

Uniform Policy

The MBHS Governing Council is responsible for deciding school uniform policy.

Students wear school uniform at MBHS for a range of reasons, including working together to take pride as a member of the MBHS student community, for your child's safety as students are easily recognisable on school grounds and given this is a workplace.

The following items are non-negotiable items for our uniform, as approved by our Governing Council:

- School jacket or jumper
- Black or blue pants or shorts (appropriate length) - no rips, no blue jeans, no light coloured pants
- School t-shirts, plus a dark coloured long sleeve undershirt if needed - no hood
- Closed shoes

Responsibilities

All parties are encouraged to communicate suggestions for improvement to the school uniform policy either directly or via the SRC or staff representatives of Governing Council.

Parents/Caregivers

- support the school uniform policy by providing school uniform clothing for their children.

Students

- support the school uniform policy by wearing school uniform clothing.

Subject Teachers/Student Pathways Leaders

- support the school uniform policy by recognizing and encouraging students who wear school uniform.
- contact home regarding student not wearing school uniform.
- record contact home in Daymap
- refer persistent non-complying students to Student Pathways Leaders. Student Pathways Leaders to liaise with Senior Leaders, Deputy Principal and Principal about issuing a further consequence.

Assistant Principals, Deputy Principal and Principal

- work together with students and their families to encourage full participation of wearing school uniform
- keep the Governing Council informed about issues relating to school uniform
- determine and apply consequences for persistent non-complying students.

Governing Council

- determine the school uniform policy taking into account the views of students, parents and staff.
- periodically review the school uniform policy.

Reasons why we have a school uniform

- *Safety and security* - Murray Bridge High School students are easily recognizable in uniform both at a school and on excursions. Similarly unauthorized persons are more easily noticed if they mingle among students.
- *Economy* - school uniform clothing is usually more durable than fashion clothes.
- *Uniformity* - teenagers often dress to please or impress their peer groups. Wearing of a uniform reduces choice (and tension) about what to wear to school each day.
- *Dressing appropriately for the occasion* - school uniform clothing is appropriate for most student activities.
- *Pride in personal appearance and in being a student at Murray Bridge High School* - students, parents, visitors, residents and businesses in the district frequently report on the positive image and presentation of Murray Bridge High School students.
- Work Health and Safety reasons

Purchase of school uniform

Devon Clothing is our school uniform supplier.

School uniform clothing can be purchased from the Uniform Shop run by Devon Clothing located on the school premises. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.15am - 9.30am. Additional opening times prior to beginning of school year and advertised fit out nights

Agreed strategies in response to students who are not in school uniform

1. Students will be provided with a loan item if available. Senior Leaders or Deputy Principal will determine other strategies if required.
2. Under WH&S regulations, thongs or ugg boots are not allowed on our worksite. For students wearing thongs or ugg boots, or inappropriate dress, contact will be made with home to bring the appropriate shoes/clothing or to collect students to take them home to change.
3. Persistent non-compliers will not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities such as excursions, sports, music performances, the senior school formal, activities days and other activities of a similar nature.
4. Students out of school uniform will not be permitted:
 - a. to participate in an excursion if school uniform is specified for that excursion
 - b. to be photographed for local media publications