



Student Dress Code Policy

Rationale

The community of Surfers Paradise State School overwhelmingly supports and approves the wearing of a school uniform by our students. This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code. The student dress code policy is endorsed by the P&C Association. Our student dress code policy is consistent with health and safety, anti-discrimination and Sun Safety Strategy policies. Surfers Paradise State School dress code offers gender neutral uniform options for all students.

The student dress code policy is part of the Enrolment Agreement and it is a condition of enrolment at Surfers Paradise State School that parents/caregivers agree to adhere to the dress code. The responsibility for dress code belongs to the parent/caregiver. Surfers Paradise State School sets the expectation through the dress code policy and the parent/carer agrees to make sure their child attends school dressed appropriately.

The student dress code policy is also available on our website, or a hard copy can be provided on request.

Our school colours are royal blue, yellow and white. We take pride in our uniform and the school uniform is advocated for by the school community for the following reasons:

- Ready identification of students at school promoting student safety;
- Promoting the school's expectations of I am Safe, I am Respectful, I am a Learner;
- It develops mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences;
- It gives students a sense of personal pride in their own appearance;
- Fostering a sense of belonging to the school community;
- Developing mutual respect amongst the wider community.

Uniform Expectations

- Wear school uniform at all times unless otherwise stated;
- Wear the wide brimmed or bucket school hat;
- Wear shoes that are robust and capable of protecting your feet;
- Wear school uniform for school excursions unless otherwise specified;
- Wear the Music Excellence uniform when required for performances;
- Wear house tshirt on Fridays and sports carnival days.



Out of Uniform Procedures

Consequences will apply for non-compliance with the Student Dress Code.

A student's non-compliance with the school's dress code requirements will not be grounds for suspension, exclusion or cancellation of enrolment.

The school maintains a supply of uniform items and black shoes for students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience.

Exemptions

An exemption from wearing the school uniform will be granted in cases of genuine conscientious objection, i.e. bona fide religious or cultural grounds. In such cases the parent or caregiver is to apply in writing to the principal for an exemption, stating the reason for the genuine conscientious objection.

Should a student who does not have an approved exemption be repeatedly out of uniform, then the parent is requested to provide an explanation, either in writing or in person. The school will contact parents of students who are repeatedly out of uniform and without a note of satisfactory explanation.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop stocks all the items (except shoes) listed below. There is a range of second hand uniforms; all donations are gratefully received.

Uniform

Girls Uniform

- Striped dress
- Striped blouse
- Unisex polo shirt
- Skorts
- Unisex blue short
- Unisex fleece or microfibre school zip up jacket
- Unisex microfibre or fleece school track pants
- Blue tights for cooler weather
- Unisex Leavers (Year 6) polo shirt - any day

Boys Uniform

- Striped shirt
- Unisex polo shirt
- Unisex blue short
- Unisex fleece or microfibre school zip up jacket
- Unisex microfibre or fleece school track pants
- Unisex Leavers (Year 6) polo shirt - any day

Sports Uniform

- Unisex polo shirt
- Unisex blue shorts
- Unisex house tshirt
(to be worn on Fridays only or at sporting carnivals)

Music Uniform – School representation

- Music Excellence polo shirt
- Black unisex trousers
- Black school shoes
- Black socks



Shoes

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Slip on canvas shoes and ballet-type shoes do not provide sufficient protection.

Shoes to be worn on a daily basis

- All black leather or leather like (NO canvas, volley or slip-on shoes)
- NO coloured laces
- White ankle socks (must be able to see white sock)
- Functional sports shoe - PREDOMINANTLY black or white
- NO multi-coloured shoes



Hats

Our Sun safe Rule is "Break time is hat time".

Students must wear the wide brimmed or bucket school hat with all outdoor activities.

- Wide brimmed hat/ bucket hat



Swimming

- One piece swimmers
- Unisex Junior swim pants/jammers
- Rashie **compulsory**
- Swimming caps **compulsory**
- Hair must be constrained in a manner appropriate for health hygiene and safety.

Jewellery

- The only jewellery to be worn at school are earrings (studs or a very small sleeper) and no more than one piercing per ear
- Facial piercings are not accepted
- No fashion rings, bracelets, anklets or necklaces are to be worn
- Watches are acceptable
- Upon written request outlining significance, the principal will give consideration for the wearing of jewellery for religious, cultural and medical needs.

Hair and Make Up

- Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations all hair that is shoulder length or longer is required to be worn pulled back and secured away from the face and shoulders with a bobby pin, scrunchie, band or ribbon in school colours
- Larger fashion accessories in hair are not to be worn at school
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted (i.e. tracks, mohawks, streaks and rats tail etc.)
- Hair colour is to be of natural tones – NO colours or streaks
- No nail polish or make up is to be worn at school

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Policy References:

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Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995

