Uniform Policy

Preamble
This policy establishes a dress code for students of Mill Park Secondary College. The policy provides for a uniform that offers some choice and allows for students to safely engage in many varied activities. It also provides support options to assist families who may have difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items.

Aims
- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the College
- To provide an element in a strategy for individual student safety and group security.

Implementation
- There is a prescribed summer and winter uniform, which students are able to wear at any time of the year. This includes approved black leather school shoes.
- The black leather school shoes must have a defined heel and are compulsory footwear in all but PE practical classes. Some senior specialist technology classes may require a higher level of protective footwear. Parents will be notified in advance of these classes commencing.
- The College uniform must be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless otherwise stated.
- Students are required to carry either the MPSC navy blue school satchel or any plain navy blue backpack to and from school. The backpack must be free of colours, logos/decals.
- Non-school items of clothing such as hoodies or non-school track suit pants are not permitted.
- A sport uniform is prescribed and can be worn to and from the College when a student has a Physical Education class (practical lessons only) or is participating in an interschool sporting activity.
- Students may not wear PE uniform to school for:
  - Lunchtime or afterschool sport training sessions
  - Outdoor Education or Dance/Drama classes
  For these activities, students are required to bring sports shoes to change into as required.
- Sports shoes that are lace-up, provide adequate support and protection and are non-marking are required to be worn with the PE uniform.
- A mixture of regular school uniform and PE uniform may not be worn at the same time.
- For Occupational Health and Safety reasons, long hair may need to be tied back. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and may need to be removed for certain activities. Artificial fingernails or nail polish are not appropriate in technology classes where grasping items is required, or nail polish may chip during food preparation.
- Students are encouraged to wear a hat outside especially between the months of September and April. This includes during physical education, interschool sport and other outdoor activities. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Details of the student uniform items will be distributed to all prospective students and will be available from each campus office. The uniform will be available for purchase from the College approved uniform supplier.
- There is a process for supplying items of the uniform to students of families in need through the State Schools Relief program.
- Minor variations to uniform are permitted due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, gender identification or a health condition, subject to the approval by the Principal or a Principal’s delegate.

Related Documents
- Sun Protection Policy
- Uniform Compliance - Specific Responses

External Links

Ratified Date
This Policy was ratified by School Council on 21 June 2016

Review Date
This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three-year review cycle