What is a Student Dress Code?
Our Student Dress Code is an agreed standard of dress for students who attend our school. The uniform for students was developed through a thorough consultation process with parents, staff and the wider community. The dress code also covers other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Statement of intent
The Student Dress Code applies to students when:
- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours including school excursions

Aims of the code
Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment through:
- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging
- Developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Being ‘Sun Smart’

Relaxation of the code
From time to time each year, the school will organise free dress days for students. These activities are usually coordinated by the Student Council, class or P&C Association as a fund raising activity. On these occasions, students are permitted to wear acceptable & reasonable clothing instead of their uniform. Examples of activities include:
- Free dress days, School sports days, Discos and other functions
- Camps or other excursions that do not require school uniform to be worn.
- Authorisation from the Principal is required for ALL exemptions.
- Inappropriate clothing, jewelry or accessories cannot be worn at any time. This applies to any clothing, accessories, jewelry or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be offensive, unsafe or likely to disrupt normal school management.

Special circumstances
Our dress code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of student. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:
- Student’s medical conditions (allergies etc)
- Student’s physical attributes or requirements
- Constraints of time & economic hardship at the time of enrolment.

School hats
Our school has introduced a ‘Sun Smart’ hat for all students. This hat is available for purchase from the uniform shop. Wearing of only this hat is compulsory.

Jewellery, Body Piercing and Markings
Our school has set standards on jewellery that is acceptable for students to wear. This includes:
- Earrings (Studs & Sleepers only. 1 per earlobe. Earrings that hang or can get caught are not safe for school activities and cannot be worn. All jewellery is to be removed for organised sports)
- Watch
- Fingernails can be coated with clear varnish only. NO FALSE NAILS
- Special consideration for specific pieces of jewellery (based on religious or cultural grounds) can be sought by discussing your needs with the Principal.
The following items of jewellery or markings are not acceptable for this school. They include:
- Nose studs or sleepers
- Facial or visible body piercings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets / anklets / wristbands
- Rings
- Any mouth piercing
- Tattoos or body markings

Responsibilities

Our students are required to:
- Wear the agreed school uniform on a daily basis
- Be of neat and tidy appearance at all times, including restraining hair of shoulder length or greater in a single ponytail or dual piggy tails using a school colour hair band or ribbon
- Wear enclosed shoes as per agreement
- Wear the school approved navy (or Lime) hat while engaged in outdoor activities
- Wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

Parents are responsible for:
- Purchasing (& maintaining) sufficient pieces of school uniform for their children
- Ensuring that their children wear the correct uniform to school each day as required (Day uniform / Sports uniform days)
- Ensuring that their children meet the aspects of personal presentation outlined in this document
- Providing a written explanation to class teachers for their children being out of uniform on every occasion

The P&C Association is responsible for:
- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information
- Managing an appropriate strategy for consultation around uniform changes including opportunities for feedback and display of proposed changes

The Principal is responsible for:
- Managing strategies to support the student dress code
- Consistent application of the code
- Communication with the P&C Association and the school community
- Providing the Student Dress Code to families at the time of enrolment
- Ensuring that the Student Dress Code and its application comply with both Education Queensland policy and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- Managing the uniform shop contractual arrangements when required.

Teachers are responsible for:
- Expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day
- Communicating to parents any uniform breaches
- Notify the Principal of the need to contact families in writing regarding repeated or significant breaches of the dress code.

School Uniform Shop and Pre-Loved Uniform Shop
- The uniform shop is operated by the school and business decisions around its operation are supported by both Education Queensland and the school P&C Association. Operating times are available from the school office.
- All items of uniform (except shoes) are available from the school uniform shop.
- The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop (PLUS) is operated on-line by the P&C. Prices for purchase and sale of uniforms are set.
- Quality conditions apply to purchase by PLUS and not all uniform garments will be approved.

Emergency Clothing Pool
- The school office also maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary. Donations of uniform garments are gratefully accepted.

Sanctions
Our school community supports the application of the following sanctions for breaches of the Student Dress Code. These include:
- Preventing students from attending, or participating in any activity for which they are representing the school
- Providing verbal and/or written communication to parents of children who do not meet the requirements of the dress code
- Punitive consequences as a result of not meeting the requirements of the dress code will only be administered by the Principal
and only in exceptional circumstances where the student is in direct breach of the code

• Families will be notified daily via email or sms where their child does not meet requirements explained in the dress code
• Breach notifications (unexplained or unsatisfactory) will be included on each student’s semester report cards.

**Community Endorsement of the Code**
The P&C Association of Coomera Rivers State School resolves that it supports this *Student Dress Code*. The Association believes that the code promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

• Ready identification of students and non-students at school
• Eliminating distraction of competing in dress and fashion at school and fostering mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social difference
• Fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit

The *Student Dress Code* is presented and discussed at each Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association. This version was approved in March 2014.

**Contact**
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**Our school uniform at a glance**

All uniform items (except shoes) are available at the uniform shop.

Please note that some items of uniform are still being finalized. The formal school uniform will be compulsory from August 1 2012 following over 12 months of introduction. Sports uniform and Blues uniform garments cannot be mixed and matched. Students will wear the sports uniform twice each week and the Blues uniform the remaining 3 days. Teachers will determine the best days for uniform selection.

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