School Uniform



Shoes must be enclosed black leather/white socks



Uniform available onsite by Daylight Schoolwear ABN 76 069 733 455 – 10% of sales returned to the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

"The wearing of school uniform depicts pride in the school"

The wearing of a uniform at MHS is compulsory and we appreciate your co-operation as parents in providing your students with the correct school uniform.

The uniform is available from our onsite Uniform Shop which is open

Tuesdays from 7.30am – 11.30am and Thursdays from 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Polo Shirt

- Junior (Yr 7–10) Sky blue with navy panelling, white piping, embroidered school crest and 'Muswellbrook' collar
- Senior (Yr 11–12) White with navy panelling, sky blue piping, embroidered school crest and 'Muswellbrook' collar

Sport/PE Polo Gold with navy panelling, sky blue piping, embroidered school crest and 'Muswellbrook' collar

Everyday Sports Shorts Navy with sky blue and gold piping and embroidered 'MHS' - Available in two leg lengths

Girls Tartan Skirt (optional) Royal blue, white and gold check with four pleats

Girls Blouse (optional) Blue or White with navy trim and embroidered school crest

Stockings Plain Black

Girls Slacks (optional) Plain navy

Fleecy Jumper Navy with half zip and embroidered school crest

Wool Knit Jumper Navy V-neck with embroidered school crest

Jacket Navy with gold and sky blue piping and embroidered school crest

Trackpants Navy with gold and sky blue piping and embroidered 'MHS'

Cap (optional) Navy with embroidered school crest

Scarf (optional) Plain Navy

Beanie (optional) Plain Navy

Socks Plain white ankle length

Shoes Black leather enclosed with black laces

Captains and Prefects will also need a formal uniform.

- Boys Plain white button up shirt, school tie, long grey trousers, black shoes and blazer.
- Girls School blouse, skirt, school tie, black shoes and blazer.

(See the front office or uniform shop if you require a school tie.)

MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL - UNIFORM POLICY

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When is school uniform to be worn?

Muswellbrook High School is committed to maintaining a high standard of school uniform. All students are required to wear the complete school uniform (unless otherwise instructed):

- at school
- whilst travelling to and from school
- when representing the school at school events and excursions
- when representing the school at Sports carnivals and competitions

Why is a school uniform worn?

Students are required to wear uniform because it provides:

- identification with Muswellbrook High School
- a sense of pride in belonging to Muswellbrook High School
- security, as any strangers are immediately identifiable by staff
- equity, as the dress is the same for all students
- a safe and appropriate standard of dress for a range of school activities
- an economical way for families to dress their children

Accessories and items not to be worn

Students are advised that the following accessories and items are not to be worn:

- Any item of clothing that is not the correct colour or cut (non-uniform)
- Black or coloured undershirts and singlets (white only and must not extend beyond uniform sleeve)
- Hooded tops
- Any item of clothing that has an offensive or inappropriate message or image
- White or coloured footwear (black, leather enclosed footwear only)
- Thongs and slippers
- Long, black or coloured socks
- Coloured belts
- Exposed underwear
- Elastic bands used for tying shirts up on the lower back
- Large hoop or long/dangling earrings
- Chains
- Sharp piercings

Hat Policy

Students are encouraged to wear the Muswellbrook High School hat, at all times, when outside for lessons, recess and lunch and extra-curricular activities. Hats are not to be worn in school buildings and classrooms.

Footwear and Safety

The Department of Education and Training has rigid safety requirements regarding footwear for students in practical classes such as Science, Art, Design & Technology, Food Technology and Agriculture. The safety requirement states:

"thongs, open type sandals or shoes shall not be worn in practical classes where there is the possibility of injury through the spilling of hot liquids, metals or the dropping of heavy or sharp instruments, tools.

This requirement is enforced at Muswellbrook High School, thus the need for covered leather shoes in the school uniform. Students are required to wear black shoes with leather uppers, to meet OH&S requirements in practical courses.

Consequences of breaching the uniform policy

The uniform policy is monitored by Deputy Principals with the assistance of Teachers, Head Teachers and Principal. All staff share a responsibility to ensure that uniform is worn correctly.

If a student is found to be in breach of the Muswellbrook High School Uniform Policy, they will be asked to present a signed and dated note from a parent or guardian explaining why the student is out of uniform. This note should be shown to the Deputy Principal at the beginning of the school day so that they can be assisted to change appropriately.

Reasons why students may be unable to wear school uniform may include:

- An item may be soiled, torn or damaged
- A student is injured, disabled or has a medical condition
- Religious reasons
- A parent or guardian may be unable to wash due to wet weather
- A parent or guardian may be unable to wash due to family problems/emergencies
- The student may be living away from home for a period of time
- A student is new to the school and has been unable to access the uniform
- Financial reasons (Students are encouraged to apply for financial assistance through the school. (These cases will be dealt with individually and sensitively)

If any of the above cases or if no note or acceptable reason is given then the school policy is that:

• Students will be asked to go to the school library and change into an appropriate item of uniform loaned by the school. The non-uniform item is exchanged for the school uniform item and kept in the library until the school property is returned. All uniform items loaned to students by the school has been laundered and is in satisfactory condition. Students will be provided with a private and secure area to change. Students should return borrowed clothing between 3:20 -3:30pm.

In other cases, at the discretion of the teacher, the following may occur:

- A warning is issued
- A student may be asked to remove the item and place it in their bag
- A student may be withdrawn from class eg. A PE or TAS practical lesson due to health and safety issues
- The teacher may confiscate the item (see above)
- A Yellow Card is issued upon a third breach
- Parents may be called
- A breach of uniform policy note is sent home to parents