



## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Student Dress Code provides a uniform that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at our school
- fostering a sense of belonging
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences
- reflecting the school community standards and
- consistency with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

### **Students are expected to wear the uniform whilst**

- attending or representing their school
- travelling to and from school and
- participating in school activities out of school hours.

As the school caters for student's individual needs there may be specific times when alternative arrangements may need to be made. Parents are required to send a written request advising the Principal of the circumstances.

## **DRESS AND SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Wynnum State School has a specified uniform for boys and girls. The wearing of this uniform is compulsory, and helps to develop a good tone at the school, makes selection of clothes easy for parents and enables students to feel a sense of belonging (eliminating competition and comparisons). It is the responsibility of parents to actively encourage their child/children to take pride in themselves and their school. One way in which this can be achieved is through adherence to the school's dress standards. As a parent/carer and provider of your child, the school requires your support in this matter.

Students participate in many school activities and at all times dress must be comfortable and modest. The school uniform meets these requirements and is necessary to identify students outside the school situation and is a compulsory part of the school's risk management strategy.

Appropriate action will be taken in circumstances where inappropriate or unreasonable dress is worn. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- Offensive
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations
- Unsafe for the student or others and
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of the student or others.

Sanctions imposed for non compliance with the student dress code will be at the discretion of the principal and are reflective of the severity and regularity of the non compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- imposing a detention for a student during lunch
- preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity where they are representing the school or
- preventing students from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

## HATS AND SHOES

Wearing of a hat is essential for outdoor work and play. The school has a “*no (sunsafe) hat = shade play*” (*undercover areas only*) rule.

It is compulsory for students to wear **black** lace up or velcro fastened shoes or **black** joggers with white ankle socks. Coloured shoes, coloured shoe laces, thongs, sandals and similar slip on shoes are not suitable for school wear.

## JEWELLERY, MAKEUP AND PIERCINGS

Because of the varied activities that children are involved in at school, for health and safety, the following items of jewellery are only permitted – one pair of sleepers or studs in pierced ears only, a watch. However to participate in some activities all jewellery must be removed. (Children who are required to wear approved medical bracelets or necklaces are exempted.) All other piercings are not permitted nor is the wearing of makeup.

## APPEARANCE

As standards of conduct and speech are required, so are standards of appearance and neatness. Students are to wear their uniform in the manner in which they are designed. Long hair is to be tied up. The expectation is that hair will be of a natural colour and style unless for a specific activity that is approved by administration.

## BOYS' UNIFORM

<b>Shorts</b>	Stubbies navy blue cargo shorts or Unisex navy blue sport short in microfibre
<b>Shirt</b>	Unisex polo shirt* (teal and navy blue with white trim) or Unisex dress shirt* House polo shirt*
<b>Shoes</b>	Black lace up or velcro fastening shoes or joggers
<b>Socks</b>	White ankle socks
<b>Hat</b>	Broad brim or bucket hat* in navy blue (school name embroidered on hat)

<b><u>Winter wear</u></b>	Long navy blue microfibre pants Long sleeve microfibre jacket* in navy blue and teal with white trim and logo Long sleeve navy blue fleecy jacket* with teal inside collar, white trim and logo Long fleecy navy blue trackpants
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Any combination of the above items is acceptable for any day of the school week.

## GIRLS' UNIFORM

<b>Shorts</b>	Unisex navy blue sport short in microfibre
<b>Culottes</b>	Navy blue with two pleated front and shorts at back, <i>recommended for Prep to Years 3</i>
<b>Skirt</b>	Navy blue with two pleated front and plain at back, <i>recommended for Years 4 to 7</i>
<b>Shirt</b>	Unisex polo shirt* (teal and navy blue with white trim) or Unisex dress shirt* or House polo shirt*
<b>Tunic</b>	Princess line dress* with front zip, collar with navy blue tie at front Collar
<b>Shoes</b>	Black lace up or velcro fastening shoes or joggers
<b>Socks</b>	White ankle socks (or navy blue tights in winter)
<b>Hat</b>	Broad brim or bucket hat* in navy blue (school name embroidered on hat)

<b><u>Winter wear</u></b>	Navy blue bootleg pants Long navy blue microfibre pants Long sleeve microfibre jacket* in navy blue and teal with white trim and logo Long sleeve navy blue fleecy jacket* with teal inside collar, white trim and logo Long fleecy navy blue trackpants
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Girls can only wear shoes and socks or navy tights with the tunic. No long pants are to be worn under the tunic. Otherwise any combination of the above items is acceptable for any day of the school week.

**\* indicates items that can only be purchased from the school uniform shop**

## SPORTS UNIFORM

Information on the uniforms to be worn for special sporting events such as interschool sport and swimming carnivals will be provided at the time of the event. Long sport socks (orange) are required for Rugby League and Soccer. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

## HOUSE UNIFORMS

Shirts for interhouse events are purchased through the Uniform Shop. The school House colours are navy blue, teal and orange. This House shirt may be worn as an alternative to the school shirt intermittently throughout the year. It is encouraged to be worn on sports carnival days. It may not be worn on excursions, during interschool sport or whilst participating in any other off campus activity.

## UNIFORM SHOP

All of the items of clothing listed in this student dress code with the exception of shoes and white socks are available at the school uniform shop. The school uniform shop is organised on site by the P&C Association. Operating hours will be advertised in the school newsletter. Any changes to these arrangements will also be advertised in the school newsletter. Volunteers assist in the uniform shop on behalf of the school community.

## SWIMMING DRESS CODE

Class swimming lessons require students to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Boys require "Speedo" style swimming togs and girls require a one piece bathing costume. All swimmers require a sun safe swimming shirt and a bathing cap. Goggles are optional.

## FREE DRESS DAYS

Some days of the school year are designated free dress days where students are able to attend school out of school uniform. Health and Safety regulations still apply to these days. All students are required to have their sun safe hat, sleeves covering shoulders and enclosed footwear. Shirts are to be long enough so that no midriff is exposed.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Developing the student dress code involved:

- consulting with parents/carers school staff and students
- considering consistency with relevant legislation, both State and Commonwealth
- incorporating issues of availability, affordability and functionality of items of uniform clothing
- considering maturity of students, gender, disability, religious and cultural beliefs, socio economic circumstances and students' sense of individuality and self-esteem in personal appearance
- developing and documenting strategies and sanctions for managing students who do not comply with dress code requirements

In resolving matters of student dress code, the following factors will be considered:

- families transferring into the school requiring sufficient time to purchase uniform items
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase uniform items
- the school's conflict resolution policy and
- individual circumstances.

Where a student is reasonably dressed, but does not conform to student dress code, the Principal:

- offers appropriate item/s from a supply of clothing/uniforms held at the school
- informs parents/caregivers of the incident and, if necessary, hold further discussion and
- uses, together with representative of school community, appropriate conflict-resolution or mediation, if student consistently fails to observe student dress code.

Students at Wynnum State School are required to wear the school uniform (as specified above) as a condition of enrolment.

I ..... Parent/caregiver of ..... have read and agree to abide by the conditions set out in the Wynnum State School Student Dress Code.

Signature ..... Date .....

**28 May 2010**