



Home of Modern Learning  
*Education without barriers*  
PRIVATE SCHOOL

# Uniform and Dress Code for Students

## **UNIFORM/DRESS CODE**

In all of our policies:

Any contravention of the Constitution and the Laws of the Republic of South Africa is a contravention of the Home of Modern Learning Uniform and Dress Code.

Any reference to any one gender includes the other genders (where applicable). The reference to any word in the singular shall include a reference to the plural (where applicable); and a reference to the plural shall include a reference to the singular.

### **Dress Code:**

School pride, respect for the school community, the education process, and the students themselves, are in part, shown in the student's attire and grooming. The uniform/dress code also helps maintain a sense of modesty and equality while educating students about what is appropriate dress for the time and place.

### **Aims And Objectives:**

It is our school policy that all students wear a school uniform, or casual clothing that is in line with the modest standards of our school uniform, when attending school and school related activities where appropriate. From 2025 onwards ALL students will be required to own and wear one of our school uniform shirts, together with other uniform items or a regular fit, blue full length plain denim jeans (jeans may not be low rise or torn/distressed in any way). School uniform items may NOT be worn together with any other regular (civvies) clothing. Students will be required to wear their uniform on certain scheduled school days and for special occasions and school functions when notified by the school to do so.

Our policy on school dress and appearance is based on the notion that dress even when casual:

- promotes a sense of pride in oneself and the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the student's uniqueness but also shows self-respect and respect for our school and fellow students;
- prevents distractions in class;
- is selected with health and safety in mind.

## **Uniform/Clothing upkeep:**

As part of our respect for the school and its image, students are required to wear well-maintained uniforms/casual clothing items. Should an article of uniform/clothing become tattered, torn, discoloured, ill fitting, buttons lost etc., the student/family is required to mend or replace the article. Shoes/sneakers/tekkies/sports shoes must be kept clean. Tights/leggings may not be laddered. Uniforms/Clothing must always be clean.

## **Accountability:**

The Uniform/Dress Code reflects the entire Home of Modern Learning community and therefore it will be the responsibility of the student, the parents, the teachers, and the administration to uphold. All stakeholders must familiarise themselves with the uniform/dress and hair regulations as ignorance of these is no excuse for failure to comply with the regulations.

- It is the student's responsibility to select and wear appropriate clothing to school.
- It is the parent's responsibility to scrutinize the uniform/clothing before the student leaves for school.
- It is the teacher's responsibility to monitor and ensure the Uniform/Dress Code is adhered to during the school day and at school related activities.
- The register class teacher will be the primary supervisor and the Administrator will follow up with students and parents.

## **Uniform/Clothing Sizing and Cleaning Information:**

- All clothing must be appropriately sized.
- School uniform may not be worn together with other regular (civvies) clothing items, with the exception of our school shirt and tracksuit top which may be worn with a regular fit, blue full length plain denim jeans (jeans may not be low rise or torn/distressed in any way).
- No bare midriffs are allowed.
- Skirts may not be shorter than 5 cm above the knee. i.e. no more than five (of student's own) fingers above the knee.
- Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh
- No offensive/ distasteful slogans, graphics and images may be worn or displayed on clothing and jewelry -these may include but are not limited to: cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, substance abuse, violence, sex, offensive language and swearing.
- No undersized or skin tight shirts, skirts or trousers are permitted
- Leggings, jeggings or tights are only permitted if worn together with other appropriate attire that ensures the leggings, jeggings or tights are covered at least five (of the student's own) fingers below the buttocks line all around at all times.
- No visible underwear/undergarments.

- No visible cleavage, bare midriffs, off the shoulder styles, thin strappy shirts or dresses and revealing low rise trousers may be worn (i.e. thereby exposing skin).
- Wearing civvies is a privilege, which if abused can be withdrawn.
- Minimal make-up may be worn.
- Long hair may be worn loose, but must be kept out of the eyes.
- Please follow the wash/care instructions in the label and ensure whites are washed separately to prevent discolouration.

### **Grooming:**

Students' hygiene and grooming is paramount. Students should bath and brush teeth daily. Hair should be brushed daily and washed regularly. Deodorant should be worn when developmentally appropriate. Grooming items (brushes, combs, deodorant sticks etc.) and caps and beanies may not be shared.

### **School Uniform Items and Supplier:**

All prescribed school uniform items are available on order directly from Home of Modern Learning. A list of the available items is attached hereto and is subject to change without notice.

### **Lost Property:**

All items of clothing and personal items must be marked clearly, with both the student's name and surname. Lost items usually turn up the next day and will be placed in reception, so it is advisable to look there the following day.

### **Uniform/Dress Deviation:**

CONSEQUENCES. Students may be sent home to correct their attire, hair, uniform infringement. In terms of the disciplinary code for students, poor grooming, unhygienic personal habits, hair and dress not in accordance with school standards, dependent on the severity, will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure.

### **Disciplinary Procedures Guidelines:**

This Uniform/Dress Code is to be read in conjunction with the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures Guidelines as found on the school website.

All Home of Modern Learning policies/rules must be read together with policies such as the Acceptance Agreement contract and other policies that may be relevant to the offence.