



McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE 2016-2019

Revised 2017

The McDowall State Student Dress Code clearly outlines standards of acceptable student dress and personal presentation when:

- Attending or representing their school.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours. *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Part 10 Items: 360-363.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL and P. & C. ASSOCIATION ENDORSEMENT

The McDowall SS School Council resolved on 17th May, 2016 that it supports a student dress code for the McDowall State School because it believes that a school student dress code at McDowall State School promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the School Council supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- * Ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- * Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- * Ensuring suitable and appropriate dress for age, maturity and purpose is worn at school;
- * Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- * Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.



The McDowall SS P&C Association resolved on 28th November, 2016 that it endorses the School Council resolution and approves the McDowall State School student uniform as described within the student dress code for McDowall State School.

THE McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

The McDowall State School, School Council & P. & C. Association expects that every student attending the school will be wearing school uniform each school day.

It is expected that students attend school neatly dressed and well groomed each day. All parents are expected to dress their children in school uniform. Students are to wear the 'Tartan Uniform' on all school outings unless otherwise advised. At all times, students are to be modestly and suitably dressed. (*Shorts etc worn at the waist – not sagging. Long shirts tucked in. Undergarments, boxer shorts not visible*) McDowall State School implements a 'SUNSMART' endorsed expectation corresponding with Queensland Cancer Fund Guidelines.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL 'TARTAN' SCHOOL UNIFORM

Boys Dress School Uniform		Girls Dress School Uniform	
Shirt	McDowall Tartan (Unisex / Red buttons).	Shirt	McDowall Tartan (Unisex / Red buttons).
Shorts	Bottle green – Short or long leg	Skorts	Bottle green
Shorts	Bottle green – Short or long leg	Shorts	Bottle green – Short or long leg
Socks	Bottle green	Dress	McDowall Tartan (Red buttons).
Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes (Black sneakers acceptable)	Socks	Bottle green
Badge	School metal badge for shirt (Optional)	Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes (Black sneakers acceptable)
Hat	Bottle green 7-8cm brim (with School Name)	Badge	School metal badge for shirt / dress (Optional)
Winter	Bottle green tracksuit Taslon jacket – Bottle green (Red/white stripe) Taslon pants – Bottle green	Hat	Bottle green 7-8cm brim (with School Name)
		Winter	Bottle green tracksuit or jacket Bottle green stockings Taslon jacket – Bottle green (Red/white stripe) Taslon pants – Bottle green

- Clear sunscreen should be provided by the parent. It is also available for student use in the classroom. Sunglasses (Encouraged / Optional)
- Bike Helmet (When riding bicycle to school)

When Worn: The 'Tartan' Uniform is the McDowall State School Student Uniform. It is expected that all Years 1-6 students own and have available to wear to school, at least one of these uniforms. Students will be formally advised during the year of days when 'Tartan' school uniform is required to be worn. Eg. Excursions, Photographs and Special Events. Should a parent purchase only one school uniform for their child, then it is to be the 'Tartan' Uniform. Student Leaders are expected to wear this uniform when attending to official duties. Shirt is worn outside the shorts.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL PREPARATORY YEAR UNIFORM

Boys Preparatory Year Uniform		Girls Preparatory Year Uniform	
Shirt	Red short-sleeved polo shirt with bottle green tab front <i>McDowall SS</i> printed collar	Shirt	Red short-sleeved polo shirt with bottle green tab front <i>McDowall SS</i> printed collar
Shorts	Bottle green	Skorts	Bottle green
Socks	Bottle green	Socks	Bottle green
Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes (with Velcro tabs)	Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes (with Velcro tabs)
Hat	Red bucket hat (with School Name)	Hat	Red bucket hat (with School Name)
		Skorts	Bottle green
Winter	Green fleecy zippered jacket and trousers	Winter	Green fleecy zippered jacket Bottle green stockings or trousers

When Worn: Daily (unless formally advised). Shirt is worn outside the shorts.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM

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

- Certain interschool sports require specific attire. This will be formally advised.
- Netball Visor – Red with printed McDowall SS.

When Worn: Originally, the School Sports Uniform was only allowed to be worn by students selected to represent the McDowall State School during inter-school sports. Students competing in inter-school sport are still required to wear this School Sports Uniform at Friday Interschool Sport Competition, or are withdrawn from the team. 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 (Student may be withdrawn from the event, excursion, etc and/or lose leadership position). Should a parent purchase only one school uniform for their child, then it is to be the 'Tartan' School Uniform, not the School Sports Uniform. Shirt is worn tucked inside the shorts.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL HOUSE UNIFORM SHIRT VARIATION

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

When Worn: 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. A series of House Challenges will occur on Fridays.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL YEAR 6 SHIRT VARIATION

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 & staff cohort for that calendar year. [Optional purchase]

When Worn: From date of receipt, Tuesday & Thursday.

PERFORMANCE UNIFORM: CHOIR, JUNIOR STARS BAND, ADAGIO STRINGS

The McDowall SS Tartan Uniform.

Boys Uniform		Girls Uniform	
Shirt	McDowall Tartan (red buttons)	Shirt	McDowall Tartan (red buttons)
Shorts	Bottle green	Shorts	Bottle green
		Skorts	Bottle green
Socks	School socks – bottle green	Socks	School socks – bottle green
Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes or sneakers (Mandatory)	Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes or sneakers (Mandatory)
		Dress*	Tartan (red buttons)

* Tartan Dress is acceptable but is not preferred. It poses difficulty for Instrumental Music performers.

PERFORMANCE UNIFORM: WIND ENSEMBLE, CONCERT BAND, STAGE BAND, PRESTO STRINGS, CANTABILE STRINGS & CHAMBER GROUP

Boys Uniform		Girls Uniform	
Shirt	White long-sleeved shirt (micro-fibre)	Shirt	White long-sleeved shirt (micro-fibre)
Trousers	Black flat front (micro-fibre)	Trousers	Black flat front (micro-fibre)
Vest^	Tartan vest with gold buttons	Vest^	Tartan vest with gold buttons
Socks	Black	Socks	Black
Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes or sneakers (Mandatory)	Shoes	<i>Black</i> shoes or sneakers (Mandatory)

^ Available from Uniform Shop. Pay \$45 fee. Free up-sizes. \$30 reimbursed when vest is returned in good condition to Uniform Shop.

For two years, pay \$55 fee. Free up-sizes. \$30 reimbursed when vest is returned in good condition to Uniform Shop.

McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING

Boys	Girls
Regular swim shorts or togs.	One-piece swimming costume. T-Shirt must be worn over top of two-piece costume (if worn)
Swim Shirt / Rashie or T-Shirt (Compulsory)	Swim Shirt / Rashie or T-Shirt (Compulsory)
Bathing cap (Preferably lycra)	Bathing cap (Preferably lycra)

When Worn: School Swimming Carnival, School Swimming Programme.

Casual Dress Events (As approved by Principal)



Parents and students are advised in writing should school uniform not be required to be worn. Eg Casual Dress Days (end of each school term), events such as School Camps, Theme Days (*Medieval Day*), 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 socially modest. Quality enclosed, secured footwear is to be worn. A wide 7-8cm brimmed hat is to be worn in sunlight.

School Representation, Excursions, Photos & Public Events

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

Hats

Students are required to wear the stated green school uniform wide-brimmed hat when outdoors. Caps are unacceptable.

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 Dress Day).

• Tank tops, Midriff tops, Sleeveless singlets	• See-through items, Lingerie
• Swimwear	• Skimpy, brief shorts
• High heeled shoes, Thongs, Skate-shoes, Shoes with wheels, spikes, clips or studs	• Caps, Visors.
• Jewellery, with exception of wrist watch, a signet ring, medical bracelet or bona-fide religious or cultural item (<i>Keep to bare minimum</i>)	• Finger nail polish, Make-up including coloured lip gloss. Brightly coloured sunscreen.
• Ear rings, other than sleepers or studs (<i>No protrusions</i>).	• Printed messages, symbols, pictures, designs and items that are inappropriate (<i>Lewd, offensive, vulgar, immodest or promote / refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs or prohibited substance. Depicting / promoting violence, guns, sex, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, gang activity or affiliation</i>)
• Body piercing jewellery and ornaments. Eg Nose rings.	

• Tights, Exercise pants, Lycra peddle-pushers	• Gang paraphernalia
• Torn, ragged, frayed, holed or unclean dress	• Items posing hazard to full student participation
• Fundraising paraphernalia eg. Wrist bands etc. (Unless pre-approved by Principal & Student Council)	• Dyed or coloured hair, Long unkempt hair, Provocative hair styles eg. Mohawk.
• Other clothing (eg shirts) beneath school uniform and clearly visible.	

School Student Dress Code Interventions

The daily wearing of school uniform is diligently monitored with firm (but sensitive & promotional) 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 programme and routine may be provided. Health and safety considerations apply.

- Student interviewed to ascertain the circumstances behind non-compliance with the school student dress code. Eg Family circumstance, Peer pressure, Adverse attitude, Misconduct, etc.
- Student retained at School Administration while parent is contacted and arrangements are made for the student to meet school student dress code before attending class. Eg Nail polish removed, Hair colour washed out, Jewellery securely stored, Offending item changed, etc.
- Student may be provided with a clean school uniform at School Administration for wearing during the school day. *(School uniform provided by parent. Where a school uniform is provided by the school it is to be cleaned by the parent and returned to school as soon as possible. An invoice account will be provided should the uniform not be returned within 5 days. Non-payment results in student being withdrawn from all extra-curricula activity.)*



- When a student cannot meet the school student dress code, *(parent not able to be contacted / unusual uniform size)* at the discretion of the Principal, an alternate school programme including relevant restrictions *(minimising disruption to student learning, maintaining normal operation of the school, prevention of injury to the student or others, etc)* will be provided. Eg Student located at School Administration or designated room, 'no hat - no play in the sun', no activities where covered shoes are required, restricted contact with peers, not permitted in peripheral areas of the school grounds, hair safety & jewellery restrictions, withdrawal from excursions, etc. Whether the student is *reasonably dressed or inappropriately dressed* will guide the format of the alternate school programme provided.
- A student's non-compliance with the McDowall State School's Student Dress Code is not grounds for suspension or exclusion from school. For behaviour other than non-compliance with the Student Dress Code, the Principal or his delegate, will follow actions outlined in the Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment Policy and McDowall State School Responsible behaviour Plan for Students. It is expected that the majority of non-compliance issues can be informally resolved with the student.
- Should a student persistently fail to comply with the McDowall State School Student Dress Code or is inappropriately dressed:
 - Appropriate items from a bank of clothing / uniforms held at the school may be provided.
 - Procedures and interventions will be implemented that prevent risk to the student or others; and that maintains normal school operations.
 - Parents will be informed of the incident with intent to work with parents in both implementing strategies and preventing a recurrence.
- When a student repeatedly fails to comply with the McDowall State School Student Dress Code, more formal interventions will apply. McDowall State School will impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recency of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:
 - Imposing a detention for a student during recess or after school. (If after-school, parents will be informed before the detention occurs)
 - Preventing a student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student is representing the school; or
 - Preventing a student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential (core) school educational programme.
- Where a parent requires further information and/or is concerned about school interventions in seeking to resolve student non-compliance with the McDowall State School Student Dress Code, the parent should in the first instance, make an appointment with the class teacher. Should further clarification be required, an appointment should be made to speak with School Administration. The Principal may invite a P. & C. Association representative to be present.



Exceptional Circumstance

It is expected that where exceptional circumstances may apply, in a student not complying with the School Student Dress Code, that the parent meets with the respective Deputy Principal and/or the Principal before the policy variation is required. Variations require discretionary approval of the Principal or his delegate.

Families experiencing economic hardship may be offered special arrangements or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress / school uniform. Second-hand uniform sales may also be available. Lay Buy arrangements may be possible. Where extreme hardship occurs, alternative arrangements may be mutually agreed (in advance) after interview with the Principal or his delegate.



Mobile families are allowed sufficient time to purchase items of dress (school uniform) required in meeting the standard.

Medical conditions and other related afflictions which prevent a student from complying with the School Student Dress Code and/or prevent a student from fully participating in any lesson is to be supported by a written notice from a Medical Practitioner and a letter from the parent.

Requirements of Students with Impairments or Special Needs

Students with physical impairments requiring variation to the School Student Dress Code due to their disability, are permitted flexibility in the interpretation of the standards. This flexibility requires pre-approval by the Principal or his delegate, and is to be documented within Individual Educational Planning by the Case Manager.

Shared Responsibility for Maintaining School Dress Standards

The McDowall State School and P. & C. Association expect parents to supervise student compliance with the School Student Dress Code and actively support school staff when student intervention is required.

- ❖ Teachers will outline and explain the School Student Dress Code during Year Level Parent / Teacher Information Meetings each February.
- ❖ From October, 2007, the new School Student Dress Code is provided and explained to all newly enrolling students and their parents at Enrolment Interview / Enrolment Acceptance and provided within the McDowall State School Enrolment Parent Information Package.
- ❖ 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*
 - *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*
 - *School 'Student Responsibilities' Booklet*
 - *Student acknowledgement strategies*
 - *Student Leadership (a) Selection (b) Activities*
 - *Class Discipline Plans*
 - *P. & C. Association publications*
 - *Displays and presentations during Open Days*
 - *School Assemblies (a) Acknowledgement (b) Traditions*
 - *Teacher instruction and debriefings*
 - *P. & C. Association Meetings & Activities*
 - *Focused teaching of Student Self-responsibility*
- ❖ Monitoring, discussion and review of the School Student Dress Code and School Uniform occurs through:
 - *P. & C. Association Meetings*
 - *Student Council Meetings*
 - *School Management Forum & Administration Meetings*
 - *Year Level Teacher Meetings & Staff Meetings*

REVIEW of THE SCHOOL DRESS STANDARD

A review of the McDowall State School Student Dress Code will be conducted at least each three years by the Principal, School Council and P. & C. Association. Once endorsed by the Association, the amendments are submitted for approval by the Principal.