

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'
- Being respectful of cultural requirements

Relaxation of the code

From time to time, 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, jewellery or accessories cannot be worn at any time. This applies to any clothing, accessories, jewellery 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) or physical attributes or requirements
- Student's cultural beliefs and 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 retaining hair of shoulder length or greater in a single pony tail or dual piggy tails or similar, using a school colour hair band or ribbon for girls or hair coloured for boys.
- 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
- 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 the Department of Education's and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

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 a business called ***The School Locker***. Operating times are available from the school office. All items of uniform are available from ***The School Locker***.

The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop (PLUS) is operated on-line through Flexischools by the P&C.

- Prices for purchase and sale of uniforms are set and advertised
- Quality assurance conditions apply to purchase by PLUS and not all uniform garments will be accepted.

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 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
- On cooler days, any student who is wearing a non-uniform jumper will not be asked to remove it.

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:

- Providing 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

Contact

For more information on student dress code, please contact the Principal.

Our school uniform at a glance

Sports uniform and formal 'Blues' uniform garments cannot be mixed and matched.

Students will wear the sports uniform twice each week and the formal uniform the remaining three days. Teachers will determine the best days for uniform selection.

Item	Girls	Boys
Sports uniform (Worn 2 days each week)	• School lime polo shirt	• School lime polo shirt
	• Microfibre shorts	• Microfibre shorts
	• White tennis length socks (Plain white without additional visible markings or colours)	• White tennis length socks (Plain white without additional visible markings or colours)
	• Black joggers (completely black)	• Black joggers (completely black)
	• Tracksuit for cooler periods	• Tracksuit for cooler periods
Formal uniform (Worn 3 days each week)	• School dress (Prep to Year 2) or	• School dress shirt
	• School blouse and skirt (Years 3-6) or	• School cotton drill shorts
	• School blouse and shorts (All years)	
	• White tennis length socks (Plain white without additional visible markings or colours)	• White tennis length socks (Plain white without additional visible markings or colours)
	• Black leather formal shoes (not sport or skate shoes)	• Black leather formal shoes (not sport or skate shoes)
	• Pullover for cooler periods	• Pullover for cooler periods
	• Navy tights for dress or skirt	• Long pants can replace shorts
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Winter additions	• On cooler days, layering under the uniform is recommended. Layered garments should not be visible. Long sleeved skivvies should be solid navy only in colour. Beanies and scarves should be plain navy in colour.	• On cooler days, layering under the uniform is recommended. Layered garments should not be visible. Long sleeved skivvies should be solid navy only in colour. Beanies and scarves should be plain navy in colour.
Hats	• The school hat is compulsory	• The school hat is compulsory
	• Lime hat (Prep only)	• Lime hat (Prep only)
	• Navy hat (Years 1-6)	• Navy hat (Years 1-6)
Hair items	• Ribbons, hair bands and hair ties should be navy or navy and lime only	• Hair ties need to be in hair colour
Hair requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be groomed for school each day. Shoulder length (or longer) hair needs to be tied back. • Socially conservative appearance is expected. Bright hair colouring and hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable to the school community include mohawks, rats' tails, tracks and shaved undercuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be groomed for school each day. Shoulder length (or longer) hair needs to be tied back. • Socially conservative appearance is expected. Bright hair colouring and hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable to the school community include mohawks, rats' tails, tracks and shaved undercuts
Nails	• No coloured nail polish	• No coloured nail polish
Clothing	• Uniforms need to be clean and undamaged and free of marks and writing	• Uniforms need to be clean and undamaged and free of marks and writing
Tattoos, drawing, etc	• None	• None