Uniform Policy

1. Rationale / Background

The image of a school is an important matter. The community and employers in particular, place considerable emphasis on the matter of appearance and behaviour of school pupils in public. There is no doubt that this enhances the employment prospects of young people and the reputation of the school.

It is a requirement of the School Association that all students enrolled at Montrose Bay High School abide by the following dress code at all time. The School Association will endeavour to meet specific religious, cultural and physical needs of individual students as the need arises. The Association will undertake to view requests and seek advice from appropriate experts within the identified area. Any solution will be within the spirit of the school uniform policy.

2. Requirements / Outcomes

All students enrolled at Montrose Bay High will be expected to be in the MBHS uniform.

The school expects all students to wear the recommended and practical school uniform at school, and generally during school functions and while on school excursion. By wearing this dress, students take a greater pride in their appearance and identify with the school.

Parents ask that we maintain this policy of school uniform.

Parents and students have selected the designs and colours of uniform items. It is expected that new parents to the school will support the School Association and the staff of the school by ensuring that their children wear the school uniform with pride.

- Responsibilities

GUIDELINES ON WEARING OF THE UNIFORM

- To maintain the style and integrity of the uniform the following items should not be combined.
- The school skirt is not to be worn with either Polo shirt or Rugby jumper
- The school skirt must be worn with either Navy Blue tights or White ankle socks and black school shoes (not ballet shoes)
- Students should always be in full school uniform (except for those days nominated as PLAIN CLOTHES DAYS)
- Full uniform should be worn on school excursions and at school functions unless stated otherwise.
• Representative groups such as school bands must all dress in the same uniform combination, as directed by the teacher organizing the activity.

• Student Leaders are expected to wear full formal uniform for formal occasions.

• The Blazer is an optional item for Year 10 Student Leaders ONLY.

• If at any time part of the school uniform cannot be worn, pupils are to bring a note from home, to explain the reason. This is shown to the Grade Coordinator who will give permission to be out of uniform for a specified period.

• **HATS** – If not under shade students are encouraged to wear hats/caps for protection from the sun – hats are to be worn outside the building only.

• **JEWELLERY** – the wearing of jewelry with the school uniform is discouraged. However, for those who wish to do so, the following items are acceptable:

  A simple short neck chain, a watch, small sleepers or studs (one or two per ear), one ring, one well-fitting bracelet. Multiple bracelets are not acceptable.

  **For safety reasons the school does not support large spacers or spikes, nose rings or bull rings, no facial piercings that are rings or bar piercings or multiple face piercings.**

• **HAIR** – Long hair is acceptable but poses problems of safety and hygiene in many situations such as workshops. In these situations, students should wear a cap or secure the hair firmly at the back of the head.
  – Hair colour must be restricted to natural hair colours and appropriate shades.
  – Extreme variations in hair colour are not acceptable.

• **MAKE UP** – Very minimal use is permitted

• **FOOTWEAR** - Footwear should be sturdy and enclosed to meet Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines. This is particularly important in areas which have specific safety issues such as MDT, Home Economics and Science. If unsafe footwear is worn, students may be unable to participate in practical activities in these subject areas. Sturdy black shoes are to be worn with the school uniform.

• **OTHER INFORMATION** - The following items are not uniform at Montrose Bay High School:
  • Jacket other than the MBHS jacket, blazer, leavers top and school puffer jacket.
  • Visible T-shirt worn under either uniform shirt.
  • Black track pants, baggy blue pants, “cargo” pants, leggings or shorts with large leg pockets.
  • Long baggy shorts that come well below the knee, and brief shorts.
  • Beanies.
  • Hooded windcheater.
Non school uniform jumpers and jackets are not permitted. A rain coat is however, permitted in wet weather.

The following items of clothing will not be accepted as part of the school uniform:

- Stripes, tags, large brand logos or offensive motifs on shirts, tops, hats, shorts or trousers.
- Denim jeans or shorts. This includes all forms of stretch denim.
- Hooded jumpers or windcheaters.
- Visible t-shirts or skivvies underneath school shirts. This includes long sleeves worn under short-sleeved shirts and long T-shirts worn under short skirts. (When T-shirts are worn in the colder weather as singlets, they must be either plain blue or white)
- Multi-culture or coloured long socks (white is preferred)
- Bare midriffs, leggings or other indiscreet attire. (This also applies to all school activities including free dress days)
- High top or Fluro shoes

Clothing – Protective

Protective clothing – Materials, Design & Technology, Home Economics and Art

- **Design and Technology** – Aprons are readily available for students to use in all practical subjects. Students are encouraged to wear aprons for the protections of personal clothing. Hearing protection is also supplied. All students must wear personal eye protection and the use of dust masks is advised in some working conditions.
- **Home Economics** – Aprons must be worn at all times.
- **Art** – An apron is supplied for the protections of personal clothing.

For safety reasons, high-heeled shoes, sandals, ugg boots, thongs, slippers and long or hooped earrings will not be permitted.

Students should wear ALL BLACK shoes that provide good support for their feet (eg lace ups or “Mary Janes” style. Shoes that do not adequately cover feet will not be allowed to be worn in workshops, kitchens or science labs).

*(Students should change to appropriate sports footwear before Health & Wellbeing classes).*
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