

Mount Stromlo High School uniform meets the Education Directorate *Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public School* policy requirements. The wearing of a school uniform contributes to a safe and welcoming environment. It presents a positive school image in the wider community and a sense of community amongst our students. The school uniform provides easy identification of our students in playground areas and on excursions. The school uniform reduces peer pressure on students to wear expensive brand-name fashion clothing to school. It also reduces appearance based bullying related to clothing. The school uniform can be easily supported and regulated by parents and staff.

Students attending Mount Stromlo High School are required to wear the school uniform. The uniform colours and styles were chosen by students and staff and have been endorsed by the Mount Stromlo High School Board.

The School Uniform

Students may choose a combination of the following items:

Above the waist

- White blouse or button-up shirt
- Blue school dress
- Black with white inset polo top with logo
- Black V-neck cotton jumper with logo
- Black hooded jumper with logo
- Black fleecy lined water resistant jacket with logo
- Hats, scarves and gloves (any plain colour; hats are strongly encouraged for activities outside)

Note: Students may wear long sleeve tops in plain white or black under their school uniform

Below the waist

- Blue school skirt
- Black gabardine shorts or trousers (button and elastic waist, unisex, mens and womens styles)
- Plain black tracksuit pants (unisex)
- Plain black jeans (without rips, tears or holes)
- Sneakers (recommended) or other enclosed lace-up shoes

Note: Plain black tights and leggings are only acceptable if worn under the uniform skirt, dress or shorts

PE Uniform

PE is a compulsory subject and all students require a PE uniform in addition to their school uniform. Students may come to and from school in their PE uniform if they have PE in the first or last lesson of the day. Students must change into their school uniform for all other lessons.

- Black unisex sports shorts with school logo
- Gold polo shirt with logo
- Plain black tracksuits
- Compression/activewear

Additional considerations

- All clothing and footwear must be neat and tidy
- Shorts must be of appropriate length (mid-thigh or longer)
- Students are required to wear appropriate footwear designed to securely enclose the foot. Sneakers are recommended because they are durable and meet Workplace Health and Safety requirements of schools. Thongs, ugg boots, ballet flats, sandals and other similar footwear are not appropriate for school environment.

Purchase of uniforms

All uniform items can be purchased from either the secondhand P&C uniform shop or Savvy in Tuggeranong. Plain black items can be purchased from a variety of retail stores that sell general school uniform items. The school has a support fund available to assist families on low incomes to purchase a school uniform. Please contact the Principal for more information.

Special consideration and exemptions

Students who require modification or adjustments to the school uniform due to disability, health, cultural and/or religious beliefs are encouraged to meet with the Principal to discuss suitable options.

The principal may grant all students a uniform exemption for designated special events such as fundraising uniform-free days and school carnivals.

With the support of the Principal, year 10 students may design, purchase and wear a special polo top and/or hooded jumper for their final year at Mount Stromlo High School.

Non-compliance

All students and parents are informed of and are asked for their support of the school uniform policy on enrolment and through information letters. There is regular reinforcement of the uniform policy through newsletters, parent information nights and school activities. All teachers are responsible for monitoring and ensuring the school uniform standards remain high.

Non-compliance or failure to uphold the required dress standards will require students to change into the uniform item from a bank of items held at the school. Students will;

- be asked to swap their item with the replacement garment. The personal item will be returned to the student on return of the laundered loan item.
- be prevented from attending any activity in which they are representing the school
- not be able to use the outer playground areas that can be accessed by the public

This does not prevent a student from continued participation in curriculum activities, except where necessary for safety reasons in practical subjects.

Students who are repeatedly out of uniform will be required to attend a meeting with the Principal to discuss a solution that meet the expectations of the school community. The student's parents or carers will be invited to attend the meeting.

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