



MERINDA STATE SCHOOL

...Dress Code...

RATIONALE

The community of Merinda State School overwhelmingly supports and approves the wearing of the school's uniform by our students. The adoption of a Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy is established under section 84 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989. Therefore, students attending Merinda State School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school Principal.

A school uniform:

- Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;
- Promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging;
- Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences and promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The complete day uniform, as outlined in this policy document, is to be worn at all times to, from and during school.

Any student who leaves the school grounds on an excursion or as part of a sporting, social or cultural event must wear the complete school uniform as specified. Students participating in official school photographs must also wear the complete school uniform as specified.

Merinda State School encourages the wearing of a blue or black tracksuit or jumper during cooler seasons. Any other coloured jumpers, coats, long pants, etc are not permitted.

Make-up, nail polish (excepting clear), face glitter, face paint and inappropriate colouring of the hair, including brightly coloured streaks, are not permitted.

For safety reasons, the only jewellery items permitted are a wristwatch, one pair of studs for pierced ears and/or an item of religious or cultural significance.

The school will maintain a bank of uniform items for donation to students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience.

The school will contact parents of students who are repeatedly out of uniform and without a note of satisfactory explanation.

REGULAR DAY UNIFORM

Our uniform is available from Bowen Safety & Camping, Powell Street, Bowen – (Due to TCD, the store is currently closed, however, Elise Woodhouse is available at any reasonable time to meet for fittings and/or purchase of any items.) M: 0447.977.865 (1/8/2017)

Boys: Merinda school polo shirt or sporting house polo shirt with black shorts.

Girls: Merinda school polo shirt or sporting house polo shirt black shorts/skirt/skorts.



Year 6 DAY UNIFORM VARIATION:

Year 6 students have the option of wearing the official, current Year 6 shirt instead of their regular Merinda shirt.

Shoes & Socks

“Closed in” shoes (black is preferred) and white socks.

Hat

The school has a sun-safe policy of “No Hat - No Play”. Our aim is that students accept responsibility for wearing hats at all times when outdoors.

A broad brim or bucket style hat is acceptable. ***Please note - this hat is to remain at school.***

Be proud of your school and wear your uniform with pride. You are our walking advertisements of what a great school you attend – keep them clean neat and tidy.

Yours in Education

Paul Wells
Principal