



McDowall State School

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McDowall State School student dress code - Uniform, hair and jewellery

In accordance with section 360 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld), a principal may develop a student dress code that will apply when students are attending, or representing, the school. When developing a dress code, the principal must ensure it is compliant with guidelines, as described in this procedure.

Dress codes must:

- be developed in consultation with the school community
- be consistent with health and safety considerations
- comply with anti-discrimination legislation
- consider affordability, functionality and durability of uniform items
- provide uniform options, including shorts and pants, in all uniform categories for all students, regardless of gender.

School student dress codes clearly explain and document standards of acceptable dress in relation to clothing worn by students, including headwear, footwear, and other aspects of personal presentation. Student dress codes must incorporate strategies to accommodate the individual needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students.

McDowall State School developed its School student dress code in consultation with the school staff, students, parents/caregivers and the P&C Association. The dress code addresses three important aspects - safety, appearance and comfort.

Wearing of the school uniform has the following benefits:

- it promotes a sense of identity and pride
- children are easily identifiable
- the design affords some measure of sun protection

McDowall State School has always prided itself on the large number of students who always wear their school uniform. It is expected that parents and caregivers make every effort to have their children attired in correct school uniform.

It is expected that students attend school neatly dressed in the McDowall State School uniform each day. Students are to wear the 'Tartan Uniform' on all school outings unless otherwise advised. McDowall State School implements a sun safe strategy.



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The McDowall State School student dress code stipulates the following standards:

Uniform and hair

All students are required to:

- wear school uniform at all times, unless otherwise stipulated by the principal (such as Casual/Free dress days) – this includes sporting and cultural activities, excursions, school photos and special assemblies
- wear enclosed shoes/joggers – predominantly black shoes and bottle green socks.
- wear broad brimmed school hats - the 'no school hat, no outdoor play' rule is strictly enforced.
- hair colour is to be natural – outlandish coloured hair is not acceptable wear appropriate hair ribbons and accessories to ensure hair is out of faces and for safety in the playground and during hands-on learning activities including sport, The Arts, Technologies and Science. Hair ribbons and accessories are to be plain bottle green and/or red. Long hair (collar length or longer) is to be tied up.
- nail polish and make-up, including coloured lip gloss and brightly coloured sunscreen are not permitted at any time

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is to be kept to a minimum including:

- signet rings, earrings, plain studs or sleepers, and watches are acceptable. The wearing of bracelets, necklaces and chains by students is not permitted. No other form of jewellery or adornment is to be worn, except for medical, cultural or religious purposes.
- A medical bracelet or bona-fide religious or cultural item is acceptable (Keep to bare minimum).
- for safety reasons students may be asked to remove jewellery for some activities.
- no responsibility will be taken should jewellery or other valuables be lost or damaged.

On Free/Casual dress days, clothing should be of a standard that is deemed safe, appropriate and not likely to cause offence.



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Uniforms at McDowall State School

1. McDowall State School TARTAN school uniform

The 'Tartan' uniform is the McDowall State School student uniform. Students will be formally advised during the year of days when 'Tartan' school uniform' is required to be worn. e.g., Excursions, Photographs and Special Events. Student Leaders are expected to wear this uniform when attending to official duties.

Summer Dress School Uniform		Winter Dress School Uniform
Shirt	McDowall Tartan (Unisex).	Bottle green tracksuit or jacket Bottle green stockings Taslon jacket – Bottle green (Red/white stripe) Taslon pants – Bottle green
Shorts	Bottle green – Short or long leg	
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Dress	McDowall Tartan.	
Socks	Bottle green	
Shoes	Black shoes (Black sneakers acceptable)	
Hat	Bottle green 7-8cm brim (with school name)	

2. McDowall State School PREP uniform

The Prep uniform is worn daily unless formally advised. The shirt is worn outside the shorts, i.e., not tucked in.

Year Prep Uniform	
Shirt	Red short-sleeved polo with bottle green tab front McDowall SS printed collar
Shorts	Bottle green
Skorts	Bottle green
Socks	Bottle green
Shoes	Black shoes (with Velcro tabs)
Hat	Red bucket hat (with School Name)
Winter	Green fleecy zippered jacket, Bottle green stockings and trousers

3. McDowall State School SPORTS Uniform

Students competing in school representative and inter-school sports are required to wear the School Sports Uniform at Interschool Sport Competition. In the interests of comfort and suitability, this School Sports Uniform may be worn as an alternative to the 'Tartan' Uniform, mainly on PE days but is not to be worn on advised 'Tartan' school uniform days. Please also note, certain interschool sports require specific attire. This will be formally advised.

Inter-School Uniform	
Shirt	Red short-sleeved polo shirt, green tab front and 'McDowall SS' printed collar.
Shorts	Bottle green
Skorts	Bottle green
Socks	White with red & bottle green bands or plain white
Shoes	Black shoes (Black sneakers acceptable)
Hat	Bottle green 7-8cm brim (with School Name)
Winter:	Bottle green tracksuit; Taslon jacket – Bottle green (Red/white stripe); Taslon pants – Bottle green



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4. McDowall State School HOUSE UNIFORM – Shirt variation

The McDowall State School House Uniform is worn at the School Swimming Carnival, School Athletics Carnival, School Cross Country Carnival and each Friday only, unless otherwise advised. The School House Uniform may not be worn on excursion or during inter-school sport.

House Name	Shirt Colour
Banksia	Bottle green
Melaleuca	Sky blue
Grevillia	Red
Acacia	Yellow

5. McDowall State School - YEAR 6 SHIRT Variation (Optional purchase)

The Principal will approve a Year 6 polo shirt of similar design standard to the stated School Uniform for wearing by Year 6 students on set days. This polo shirt will represent the Year 6 student and staff cohort for that calendar year. This uniform is able to be worn from date of receipt, Tuesday & Thursday.

6. McDowall State School - PERFORMANCE Uniforms

All dress items are available from the School Uniform Shop.

Performance Uniform - Choir, Metro Band and Adagio Strings

Students must present in the McDowall SS Tartan Uniform. Tartan Dress is acceptable but is not preferred, as it poses difficulty for Instrumental Music performers.

Performance Uniform - Rode Band, Keona Band, Presto Strings, Cantabile Strings & Chamber Group:

Uniform	
Shirt	White long-sleeved shirt
Trousers	Black flat front
Vest [^]	Tartan vest ([^] available from the uniform shop)
Socks	Black
Shoes	Black shoes or sneakers (Mandatory)

7. McDowall State School SWIMMING attire

During swimming activities, students are required to:

- wear swimming caps and sun protection shirts when participating in swimming
- wear a sun safe swimming outfit when participating in swimming activities

8. McDowall State School FREE/CASUAL dress days (As approved by Principal)

Parents and students are advised by the school should school uniform not be required to be worn, e.g., Free/Casual Dress Days (end of each school term), events such as School Camps, Theme Days, Cross Country Training, etc. Dress requirements will be specifically stated for each event by the school. Dress is generally to be of like standard in design, practicality and suitability to that of the approved school uniform. Dress must be modest and sunsafe. Quality enclosed, secured footwear is to be worn. A wide 7-8cm brimmed hat is to be worn outdoors.



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9. McDowall State School - SCHOOL REPRESENTATION - Excursions, Photos and Public Events

Students are required to wear the stated school uniform when representing the school.

10. McDowall State School - SUN SAFETY – Hats, sunscreen and sunglasses

Students are required to wear the stated green school uniform wide-brimmed hat when outdoors. Caps are unacceptable. Clear sunscreen should be provided by the parent. It is also available for student use in the classroom. Sunglasses (encouraged/optional).

Student dress code interventions

The daily wearing of school uniform is diligently monitored with firm, but sensitive intervention. Students not wearing school uniform will not be denied (essential/core) educational instruction, as there are circumstances outside the influence of some students that affect the absolute achievement of this expectation. An alternative may be provided and health and safety considerations will apply.

The school's Principal may only impose one of the following sanctions (Section 276):

- a) Student interviewed to ascertain the circumstances behind non-compliance with the School student dress code.
- b) Parent contact and arrangements are made for the student to meet School student dress code.
- c) Student may be provided with a clean school uniform at Administration for wearing during the school day.
- d) Prevention of the student attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school; Prevention of the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.
- e) It is expected that the majority of non-compliance issues can be informally resolved with the student.

Exceptional circumstances

Where exceptional circumstances may apply, a reasonable adjustment may be appropriate. In these cases, a parent should request to meet with the respective Deputy Principal and/or the Principal before the policy variation is required. Variations require discretionary approval of the Principal or the delegate.

Shared Responsibility for Maintaining School Dress Standards

The McDowall State School and P&C Association expect parents/caregivers to supervise student compliance with the School student dress code and actively support school staff when student intervention is required. Compliance with the School student dress code is outlined within the McDowall State School Enrolment Agreement endorsed by parents/caregivers at time of student enrolment.

- Teachers will outline and explain the School student dress code to students and parents.
- The School's student dress code is provided and explained to all newly enrolling students and their parents through Enrolment procedures and provided within the McDowall State School Enrolment Parent Information Package.



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- The School student dress code is located on the McDowall State School website.
- Promotion of the School student dress code and school uniform occurs through:
 - school newsletter items
 - assemblies - acknowledgement and traditions
 - Student Code of Conduct
 - debriefings
 - P&C Association publications
 - P&C Association Meetings and activities
 - displays and presentations during open days
 - focused teaching of student responsibility
 - Student Leadership - selection and activities

Attire not to be worn or brought to school

Students are required to wear the stated school uniform. The following **inappropriate dress** is not to be worn or brought to school (including Casual/Free Dress Day).

- see-through items, revealing clothes, sleeveless singlets - clothing must provide cover and be sun safe.
- other clothing (e.g., shirts) beneath school uniform and clearly visible.
- caps, visors.
- high heeled shoes, thongs, skate-shoes, shoes with wheels, spikes, clips or studs
- torn, ragged, frayed, holed or unclean dress
- fundraising paraphernalia e.g., wrist bands etc. (unless pre-approved by Principal and Student Council)
- printed messages, symbols, pictures, designs and items that are inappropriate
- items posing hazard to full student participation

Review of the School student dress code

Periodically a review of the Student dress code will occur in consultation with the P&C Association, students, staff and parents and caregivers. Once endorsed by the P&C Association, amendments are submitted for approval by the Principal.

The last review and endorsement of the Student dress code occurred in 2024.