MOUNT BARKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE

December 2015

1. RATIONALE.
Our school dress code aims to:

- Consider the safety and well being of our students – Children/Youths not complying with the school dress code are clearly visible in the schoolyard. Action can be taken by teachers on yard duty to keep all students safe if unwelcome children/youths enter the school grounds. Students complying with the school dress code are clearly visible when away from the school during excursions.
- Provide a sense of belonging and citizenship amongst our students
- Address notions of peer pressure with regard to fashion and appearance
- In the long term, assist families with the cost of clothing for their children

2. BELIEFS.
Our dress code must be consistent with the policy of the Department for Education and Children’s Services, as expressed in the Education Act. No student should be educationally disadvantaged for not wearing the school uniform. The dress code should be based on the notion of sensible, appropriate clothing for school. We have great pride in our school and urge students to wear its uniform.

3. STRATEGIES.
Students not complying with the school dress code will have restricted choice about where they can play in the schoolyard. For reasons of safety and supervision students not complying with the school dress code will be restricted to the asphalt area and the grassed bank of the oval. The wearing of the school dress code will be a prerequisite for participation in school excursions and other activities away from the school. Class teachers will monitor student dress code and will notify Parents when students are not in appropriate school clothing.

4. THE SCHOOL UNIFORM.
The school logo can appear on the left hand side of all tops. Iron on logos are available for purchase from the school office.
   - In Navy or White. Short or long sleeve plain shirt with collar eg Polo; or high neck skivvy.
   - In Navy. Windcheater round neck or ½ zip. Plain rugby top. Track pants, leggings, shorts, skirt.
   - In School summer fabric Dress: front button or zip, with collar.
   - In School winter fabric Pinafore or skirt.

5. MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS.
May also wear:
Middle Years Short sleeve polo, special design.
Middle Years windcheater, special design in Navy Blue.

6. SUN PROTECTION.
Hat: Legionnaires or broad brimmed in navy.
It is expected that all students wear a hat in Terms 1 and 4. These will be suitable for sun protection as per the Anti Cancer Foundation recommendations (minimum 7cm brim). No baseball or bucket hats. Students who do not have a suitable hat must play in the shade of the buildings.
Sunscreen: The use of sunscreen is encouraged.
7. **SHOES.**
Sports shoes with non marking soles are preferred with navy or white socks.

8. **CLOTHING NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR SCHOOL:**
Singlets, T shirt with no collar, sleeveless top, crop top. Thongs, slides, mules, high heels.
Clothing with logos, slogans, brand names etc. Strategically torn clothing.

9. **JEWELLERY:**
Should be kept to a minimum and studs or sleepers should be worn in lieu of other earrings.
Hair accessories in navy and/or white.

10. **MAKE UP:**
Should not be worn at school, including coloured nail polish.