McDonald Park Schools
Dress Code

BELIEF STATEMENT

Our school Dress Code creates a sense of community, which is engendered in the feeling of belonging of all individuals. Students wearing the Schools’ Dress Code will promote;

✓ a sense of pride in our schools
✓ a commitment to the ideals we are aiming to achieve
✓ individual self esteem
✓ a positive image of our schools in the wider community
✓ a sense of security for all students.

POLICY STATEMENT

- The Dress Code Task Force has drawn up the Dress Code after consultation with parents, students and staff. It has been endorsed by the Governing Council as a code of dress for all students attending M^Donald Park schools.
- Items listed below are suggested items for the season only. This does not preclude wearing other items of the dress code when the climate dictates eg long pants on a cold day in December.
- All items of the dress code that can be interchanged are acceptable eg rugby top OR windcheater, polo top OR skivvy.
- Students in the schools follow a number of different codes as part of the school community. The Dress Code fits within these and we seek parent support in upholding this code, as we do with others.
- Wearing the schools’ Dress Code eliminates inequality and unnecessary competition, and provides good training for future life and careers.
- At no stage will students be educationally disadvantaged for not adhering to the dress code.
- The principles of the Dress Code are in accordance with Education Department regulations that came into effect from January 27th 1994.
**DRESS CODE**

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♦ All students are required to wear clothing that is consistent with the school dress code.

♦ Principals may exempt students upon written request from parents. Grounds upon which parents may seek exemption are:
  * Religious
  * Cultural or ethnic
  * New students (time to purchase)
  * Itinerant students

♦ Where there is a genuine reason for children not wearing clothing consistent with the dress code the school should be informed as soon as possible, preferably in writing.

♦ Students will wear clothing consistent with the dress code for official school activities (eg. school photos) and class excursions (not including camps).

♦ No logos, apart from the school logo, are permitted on any items of clothing.

♦ Blue shorts or blue jeans are not part of the schools’ Dress Code.

♦ The school has a sun safe policy of ‘no hat – play in the shade’ during Terms 1 and 4. Only wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats are suitable.

♦ Year 7 jumpers are available.

♦ Undergarments are not to be visible e.g. no long sleeved undershirts to be worn under polo shirts.

♦ Tank tops are not to be worn.

♦ Jewellery to be kept to a minimum, watches and plain studs or sleepers for pierced ears is suitable.

♦ Hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum and to be in school colours.