

# UNIFORM POLICY

### Marrickville High School is a proud uniform school, and we support an inclusive uniform policy.

At Marrickville High School all students are required to wear the full school uniform every day. Uniform is an important part of the development of the school as it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about the school and its students. We want our students to be seen in a positive way.

Uniform provides a sense of school unity and belonging and it makes them easily identifiable as a student of Marrickville High School. This assists in general supervision of students on excursions and easily distinguished from non-school members.

Wearing the uniform also enables students to meet health and safety requirements especially the wearing of black leather shoes for subjects such as Science, Food Technology and Industrial Technology.

**Department of Education (DoE)** *CORE RULES* states that all students in Government schools are expected to: Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.

**Students must wear the correct school uniform** without any addition of non-uniform items, **on the way to and from school**. Students must **arrive at and leave school in full school uniform at all times** except for Years 7 to 10 during Tuesday sports day. Students are allowed time to change into and out of PE/sports uniform at the beginning and end of each lesson.

#### Safety Footwear (DoE WHS Directorate – Footwear Guidelines Aug 2013)

Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects or chemical spillages.

#### Areas where safe footwear must be worn

In accordance with the *Safe Working Policy*, the Department of Education has identified areas of its workplaces where appropriate footwear must be worn by staff, students, and visitors to ensure their safety.

Areas where **ENCLOSED LEATHER FOOTWEAR** (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210: *Safety Protective and Occupational Footwear*) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas

Sandals, open footwear, or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student should be offered alternative educational activities which reflect the current class activity until they are wearing appropriate footwear.

**Exemption** - We *cannot* accept notes from parents/caregivers excusing children from not wearing the appropriate shoes in dangerous areas. This also includes sports days.

School uniform is to be worn during examinations and excursions unless students and parents are notified otherwise.

Students wishing to wear a cap or hat must wear the school cap with MHS logo or a plain navy cap. Caps/hats are not to be worn indoors. Head coverings and hair ties must be in school colours (navy blue or white).

If students choose to wear ties, they must have their top button done up and the tie worn in the traditional manner.

Students wishing to wear **additional clothing for extra warmth** in winter must ensure this is **not visible** either above or below shirts. No skivvies, hooded jumpers or round necked long or short sleeved tee shirts are to be worn. No coloured undergarments are to be visible through shirts. V necked white tee shirts are acceptable.

**Durable school bags** capable of containing the day's books and equipment must be brought to school. Accessory style handbags are not permitted nor are bum bags. MHS school bags are available from Pickles Schoolwear Marrickville.

Parents/carers who are in financial difficulty should contact the school and speak with the respective Year Adviser.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Compulsory	Junior Students	Senior Students	
Wool jumper or V neck fleece or microfibre jacket with school crest	Navy Blue Wool blend (from Lowes) V-neck fleece sweatshirt (from Pickles Schoolwear) Microfibre jacket (from Pickles Schoolwear)		
Tops Junior - Blue Senior - White with school crest	<ul> <li>Junior Boys includes a choice of:</li> <li>short sleeve polo</li> <li>short sleeve shirt</li> </ul> Junior Girls includes a choice of: <ul> <li>Short sleeve polo</li> <li>Short sleeve blouse</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Senior Boys includes a choice of:</li> <li>short sleeve polo</li> <li>short sleeve shirt</li> </ul> Senior Girls includes a choice of: <ul> <li>short sleeve polo</li> <li>short sleeve blouse</li> </ul>	
Bottoms	<ul> <li>Skirt: blue gabardine pleated; no more than 10cm above knee</li> <li>Trousers:</li> <li>Girls high gabardine tailored pants; Boys high stretch gabardine tailored pants</li> <li>Shorts:</li> <li>Girls gabardine tailored shorts; Boys gaberdine tailored shorts</li> <li>Generic tailored navy blue pants or shorts; no more than 10cm above knee</li> </ul>		
Socks	White, navy blue or black socks Black or navy-blue stockings with a high degree of denier		
School Shoes	Must have fully enclosed leather uppers. All black with no logos.		
Safety Footwear (PPE)	Must have <b>fully enclosed leather uppers</b> for personal protection during practical activities / subjects.		

Optional	Junior Students	Senior Students	
Caps	Cap with school logo or plain navy blue (no advertising logos) Available from front office or Pickles Schoolwear at Marrickville		
School Bag	Marrickville High School backpack one size		
Scarf	Plain navy blue with no logos (available at front office)		
Head coverings	Navy blue, white or black		

PE / SPORT	Junior and Senior Students	
<b>Top</b> with school crest	Marrickville High School dark blue polo shirt	
Bottoms with school crest	<ul> <li>Girls Leg Shorts</li> <li>Regular Fit Shorts</li> <li>Microfibre Track Pants</li> <li>Microfibre Jacket</li> </ul>	
Sport Shoes	Sports shoes	

**Please Note:** It is essential for students to change from their normal school uniform to PE/Sports uniform for hygiene and safety reasons.

Available at Pickles Schoolwear Marrickville

## **Guideline References:**

- 1. DEC School Uniform Policy <u>https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\_admin/uniforms/school\_uniform/PD20040025\_i.</u> <u>shtml?guery=footwear</u>
- 2. DEC School Footwear Guidelines <u>https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/workhealthandsafety/risk-management-student-services/student-safety</u>

Parents/carers who are in financial difficulty should contact the Principal.

# **UNIFORM**

Marrickville High School's junior uniform top is blue, and senior uniform top is white. Students have a choice to mix and match the everyday school daywear to suit their comfort, however, must be in a uniform item of clothing. (Available Pickles Schoolwear Marrickville)



# **SHOES AND CAPS**

<ul> <li>Acceptable school caps:</li> <li>Only school caps or</li> <li>Plain navy blue</li> <li>(Caps with other logos not permitted)</li> </ul>	MIHS	
<ul> <li>Acceptable school shoes:</li> <li>Black hard soled</li> <li>Fully enclosed leather uppers</li> <li>Non-slip sole</li> <li>Laced or strap (no logos)</li> </ul>	~	
Unacceptable school shoes: • Rabens • Vans • Shoes with logos	×	
<ul> <li>Acceptable sports shoes:</li> <li>Lace up or velcro</li> <li>Cover all of the top foot</li> <li>Good arch support and sole protection</li> </ul>	~	
<ul> <li>Unacceptable sports shoes:</li> <li>No slip-on type shoes (Rabens, vans, sandals or thongs)</li> <li>Dress shoe</li> </ul>	×	



# **OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM** FOR EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

Representing Marrickville High School at official events and functions requires students to wear the **Official School Uniform**.

✓ Button shirt

- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Blazer

✓ Long pants or skirt
 ✓ Black leather shoes

### Official events and functions include:

- Debating
- Leadership conferences
- Special excursions
- Presentation and award ceremonies
- Functions attended by dignitaries
- SRC events

Blazers and ties can be borrowed from school office.



## STUDENTS WHO COME TO SCHOOL OUT OF UNIFORM

The school understands that sometimes a student cannot wear their school uniform as it may be wet, misplaced or awaiting new uniform from the supplier.

We ask that parents/carers write a note addressed to the Deputy Principal and ask for an exemption for the day or length of time required. The student will be issued with a Uniform Pass.

# UNIFORM POLICY PDHPE and SPORT

**PDHPE** is a compulsory subject for all students in Years 7-10. Sport is compulsory for all Year 9, 10 and 11 students. It is important that all students wear the correct uniform for PE lessons and sport lessons. Wearing the correct uniform maximises students' safety, performance and enjoyment. It also helps promote teamwork, a sense of pride and is necessary for personal hygiene. Parents are asked to ensure their child is dressed according to the guidelines below.

When participating in practical lessons, playing sport or representing the school for sport, all students are expected to wear the full PE uniform. This means they are to bring the uniform to school and get changed at school. <u>Students are not to wear the PE uniform to school unless specifically told to do so</u>.

The PE/Sport uniform is:

- MHS Navy Blue Polo with logo
- MHS Girls short leg shorts
- MHS Boys regular fit sports shorts
- MHS microfibre track pants
- MHS microfibre jacket
- Sports shoes appropriate running shoes or sneakers

#### Sports Uniform is available from Pickles Schoolwear Marrickville

Students with cultural or religious beliefs that require them to cover exposed skin are permitted to wear navy blue tights under their PE shorts. They are also permitted to wear white long sleeve shirts under their PE shirt.

Students who fail to bring the correct uniform to practical lessons will:

- **1**<sup>st</sup> **time** Detention with the teacher on the day of the offence or when negotiated with the teacher.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> time** Detention with the teacher on the day of the offence or when negotiated with the teacher.
- **3**<sup>rd</sup> **time** Detention with the Head Teacher, placed on Faculty Card and parent or guardian notified.

If, for whatever reason, a student does not have the uniform or part of the uniform they are to bring other appropriate clothing for the lesson **AND** a note explaining why they are out of uniform.

All notes should be written on writing paper (not on paper torn out of a schoolbook) and must have:

- The date
- The full name of the student
- The reason for not wearing uniform or participating (e.g., clothes were dirty, or student has medical problem)
- The parent or guardian signature and phone number

# If students do not have the correct uniform or other suitable clothing, they will <u>not</u> be able to participate for safety and hygiene reasons. They will be given a written learning task to complete.

For PE lessons and Sport lessons, if students bring other clothing but do not have a note, they will be able to participate in the lesson but will attend a lunchtime detention.

When representing the school, students must make every effort to wear the correct uniform. This may involve borrowing uniform *before* the day of competition (see Code of Behaviour), otherwise, the student may not be able to compete.

It is especially important that students in Years 9 and 10 bring the uniform and participate in **all** PE and sport lessons. PDHPE is a mandatory subject for the Stage 5 RoSA and repeated failure to bring uniform may result in an *N Award Warning* being issued. The third warning may result in an *N Determination* being issued. This means the student does not receive a grade for PDHPE on his or her RoSA.

This procedure is in place to avoid this situation, so we ask that you encourage your child to always bring and wear the correct uniform.

We understand the pressures of raising a family and the financial burdens that parents and guardians are under. Families who are experiencing financial difficulties should approach the Year Adviser for assistance as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the uniform policy, please contact the PDHPE department.

# UNIFORM AGREEMENT

By wearing the school uniform, my child agrees to be a member of Marrickville High School community where personal appearance and safety are important priorities.

This signature indicates agreement to abide by the Uniform Policy of the school.

Please complete and return to the front office.

Student's name: .....

Student signature: .....

Parent/Guardian signature: .....

Date: .....