



STUDENT DRESS CODE

Endorsed by the P&C Association 2015

INTRODUCTION

We care about our students, their safety and their image in the community and believe that their appearance is a very significant visible communicator about our school. **Marsden State High is a “uniform” school.** The uniform is to be worn in its complete form at school and when travelling to and from school. The Parents & Citizens' Association of Marsden State High School supports a Student Code of Dress (uniform) for Marsden State High School because it believes that a Student Code of Dress promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the Parents & Citizens' Association supports the intention of a Student Code of Dress 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;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Our Student Code of Dress consists of an agreed standard of items of clothing, which are defined as a school uniform that our students wear when;

- Attending or representing Marsden State High School;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours.

It is impossible to develop a code to meet everyone's individual requirements, styles or needs. Our school's dress code promotes the good image of the school within the community, and encourages students to uphold and enhance that image, as well as meeting community expectations and health and safety standards. A neat, complete uniform and tidy appearance shows pride in self and school. It projects a positive image to employers and the community.

Marsden State High School provides excellent educational opportunities for all students and expects that parents will support us in our endeavours by making sure students are well dressed and presented in our uniform everyday for school.

For physical education, dance and sport classes, students are required to **wear full sports uniform including lace up sports shoes.** Students are to **change into sports uniform** at the beginning of the class period lesson and change back into day wear immediately after the lesson. Sports uniform is **not** to be worn to other classes or to and from school.

OUR UNIFORM STANDARDS

Make-Up

- No make-up is permitted. This includes all makeup from foundation, blush, eye and lip makeup and fingernail polish.

Hair

- Hair must be clean and tidy and comply with workplace health and safety provisions.
- **Colour** – natural tones; no vibrant tones, multiple tones or highlights.
- **Cut** – conventional; no Mohawks, tracks or single side-shaves.
- **Style** – Hair tied up: ponytail, single/double plait, simple bun. No corn rows, dreadlocks or unconventional braids.
Hair out: hair not to obscure vision.
- **Adornments** – simple hair ties, clips or scrunchies in school colours; white, light grey, burgundy or black. No extremes.

Jewellery

- **Earrings** – one pair only – standard, plain sleeper or gold or silver stud. No diamonds or pearls.
- **Necklace** – only fine gold/silver chains (exception for cultural pendants). Religious and cultural pendants are allowed. All must be long enough so as not to be visible while wearing the uniform at all times.
- **Watch** – One only. No other jewellery is permitted ie ankle/wrist bands, bangles, bracelets, chains, any facial piercing jewellery (even if covered with a band-aid), rings or spacers.

Headwear

- You may wear a cap, bucket hat or no hat. The following restrictions apply:
No profanity, drugs, gang affiliation or violence to be depicted in any way.
- Hijabs may be worn with the following restrictions: black, white or light grey only. No headwear is to have any jewelled adornments. No beanies or other forms of headwear are permitted. The school has a fully reversible bucket hat, but this is not compulsory.

Other

- Manual Arts students may be required to wear face shields or hair nets while operating machinery.
- Automotive, construction, engineering and fabricating 'Marsden' High 'Viz' shirts are available through the uniform shop – this uniform is not to be worn home.

Please Note the following clothing articles are UNACCEPTABLE ...beanies; scarves (Marsden scarf accepted); denim jeans; gloves; cargo pants; track pants, long-sleeved undershirts, undershirts/singlets which can be seen.

SHOES/SOCKS

It is a requirement of our school site that **all** students wear covered shoes for health and safety reasons. In particular, activities in Manual Arts, Home Economics and Science require impervious shoes (ie leather "college" or "Lynx" style shoe) as these provide the best protection for your child's safety. Therefore, we have chosen to apply this standard to all students in all classes (except during sports).



Traditional lace up "college" style



Traditional lace up "lynx" style

School Uniform Shoe – Totally black leather, lace-up (in styles mentioned above). No white/coloured decoration or markings. No synthetic or imitation leather, suede, canvas or other fabrics. No Velcro, buckles or slip-ons. No high-tops, ballet, boots, joggers, skater, slipper, volley or sport shoes. No high heeled or platform shoes.

Socks – White, any length. No colour to be visible above the shoe line.

Sports Shoe – Appropriate shoes for the sport being played are acceptable in any colour.

BOYS JUNIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM (YEARS 7 - 9)

Shirt: Cleolene 8249 poly/cotton fabric in white and silver grey check with fine burgundy vertical line. Straight hem style with side splits; Back yoke with two pleats; two piece collar with inside collar band in burgundy; 1cm burgundy trim on pocket and sleeve; burgundy buttons; Marsden SHS logo embroidered on pocket in burgundy.

No undershirts are to be seen at any time.

Shorts: Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric. Tailored longer leg style with shaped back yoke; zip fly front; waistband with adjustable side tabs; button/buttonhole closing; two slant front pockets and one back patch pocket. Marsden SHS embroidered logo on back pocket in grey.

Trousers: (optional for winter months). Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric. Tailored style with shaped back yoke; zip fly front; waistband with adjustable side tabs; button/buttonhole closing; two slant front pockets and one back patch pocket. Marsden SHS embroidered logo on back pocket in grey.

BOYS SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM (YEARS 10 – 12)

Shirt: White poly/cotton fabric. Straight hem style with side splits; back yoke with two pleats; two piece collar; 1cm burgundy trim on pocket top and sleeve; clear buttons. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on pocket in burgundy.

No undershirts are to be seen at any time.

Senior Tie (Compulsory - ALL Year): Burgundy polyester fabric with two silver grey diagonal lines 4cm apart on widest part of tie.

Shorts/Trousers: as per Junior Uniform

GIRLS JUNIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM (YEARS 7 - 9)

Blouse: Cleolene 8249 poly/cotton fabric in white and silver grey check with fine burgundy line. Peak front style with waist and bust darts; action back with two pleats from back yoke stitched down only from waist to hem; 1cm burgundy trim on pocket top and sleeve; burgundy buttons. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on pocket in burgundy.

No undershirts are to be seen at any time.

Skirt: Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric. Below knee length style with four knife pleats back and front; overstitched from top to bottom; elastic in back of waistband; in-seam zip pocket on right side and in-seam zip on left with button/buttonhole closing.

Culottes: Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric. Inverted pleat at centre back; two box pleats at front; top-stitched pleats in front from top to bottom; elastic in back of waistband; in-seam zip pocket on right side and in-seam zip on left with button/buttonhole closing.

Shorts: (Optional) Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric in the same tailored style as shorts for Boys Uniform.

Slacks: (Optional) Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric in the same tailored style as trousers for Boys Uniform.

GIRLS SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM (Yr 10, 11 & 12)

Blouse: White poly/cotton fabric. Peak front style with waist and bust darts; action back with two pleats from back yoke stitched down only from waist to hem; 1cm burgundy trim on pocket top and sleeve; clear buttons. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on pocket in burgundy.

No undershirts are to be seen at any time.

Senior Tie (Compulsory - ALL Year): Burgundy polyester fabric with two silver grey diagonal lines 4cm apart on widest part of tie.

Skirt: Charcoal grey poly/viscose fabric. Below knee length style with four knife pleats back and front; in-seam zip pocket; elastic in back waistband; zip and button/buttonhole closing.

Culottes/Shorts/Slacks: as per Junior Uniform.

SPORTS UNIFORM – JUNIOR/SENIOR (BOYS/GIRLS)

Sport Polo – Coolfit poly fabric; black centre panel with silver grey side panels and sleeves; burgundy flat piping between colours and stripes on sleeves; placket in silver grey; black buttons; black knit collar with white Marsden SHS knitted on outer edge, white Marsden SHS logo embroidered left chest.

Sport Short – Teflon coated poly microfibre fabric; black with one burgundy and one grey poly microfibre piping on each side; elastic/drawstring waist; burgundy Marsden SHS embroidered bottom of left leg; two side pockets.

NB: We will still accept the old black cotton-back poly fabric; elastic/drawstring waist; two slant front pockets, white Marsden SHS logo embroidered on lower left leg; BUT these are no longer supplied by the school.

Compression Shorts (skins) – Optional - Customised Marsden SHS compression shorts are available at the uniform shop at half the cost of other brands in sports shops.

Specific Sport uniform requirements – These are organised through the department and ordering and payment of such items is through the school and not the uniform shop.

WINTER UNIFORM OPTIONS – JNR/SNR (UNISEX)

Only Marsden Winter Uniforms are acceptable at school. All others will be confiscated for collection at the end of the day.

Sweater – Charcoal grey fleecy fabric. Set in sleeves with two 2.5cm wide burgundy stripes on upper left sleeve, rib trim cuffs and vee neck; bottom hem is topstitched with side splits. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on left chest in burgundy.

Sleeveless Vest: (Optional) Charcoal grey poly/cotton knitted vest; two stripes of silver grey and burgundy at vee neck. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on left chest in burgundy.

Jumper – Charcoal grey poly/cotton knitted jumper with set-in sleeves; two stripes of silver grey and burgundy at vee neck. Marsden SHS logo embroidered on left chest in burgundy.

Micro-fibre Jacket – Teflon coated poly microfibre fabric. Fully lined in poly/cotton. Zip front jacket; light grey lower body and lower sleeves and white upper body and upper sleeves; burgundy flat trim extending across front, back and sleeves; two in-seam zip pockets; light grey collar. Small burgundy Marsden SHS logo embroidered across the back of the jacket. Elasticised at the wrists.

Scarf – The only scarf allowed at Marsden SHS is our ‘Marsden’ scarf made from Acrylic which can be purchased at the uniform shop. No other scarves are permitted.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students not in the full and correct school uniform on any given day must:

- Supply a written note to be given to the HOYT BEFORE SCHOOL/FORM CLASS from parent/carer outlining a valid reason and detailing when the correct uniform will be obtained. **Any** class time missed obtaining this slip will incur a lunchtime detention. **THIS IS EACH STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.**
- If students are late they need to report to their relevant Deputy Principal after signing in at the office.

The following may occur:

- Student will be issued with a school uniform from school supply stock
- Infringing items may be confiscated
- Information will be recorded on the Student Database and parents will be contacted
- Students will be issued with a detention (lunchtime or after school)
- An alternate program for the day will be provided for the student
- Student will be sent to a DP/Principal
- Any student out of uniform will be issued with a Uniform Slip (or Student Planner Note) which they must carry with them all day.
- In cases where the alternative is deemed an unacceptable variation or infringement, parents/carers will be notified to assist in rectifying the problem.

If a student continually breaches our school uniform code, a member of administration will enter into discussions with the parents/carers as to why the student fails to wear the uniform and the student's continued enrolment at Marsden High.

NON-COMPLIANCE

At Marsden State High School we impose sanctions on a once-only basis per episode of non-compliance. Our sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch or after school (if after school, inform parents before detention occurs);
- Preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school; or
- Preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

In resolving matters of Student Code of Dress, the school considers:

- Families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress
- Economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase new items of dress;
- Students with physical impairments requiring greater flexibility in interpretation of dress codes.

We provide our Student Code of Dress policy to parents at the time of enrolment as part of the Enrolment Package. The Marsden State High School community is very proud of its uniform and we encourage parents/carers to support the school by upholding our fair and reasonable dress standards.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours for the uniform shop can be found on your price list and also on the website. Please check the website regularly for any changes. Generally it is only during school terms with the exception of most of January prior to school beginning.

Payment types accepted are cash, EFTPOS, visa and MasterCard. No cheques sorry. Credit card payments can be made over the phone.

Laybys for up to 8 weeks can also be made at the shop to help alleviate any financial burdens you feel during the year.

Second-hand is no longer sold through the school. If you have items to sell please do so using the various forms of social media or sites like gumtree and other uniform sale sites. We apologise if this is inconvenient but because the school uniform shop is operated by the Marsden State High School Parents & Citizens Association to help raise much needed funds for your school, the time involved is not viable and takes away from funds needed for improvements.

The convenor can be contacted during operating hours on **3299 0519** directly or you can leave a message on the same number and they will get back to you.