ALL students attending Murray Bridge South Primary School will wear full school uniform as approved by the School Council.

Guiding Principle
The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to support and encourage all students attending our school to be clearly identifiable in our school colours and to be recognized as belonging to the Murray Bridge South Primary School. The maroon colour easily identifies students.

The Uniform Policy has been determined by the School Council after consultation with the school community, parents/caregivers, students and staff.

Parents and carers are expected to support the student’s wearing of the school uniform and acknowledge this support at the time of student enrolment.

Procedures for School Uniform
Every student will wear school uniform at school, and on all excursions, trips and when attending school events or as approved by the Principal or deputy principal for special events. Students may wear the special purpose Year 7 top, choir top or sports uniform as appropriate, and as approved by the School Council.

Any student not wearing the polo top at school, will be sent to the front office to borrow a top from the ‘lend out’ cupboard. The office records the name and class of the student and notes that they have a ‘borrowed’ school top.

- The ‘borrowed’ top is for wearing in the school ONLY (this means that students cannot borrow uniform for excursions and cannot leave the school without appropriate uniform)
- The ‘borrowed’ top is returned to the office at the end of the school day
- Hats are NOT lent out.

The school uniform is to be worn in the appropriate manner. When in class the uniform is to be worn ‘on the outside’ of other clothing so the maroon colour is clear and visible.

What is our School Uniform?
The uniform is defined as the following:

- A plain maroon polo top, with or without school logo of the paddle wheel in screen print, iron on or embroidered supported by maroon windcheaters with or without logo.
- Black, navy or grey pants or shorts. This includes denim or track pants but must be plain (side stripe is acceptable and small logos).
- Students may also wear the school summer dress (grey or maroon check), or black, navy or grey skirt or shorts with the maroon school top. This includes a denim skirt (however the guidelines for length and appropriateness apply). Black tights or leggings may be worn under the skirt or shorts.
- A hat which is a broad brimmed school hat or bucket hat, in maroon colour, with or without the logo at the front. Murray Bridge South Primary School is a SUNSAFE School and all students are to wear a hat that meets the SUNSAFE Guidelines.
- Shoes should be sneakers, runners, or open toes sandals secured by a strap, velcro or laces. Solid shoes are also acceptable. The preference is for the sole of shoes / runner to be white as this protects the gym floor.
- Students are to wear hair colour which is a natural colour. Students with hair that is shoulder length or longer need to tie their hair back using a plain hair tie.
Suggestions of extra clothing choices, such as Year 7 tops, will be welcomed from the students via the S.R.C., parents/caregivers and staff. These recommendations are made to the School Council. There will be scope for fundraising dress up days.

**Not Part of School Uniform.**

For safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery, rings and necklaces is to be minimal, with the exception of simple studs and/or sleepers, watches and “medi – alert” type medallions. Any jewellery containing a ‘loop’ or ring is not acceptable.

Students with pierced ears are to wear studs and/or sleepers. Other visible piercings will be studs only.

In support of the SUNSAFE policy and for general student safety, the following articles are NOT school wear –

- Mini skirts or brief shorts – the student must be able to stand upright, with their arms to their side and the tips of their fingers touching their shorts or skirt.
- High heeled shoes, slippers or thongs. Slip-on shoes are not to be worn to school.
- Make-up - including nail polish.
- Articles of clothing with inappropriate wording or designs.

**Excursions**

For ease of recognition and identification students will wear school uniform for out of school events such as District Sports Days, High School Transition and Choir Performances and ALL school excursions. This contributes to the safety of students.

The newsletter will advertise polo and windcheater uniform items, including prices for recyclable (used or second-hand) and new school clothing.

**New Enrolments**

Students who are newly enrolled in the school are asked to be in full school uniform. If this is not possible, they should be dressed in ‘neat casual dress’ and wear as much of the school uniform as possible.

It should be noted that ALL other aspects of the Uniform Policy and Procedures apply to students who are newly enrolled – that is shoes, jewellery, make up, hats etc. ... Newly enrolled students will be dressed ‘appropriately’ for school until full uniform is available. This should be negotiated with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

**Parent & Caregiver Support**

Parents and Caregivers are expected to support their children in the wearing of school uniform.

ALL students will be subject to the Uniform Policy and Procedures. Notes of explanation from parents / caregivers will be accepted by the Principal as information, but will not excuse the students from uniform.

**Casual Days**

Special days and casual days are arranged from time to time.

The Principal or the Deputy Principal have the final judgment about what is school uniform or whether the student is suitably dressed for school.

This Policy is endorsed by the School Council in July 2010
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