policy](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Policy](#)

Date created: September 2017

Review date: by September 2021

Uniform Policy Implementation / Procedures

Procedures

Uniform Requirements

Girls are expected to wear the full school uniform each day. The school is judged by how its students wear the uniform and their behaviour whilst in that uniform. Neat appearance in full and correct school uniform is essential. All clothing should be clearly labelled. All clothing items are available only from the School Locker shop (8796 2100) at Macarthur Girls High. The Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 8am to 4pm (appointment only) and Tuesday 8-4, Thursday 12-4. Footwear is available from all leading footwear retailers.

Uniform requirements for 2016-2021 are:

Year 7-12

All year: Check tailored skirt

Year 7-10

Summer: White short sleeve over blouse with collar with blue piping and school crest
Winter: White long sleeve over blouse with collar with blue piping and school crest

Year 11-12

Summer: Pale blue short sleeve over blouse with collar with blue piping and school crest
Winter: Pale blue long sleeve over blouse with collar with blue piping and school crest

Cultural Uniform:

Long check tailored skirt

Juniors: Long sleeve white over blouse with school crest

Seniors: Long sleeve pale blue over blouse with school crest

All Year

groups: Headscarf (hijab) optional, white only
Head band (Bond) optional dark blue

School jumper, cardigan or vests with school crest may be worn with the above. If students are wearing a school blazer, the blouses may be tucked into their skirt.

All students

Shoes: Black flat lace-up / enclosed plain leather school shoes NO boots allowed
Socks: Plain white short socks, or Black pantyhose (Juniors winter only) – no short stockings or long socks allowed

Optional items

Jumper: Plain navy V-necked woollen jumper with school crest, or Navy V-necked fleecy top with school crest

Blazer: Navy blue with school crest

Scarf: Navy blue with school monogram or plain navy / white / black

Sport Uniform (PE, Sport and Carnivals)

- Macarthur shorts
- Yellow/blue short-sleeved collared shirt with crest
- Sports shoes or joggers with light coloured soles (no canvas shoes)
- School tracksuit, school sport cap (may also be worn outdoors with the summer uniform)
- School swimming costume and cap

The Sports Uniform is not to be worn to school unless prior permission has been granted

School Bag

Sturdy bag free of graffiti. The school bag must protect the books issued by the school throughout the year. Back packs (with two shoulder straps) are the most suitable school bags. These bags put less strain on the spinal development. **Handbags are not appropriate for school use.**

Additional Considerations

The following items are optional but may be worn:

- A watch
- a plain cultural or religious chain (must be tucked inside school blouse)
- one simple ring
- sleeper or stud earrings (nothing bigger than a 5 cent piece)
- Clear sun protection lip balm may be used

The following items may NOT be worn at any time:

- make-up, including eyeliner, eyeshadow or lipstick
- acrylic nails/nail polish
- fashion, open-topped shoes, thongs, sandals or ballet slippers
- leggings with short skirt
- long sleeve skivvy under short sleeve shirt

Hair should be kept tidy and back off the face. Ribbons or head bands should only be navy blue or white. The sport uniform including sports shoes should not be worn as school uniform or under the school uniform.

Students who are persistently out of uniform may be subject to an after school detention.

Out of Uniform Process

Students out of uniform for up to 5 days are to follow the following process

1. Obtain written explanation from parent/carer
2. Present this written explanation to Stage Leader/Principal/HT Wellbeing before 8.50am
3. Receive a "uniform pass" for their being out of uniform
4. Show uniform pass for that day to any teacher who requests it.

Students who DO NOT have a written explanation from their parent/carer must still follow steps 2-4. In addition they may be placed on detention or have another sanction for not bringing the explanation from their parent/carer

Where there is a longer term issue, parents should notify the school directly, asking to speak to the Principal, a Stage Leader or the Head Teacher Student Wellbeing so that an appropriate solution can be found.

Where there is a more long term likelihood of a student being out of uniform, parents/carers need to discuss with the Principal/delegate what suitable arrangements are to be entered into to ensure the student is able to participate safely in all aspects of the curriculum for the cohort in which they are enrolled. Students will be given written authority regarding uniform exemption for the agreed time.

People

Teachers:

- Check students are in correct uniform, direct to appropriate person those not in uniform without uniform pass
- Request "uniform pass" from students not in uniform
- Provide alternative learning activities for students unable to participate safely due to being out of uniform

Senior executive/Stage leaders

- Provide uniform passes for students presenting out of uniform
- Issue detentions for students failing to follow school uniform policy process
- Communicate with parents/carers where uniform concerns exist
- Arrange adjustments/exemptions for students for whom wearing uniform is an issue for parents/ carers etc

Parents/Carers

- Send students to school in correct uniform
- Provide explanation in writing/appropriate format, for students out of uniform
- Ensure uniform is laundered and hygienic for use at all times
- Keep uniform maintained in acceptable condition (including repair of footwear)

Review and evaluation

This policy is to be reviewed annually to determine ongoing suitability. A complete evaluation and adjustment is to be carried out at least by end 2022

Instances of students being out of uniform will be logged in the schools digital records (SENTRAL) -for each student, with students regularly out of uniform having parents/carers contacted. Where contact identifies personal circumstances causing ongoing difficulty in meeting uniform requirements, school processes for supporting these families will be instituted in an appropriate manner.