



# Student Dress Code

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## 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

## Special circumstances

Our Dress Code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:

- Authorisation from the Principal is required for ALL exemptions (exceptional circumstances include: student's medical conditions (allergies etc.)

## School hats

Our school has a school 'Sun Smart' hat for all students. This hat is available for purchase from the uniform shop. Wearing of the school hat is compulsory during all school outdoor activities; including excursions.

## Responsibilities of student and parents upon enrolment at Coomera State School

### 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 longer to be tied back, using a school colour hair band or ribbon
- Wear black enclosed shoes as per agreement
- Wear the school approved hat while engaged in outdoor activities
- Wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

### Parents/Carers are responsible for:

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



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## **The P&C Association is responsible for:**

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information

## **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 including opportunities for feedback from P&C and community around uniform changes

## **Teachers are responsible for:**

- Expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day
- Communicating to parents any uniform breaches (as per consequences on back page)

## **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
- Restorative practices to address and discuss the need of the student and resolve the Dress Code breach, in exceptional circumstances

## **Community Endorsement of the Code**

The P&C Association of Coomera 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 minimising 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 2016.***



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## Our school uniform at a glance

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

The formal school uniform will be compulsory from January 2017.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS	
Clothing	
Formal uniform	<p>Coomera State School Check Dress            Coomera State School Check Shirt/ Blouse            Coomera State School Polo Shirt            *Coomera State School Senior Polo Shirt (Year 6 only)</p> <p>Black unisex shorts, skirts, culottes or skorts of mid- thigh to knee length. Bike shorts, jeggings, skins or lycra pants are not permitted unless worn underneath the Coomera State School uniform.</p> <p>Singlets under shirts or blouses are acceptable.            Long sleeved undershirts are not permitted to be worn.  <i>Special permission required for cultural or religious significance (Approval from DP or Principal at enrolment must be sought)</i></p>
Additional Winter Uniform Items	<p>Black tracksuit pants (<i>with no writing</i>)</p> <p>Black stockings and tights are acceptable under formal skirts, shorts or culottes.</p> <p>School jumper with logo.</p>
Shoes	<p>Due to Health and Safety regulations, students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot.</p> <p>Black fully enclosed flat shoes, if shoes have laces they must be black. Velcro fasteners are acceptable (<i>skater shoes and high tops are not acceptable</i>)</p>
Socks	Plain white socks, no logos or brand names, not lower than ankle.
Hair	<p>Hair must be groomed and tidy for school each day. Collar length (or longer) hair needs to be tied back.</p> <p>Hair colour is to be 'natural' (no dying of hair is permitted). If hair is dyed, students will be asked to recolour to a more natural colour at the parents' expense.</p> <p>Socially conservative appearance is expected for hair to collar length. Bright hair colouring and hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable include; Mohawks, rats' tails, tracks, dreadlocks and shaved undercuts, dreadlocks.</p>
Hair items/ accessories	<p>Hair ties in school colours (black or blue).</p> <p>No scarves, beanies or gloves to be worn.</p>
Hat	School hat is compulsory for all outdoor activities and excursions.
Nails	Clear nail polish is permitted. Coloured nail polish is not permitted.
Sunglasses	Black UV protected sunglasses are permitted. Fashion sunglasses are not permitted.
Tattoos/Drawing etc.	Not permitted
Cosmetics	Makeup is not permitted (including mascara, eyeliner or concealer).



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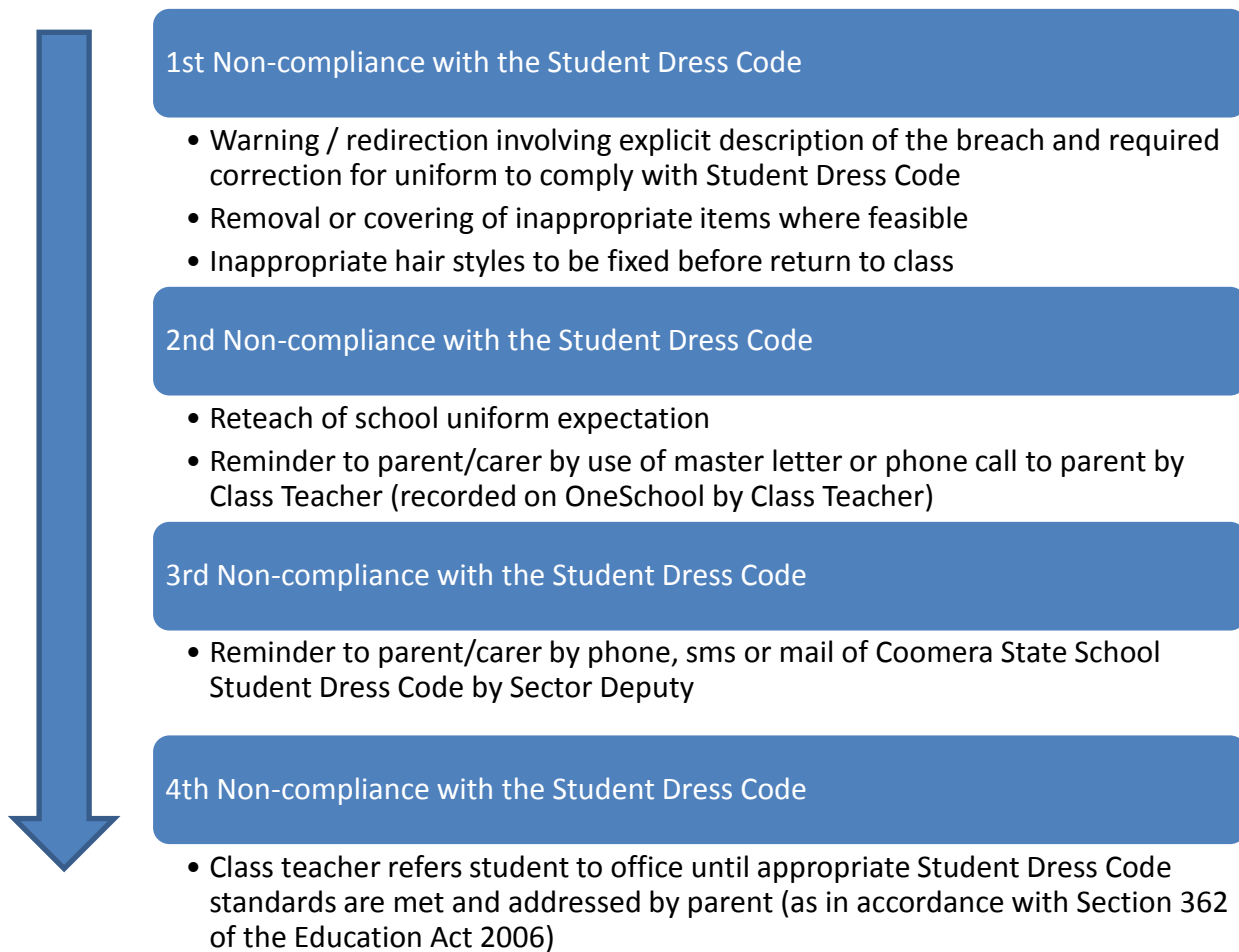
Earrings	One plain sleeper or stud in the ear lobe only, with no decorations (maximum of one earring in each ear only).
Facial and body piercings	Not permitted
Necklaces	Not permitted <i>Special permission required for cultural or religious significance (Approval from DP or Principal at enrolment must be sought).</i>
Watches	Permitted
Rings	Not permitted
Bracelets/Anklets	Not permitted, except for medical reasons.



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## Consequences for Non Compliance with the Student Dress Code

Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform upon sight by a Deputy / Principal. Repeat offences will mean the items will be held in safekeeping until 3.00pm at the office or classroom. Further offences will mean students may collect the item at the end of the term.



In the case of students' persistent failure to observe the Student Dress Code, developed under section 360 of the Act, the following action(s) may be taken:

- Students may be offered appropriate items from the bank of uniforms held at the school, to be returned at the end of the day (this is dependent on the items that are available at the time)
- A letter will be sent home reminding parents of the Student Dress Code
- If the child still fails to observe the Student Dress Code they may be placed on an Office Referral and attend a restorative session during play break (Act Section 283)
- Students who repeatedly disregard the Student Dress Code may be withdrawn from school functions/excursions/special activities

Remember that any time you are in uniform you are representing Coomera State School, your manners, behaviour and dress standard need to ensure you are a good ambassador.



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