



## Medina Primary School SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Public schools are required to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption. Dress codes for students are determined and endorsed by the School Board in consultation with Exemptions and sanctions will be managed in accordance with the *School Education Regulations 2000* and requirements in the *Dress Codes for Students Procedures*.

Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. A school's dress code plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students.

### The Benefits of Dress Codes include:

- Promoting safety of students through easier identification;
- Keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents; and
- Assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.
- Develop student's sense of belonging to the school community.
- Provide an opportunity to build school spirit.
- Promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.
- Reinforces the perception of the school as an ordered and safe place.
- Enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities.
- Increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier identification of visitors and potential intruders to the school.
- Students learn to engage with the community.

Being suitably groomed is part of the process by which students learn to engage with employers and the community. In this context and as outlined by The Department of Education's 'Dress Requirements for Students', clothing made from denim is not appropriate for school and is therefore excluded from all dress codes and uniforms.

### Medina Primary School uniform consists of: (Available from Lowes, Rockingham)

- Navy blue Medina PS polo shirt.
- Navy blue shorts (microfiber or basketball styles).
- Navy blue skirts / shorts.
- Navy blue track pants.
- Navy blue Medina PS jacket.
- Navy blue Medina PS broad brimmed hat.
- Students are required to wear school uniform to school each day.
- Students will be required to wear full school uniform when on school excursions or representing the school in public forum.
- Navy blue plain or ribbed tights or full length leggings may be Worn under skirts, dresses or skorts.

**Headwear / Hair:** Headwear needs to be plain and purposeful (not decorative) and reflect the school colours of navy blue and white (this includes headbands and ribbons).

Hair should be clean, neat and well presented. Long hair on both boys and girls needs to be tied up for health and safety reasons. Mohawks, extreme styles .



**Footwear:** Students need to wear appropriate footwear for the activities in which they are involved and also for health and safety reasons. Closed shoes, joggers or sandals with an ankle strap are appropriate. Students are encouraged to wear white socks. Boots, ugg boots, thongs, slip on or fashion shoes are not considered appropriate for school.

**Hats:** All students are to wear a Medina PS broad-brimmed sun safe hat. These hats protect the face, neck, ears and crown of the head when outside. Caps are not sun protective and are not permitted.

Sun safe hats are defined as bucket or broad brimmed navy hats. The Principal and teachers can grant exemptions for certain activities in which the wearing of a hat is impractical; for example, athletic events.

Students must wear a hat whilst engaging in outdoor activities, play, recreation, physical education, sport and during breaks. The school has adopted the 'No Hat No Play' policy and this will be enforced throughout the school year.

**Jewellery / Makeup / Nail Polish:** For reasons of safety, sleepers and stud earrings are acceptable at school. Any items likely to catch or snag are not to be worn. This includes fashion wrist and neck jewellery such as bands, bracelets or necklaces. Students may be asked to remove jewellery before being allowed to play sport.

Any external body piercings other than sleepers or studs are not considered appropriate for primary aged children.

Makeup and nail polish are not suitable for school and should not be worn. Students wearing makeup or nail polish will be asked to remove it.

**Non-Compliance with Dress Code Requirements:** Where a student is not following the school dress code (unless they have an exemption) they will be required to borrow a school uniform for the day from Yaagin. Repeated non-compliance with the school dress code will be discussed with parents or carers to offer encouragement, assistance and support to enable their child to meet the uniform requirements.

**Support and Assistance:** The school community offers assistance and support to students and their families where difficulties with compliance arise. Parents/carers will need to discuss any assistance of support needed with the principal or deputy principal.

**Exemptions:** A parent/carer may apply to the principal (on behalf of their child) for an exemption from aspects of the dress code on any of the following grounds:

- A matter relating to the child's health.
- A matter relating to religious beliefs of the child or their family.
- A matter relating to the cultural background of the child or their family; and
- Any other matter which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the child from complying with the requirements.

Exemptions may be granted on a permanent, defined-period or conditional basis and can be revoked by the principal at any time.

**Free Dress Days:** Although infrequent, students are to wear appropriate clothing on free dress days. Students wearing clothing with offensive or inappropriate slogans/pictures or clothing deemed by the principal or deputy principal to be inappropriate will be required to change into a school shirt for the day.