



MERIDAN STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a Principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending, or representing the College.

The Meridan State College STUDENT DRESS CODE provides for the following:

- ❖ Standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear.
- ❖ Standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

The Student Dress Code has been endorsed by the Meridan State College Parents and Citizens Association. The College seeks full support from parents to ensure that their child abides by every aspect of the Student Dress Code every day.

As part of the enrolment agreement parents agree to adhere to the Student Dress Code.

The Student Dress Code is advocated by our College for the following reasons:

It promotes

- ❖ an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the College,
- ❖ a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at the College,
- ❖ community values, expectations and perceptions of the College, and
- ❖ mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences.

It encourages

- ❖ the positive link between dress standards, College discipline and College spirit,
- ❖ students to have a sense of personal pride in their own appearance,
- ❖ identification with the College and fosters a sense of belonging, and
- ❖ students in the Secondary School to focus on dress standards/requirements of a workplace.

Uniform

Students are required to wear their full uniform including fully enclosed black shoes and plain white or black visible ankle socks - Secondary Students, plain white visible socks – Primary Students, school hat and a College black bag with College logo, each school day and for all formal occasions such as excursions, awards ceremonies, College photos and other College or public functions.

- ❖ A College black jumper with the College logo or College windbreaker jacket are the only approved jumper/jacket to be worn. Year 11 & 12 students may also wear their senior jackets.
- ❖ Students who are members of the Sports, Academic, Dance and STEM academies may wear the academy shirt except at formal occasions.
- ❖ The integrity of the College uniform must be maintained (e.g. skirt length may not be adjusted, no rips in shorts or stockings, sleeves unrolled etc).
- ❖ Students are to be well groomed and wear the uniform appropriately e.g. buttons done up, ties tied properly.

- ❖ Boys' belts are to be plain and free from large buckles or studs.
- ❖ Students with visible tattoos are required to have them completely covered with a flesh coloured bandage whilst in College uniform.
- ❖ Beanies, gloves and scarves are not part of the College uniform.
- ❖ The College dress code DOES NOT include any other item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items.

Footwear

- ❖ Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot.
- ❖ Students attending this College must wear black (100% black, no other colour), polishable leather or vinyl joggers/shoes that are fully enclosed. Slip on shoes or boots are not appropriate.
- ❖ Shoelaces must be black.
- ❖ Suede, canvas or 'high tops' shoes are not acceptable.
- ❖ Primary Students - Short white socks must be visible.
- ❖ Secondary Students - Short white or black socks must be visible.
- ❖ Joggers are preferable as regular physical activity is part of the College's curriculum.

Jewellery

- ❖ Students may wear no more than two small pairs of plain sleepers or studs (silver or gold) in the ears only and a watch.
- ❖ All other items of jewellery, such as rings, necklaces, bracelets, medallions, anklets are not permitted.
- ❖ A small CLEAR nose stud is acceptable. Other forms of facial/external piercing (including tongue and eyebrow piercing) are not permitted. These items will be removed and collected from the students.
- ❖ If medical medallions are required, a medical certificate must be provided to the College. No other accessories may be worn.
- ❖ Medi-alert necklaces, or necklaces approved as religiously or culturally significant must be worn inside the student's collar due to Workplace Health and Safety requirements. Culturally significant jewellery must be approved by Year level DP.
- ❖ Students wearing jewellery that does not comply with this policy will be instructed to remove the non-compliant item/s and place them away (e.g. in their bag) for safekeeping. Ongoing non-complaint behaviour will be subject to intervention as per Non Compliance with Student Dress Code (below).

Hair

The College has a requirement to ensure Workplace Health and Safety requirements are met at all times. This includes:

- ❖ Students are required to keep their hair neat and tidy so as **NOT** to interfere with their learning and to reduce the transfer of head lice; hairstyles should be kept well back out of eyes so as not to obscure vision.
- ❖ Students are required to tie their hair up if hair length is at or below the collar, when given as a direct instruction by a teacher.
- ❖ A hair net may be required for some activities.
- ❖ Hair accessories **MUST** be in College colours – calypso blue, purple or black. The uniform supplier sells the approved College scrunchie in these colours and elaborate flowers or coloured community hairbands should not be worn.
- ❖ Hair colour is to be of natural tones: - brown, black, blonde and auburn i.e. not bright, multi-coloured (such as pink, blue, green, etc)
- ❖ Shaved tracks or mohawk haircuts are not permitted.

Make Up

- ❖ Subtle, minimal makeup that has a more natural look is permitted for secondary students. The purpose for the use of subtle light makeup (light foundation) is to conceal blemishes on the skin.
- ❖ Light application of mascara is permitted for secondary students only.
- ❖ Excessive heavy eye liner, heavy mascara and eye lash extensions, as identified by year level deputies, will not be permitted.

Other

- ❖ Students are to be well groomed and wear the uniform appropriately e.g. buttons done up, ties tied properly etc.
- ❖ Coloured nail polish is NOT acceptable and must not be worn to the College. Students will be asked to remove nail polish and make-up.
- ❖ Acrylic nails are NOT accepted. Teachers will serve a 24 hour notice to remove acrylic nails.
- ❖ Non-compliance with this requirement can include detention, prevention of the student from attending or participating in any College activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the College Principal, is not part of the essential education program of the College.
- ❖ The integrity of the College uniform must be maintained (e.g. skirt length may not be adjusted, no rips in shorts or stockings, sleeves unrolled etc).
- ❖ Students must use a Meridan State College bag with logo to carry their belongings.
- ❖ Handbags are NOT acceptable.

Out of Uniform Procedures

Students unable to wear an item of the uniform with a reasonable excuse must provide a note from a parent and will be required to change into the correct uniform item from a clean, well-maintained uniform pool prior to the commencement of the College day.

- ❖ The student's own article of clothing will be held until the exchanged article is returned at the end of the school day.
- ❖ Where the uniform item is unavailable, and the student's dress is deemed appropriate, the student will be issued with a Uniform Pass indicating that they have followed protocols and that the uniform item was unavailable.
- ❖ The College gives consideration to families to meet the uniform requirements by assisting and supporting them through our Support Services.

Non Compliance with Student Dress Code

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, permitted sanctions for non-compliance of the dress code can include one of the following:

- ❖ Reflection (including after school).
- ❖ Prevention of the student from attending, or participating in any College activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the College Principal, is not part of the essential education program of the College.
- ❖ Prevention of the student attending or participating in any activity where the student is representing the College.

Non Uniform/Casual Clothes Days

Non uniform days may occur as a fundraising activity. Students who do not wish to participate in the fundraising activity must wear their school uniform. Students wishing to participate in the fundraising activity are expected to come to the College dressed in such a fashion that:

- ❖ is suitable and appropriate,
- ❖ will allow individuals to fully participate in the set activities for that day,
- ❖ is inoffensive,
- ❖ is sun safe.

Specifically, this means:

- ❖ substantial footwear should be worn, the foot should be fully enclosed,
- ❖ clothing will not bear words or messages which may be offensive to others,
- ❖ no singlets/tank tops/sleeveless ensembles,
- ❖ girl's skirts must be of reasonable length,
- ❖ make up as per College guidelines,
- ❖ no jewellery as per dress code due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations.

PRIMARY GIRLS UNIFORM	PRIMARY BOYS UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College unisex polo shirt - Yrs. 1 - 6 • College unisex polo shirt - Prep • College black skorts or College black unisex microfibre shorts • College princess line dress – Yrs. 1 - 6 • Broad brim hat with College logo or • Bucket hat with College logo • Black shoes – leather or vinyl fully enclosed, polishable joggers or school shoes without any visible logos or colour splashes. We recommend that parents ensure that students have black joggers as a minimum so that they can fully participate in physical activities • White visible ankle socks • College black backpack with College logo • College black pullover jumper or cardigan with College logo • College zip jacket • College black polar fleece vest with College logo • Black tights (foot fully enclosed) – 40 deniers • Winter option: Microfibre Track Pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College unisex polo shirt – Yrs. 1 - 6 • College unisex polo shirt - Prep • College black unisex microfibre shorts or • Broad brim hat with College logo or • Bucket hat with College logo • Black shoes – leather or vinyl fully enclosed, polishable joggers or school shoes without any visible logos or colour splashes. We recommend that parents ensure that students have black joggers as a minimum so that they can fully participate in physical activities • White visible ankle socks • College black backpack with College logo • College black pullover jumper or cardigan with College Logo • College zip jacket • College black polar fleece vest with College logo • Winter option: Microfibre Track Pants
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<p>Everyday uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Formal Blouse • College Girls Tie • College black Formal Skirt or College black Formal Shorts Unisex or College black Girls Long Pants Stretch. <p>Sports Uniform (Snr Sec During HPE lesson only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Sport Unisex Polo Shirt • College Sport Unisex black Shorts <p>Other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad brim hat with College logo or sports bucket hat or cap with College logo • College Scrunchie • 100% black shoes – leather or vinyl fully enclosed, polishable joggers or school shoes without any visible logos or colour splashes. We recommend that parents ensure that students have black joggers as a minimum so that they can fully participate in physical activities • White or black visible ankle socks • College black backpack with College logo • College black pullover jumper or cardigan with College logo • College zip jacket • Year 11 & 12 students only: College black blazer with College logo • Black tights (foot fully enclosed) – 40 deniers 	<p>Everyday uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Formal Shirt • College Boys Tie (formal occasions or school photos only) • College black Formal Shorts Unisex <p>Sports Uniform (Snr Sec During HPE lesson only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Sport Unisex Polo Shirt • College Sport Unisex black Shorts <p>Other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad brim hat with College logo or sports bucket hat/ cap with College logo • 100% black shoes – leather or vinyl fully enclosed, polishable joggers or school shoes without any visible logos or colour splashes. We recommend that parents ensure that students have black joggers as a minimum so that they can fully participate in physical activities • White or black visible ankle socks • College black backpack with College logo • College black pullover jumper or cardigan with College Logo • College zip jacket • College black blazer with emblem