STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

At McIlwraith State School, our purpose is reflected in these principles:

- To provide a quality education that develops a student’s social, intellectual, physical and emotional understandings.
- To prepare students for a useful, satisfying and productive life as a member of society.
- To provide a safe, tolerant and disciplined environment for students and staff.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Students enrolled at McIlwraith State School are required to wear school uniform at all times. Students are required to wear the school uniform when:

- Attending or representing the school.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaging in school activities out of hours.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Wearing the school uniform is a public commitment made by Parents and Students of the McIlwraith State School Community to our school.
- Wearing of the uniform reflects the emphasis of the value of the student free from socio-economic differences between students.
- All students and parents/caregivers are given clear directions as to the wearing of the school uniform.
- No alterations to fabric or style are to be introduced without full consultation with the school community and suppliers.

DRESS CODE

The school community of McIlwraith State School which includes Parents, Community representatives, Students and Teachers has a strong expectation that all students at McIlwraith will wear the uniform as set down and take pride in their appearance at school and when representing the school.

Our student dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:
• Ready identification of students and non-students.
• Fostering a range of belonging and pride in school.
• Developing mutual respect by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

OUT OF UNIFORM

It is understood that in unusual and one off situations students may be unable to wear the uniform as stated on a given day. In these cases the parent is required to notify the school by note or phone call, as to why their child is unable to wear the uniform. The student is expected to dress as closely as possible to the uniform and appropriate to the school setting. If the student does not accept this responsibility appropriate action may be taken in line with the school’s RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS and THE EDUCATION ACT OF 2006.

Appropriate actions may include:

• Preventing student from attending or participating in an activity for which the student is representing the school or
• Preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.
• In circumstances where a student is unable to wear a uniform for a number of days, discussion with the school administration will be required in order to put in place suitable arrangements. The school has several options which may be able to assist the student in this regard and may be able to provide a loan of uniform items.

TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL PRIDE

Staff will monitor the student dress code with reward systems such as a Uniform Chart rewarding students with Certificates who consistently demonstrate school pride by wearing the correct school uniform.

LOANING OF SCHOOL ITEMS

• Students will be asked to change into a school uniform, belonging to the school if continually arriving out of uniform with no parental explanation.
• Students will be asked to change into a school uniform if they are representing the school (ie: Sporting activities, excursions) and they arrive out of uniform.
**SCHOOL UNIFORM DETAILS**

We encourage children to wear and be proud of their school uniform.

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| • Red polo shirt with royal blue and white splice.  
• Royal blue shorts  
• Black shoes/ sneakers  
• Visible White socks  
• Red broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket style hat | • Checked red and blue dress  
• Black shoes  
• Visible White socks  
• Red broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat  
• Red, Royal Blue or White hair accessories. | • Red polo shirt with royal blue and white splice.  
• Royal blue shorts  
• Black shoes or  
• Sports shoes/Sneakers with white socks  
• Red broad brimmed, legionnaires hat | • Red polo shirt with royal blue and white splice.  
• Royal blue shorts/skirts  
• Black shoes or  
• Sports shoes/Sneakers with White socks  
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• Red, Royal Blue or White hair accessories. |

**WINTER ITEMS**

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WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED

- Brightly coloured hair accessories (school uniform colours of red, royal blue and white are permitted)
- Non uniform items even if they are in the school colours.
- Jeans, corduroy trousers, surf shorts, cargo pants, denim skirts
- Studded belts, coloured belts, scarfs.
- Stripy leggings, long socks, coloured socks.
- Flannelette shirts
- Thongs, shoes without socks.
- Excess jewellery: bangles, anklets, etc.
- High heeled shoes, high heeled boots, Ugg Boots, sandals.

JEWELLERY EXPECTATIONS

The wearing of excess jewellery with the school uniform is not in the spirit of uniform and thus is unacceptable at McIlwraith State School and will be monitored closely by staff.

No jewellery to be worn during P.E. Activities or Interschool sports.

The following list outlines acceptable jewellery at school.

- A wrist watch
- A plain ring, (eg. Signet ring.)
- Plain, small sleeper/stud per ear (Long dangly earrings are unacceptable and pose a safety risk.)
- A necklace of sentimental or religious significance if worn unobtrusively under the uniform.

Any student wearing excess jewellery or jewellery not conforming to the above guidelines will be asked to remove it and may have the item confiscated to be collected at the end of that school day. Further consequences may be issued in line with the Behaviour Management Program.

MAKE UP AND HAIR COLOUR

Make up is not permitted to be worn at school. Finger nail polish is banned. Hair colouring is not specifically banned, however the wearing of such should not detract from the uniform or how students are perceived within the wider community. Hair accessories should be the school colours of red/royal blue/white.

Workplace Health and Safety Provisions will be considered in regard to jewellery and uniform issues.

Long hair is to be tied back to prohibit the spread of Head Lice and for Workplace, Health and Safety concerns. Long hair is to be tied back to prevent distractions and fidgeting whilst learning.

SUN SAFETY

Students are expected to wear a broad brimmed hat, legionnaire’s style or bucket hat for sport, Health and Physical education lessons and outdoor lunch time activities. When participating in swimming activities students are expected to wear swimming shirts/rash vests. Girls are
encouraged to wear one piece bathing suits as they provide more sun protection than two piece suits.

**PURCHASING UNIFORMS**

McIlwraith State School uniforms or material may be ordered and purchased from Gin Gin Country Cottage, 79 Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin. Phone: 4157 2615.

Royal Blue shorts, skirts, skorts, tracksuits are available from Big W, Best and Less, Target and Lowes.

Red Broad Brimmed/Legionnaires Hats available from Target / Best and Less.

Parents are welcome to purchase 100% cotton material for the red polo shirt and have shirts made at our supplier, Country Cottage in Gin Gin.

**ASSOCIATED MATERIAL**

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006  
HLS-PR-013: Developing a Sun Safety Strategy  
Anti-Discrimination Act 1991  
Workplace Health & Safety Act 1995

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Endorsed at the 20.06.07 Meeting of the McIlwraith State School Parents & Citizens Association

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