HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students can support a positive learning environment, by ensuring that the way they dress for school is appropriate.

Clothing may have a distracting or counter-productive influence on the educational experience at school. Clothes can become an arena for peer pressure, unsafe and uncomfortable fashion trends, advertising, messages and slogans. This is one reason why many schools have uniforms. The Mount Barker Waldorf School prefers not to have a uniform but a dress code of common sense and simplicity.

Clothing worn to school must be safe, practical and appropriate for the range of activities students take part in during the school day. Clothing is expected to be clean, in good repair and be of a safe and appropriate length. Natural fabrics are encouraged.

Hats - Term 1 & 4 (HS)
Broad-brimmed or bucket hats with a minimum brim of 6cm all the way around, without logos. Hats are to be worn outdoors only.

Tops
All tops must be an appropriate fit and covering the chest and midriff, with minimum sleeve length covering shoulder. T-shirts must fully overlap or tuck in to pants or skirt when standing with arms outstretched. Shirts and dresses must not be low cut.

Skirts and Dresses
Skirts and dresses must not be low cut and have minimum sleeves length covering the shoulder. Skirts and dresses must reach a minimum length of mid-thigh regardless of whether tights are also worn.

Pants
Shorts must reach a minimum length of mid-thigh and be without logos. If pants are cut low to the hip then the top worn with those pants must fully cover the top of shorts or pants when standing with arms outstretched. If leggings are worn, tops or pants reaching a minimum length of mid thigh must be worn.

Shoes
Shoes must be strong and substantial, no thongs or skimpy sandals. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn in tech studies, gardening, the science lab, PE and sewing.

Jewellery
Jewellery needs to be removed or covered for sporting, Tech studies and other practical lessons where safety is an issue.

Consequences of breaching the Dress Code
Students who are in breach of the dress code will not be allowed to attend lessons until they are appropriately dressed.
The following are not allowed:

- Torn or frayed clothing
- No inappropriate logos or pictures
- No singlet tops or revealing tops that expose cleavage or midriff
- Shorts or skirts that are above than mid thigh length
- Barefeet
- Exposed jewellery worn in practical lessons where safety is an issue

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