



RATIONALE

The community of Victoria Point State School supports and approves the wearing of a school uniform by our students. The adoption of a Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy is established under sections 360-363 and section 283 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Therefore, students attending Victoria Point State School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school principal.

Under our Queensland Government Regulations, the Principal is required to ensure that, among other areas, the Student Dress Code must reflect a '*gender neutral uniform option*' for all families.

ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES

1. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel that the student wears that is, or could be deemed to be:
 - a. Offensive
 - b. Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school
 - c. Unsafe for the student or others
 - d. Likely to result in a risk to the health of the student or others
2. Reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the student dress code.
3. Through the school newsletter and website the school community will be made aware of the:
 - a. Rationale for the code.
 - b. Expectations and responsibilities of those who are directly or indirectly affected by the code.
 - c. Need for review of the dress code
 - d. Changing values and attitudes reflecting changes in society.

INTRODUCTION

As a school community we are aware that a variety of genuine cultural, medical and religious beliefs impact upon this dress code and discussion between the Principal and caregivers if students regarding any situation will aim to negotiate a compromise.

We believe that by encouraging students to wear a school uniform will promote:

1. A supportive environment fostering a sense of belonging;
2. An effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
3. Mutual respect among individuals at school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social difference.



UNIFORM

Formal Uniform		Sports Uniform		Winter Uniform	
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Blue dress shirt Navy microfiber or gabardine shorts	Blue Check Dress or Blue check peplum top and navy culottes	Blue polo shirt Navy Shorts	Blue polo shirt Navy shorts or culottes	Navy long sleeved jumper or jacket Navy long pants	Navy stockings, tights or leggings under dress uniform Navy long sleeved jumper or jacket Navy long pants

Victoria Point State School has the following student dress code:

- a) Children are expected to travel to and from school each day presented neatly and tidily in correct school uniform. School rules apply when students are in uniform.
- b) Children are expected to wear formal school uniform when attending school excursions and assemblies. Sports uniform is permitted at all other times.
- c) All children attending school excursions must wear full school uniform to ensure safety issues are minimised for the supervising teacher/s.
- d) On free dress days, clothing should be of a standard that is deemed safe, appropriate and not likely to cause offence, and must adhere to the Sun Safety Guidelines if a child is involved in outdoor play or activity.
- e) The school encourages children to be neat and tidy at all times and to take pride in their appearance, for example tying long hair back in the interests of health and safety.

Hats

Students must wear a hat with a brim or a legionnaire cap with neck and ear protections. School hats are available. Non-school hats must be navy in colour, with no visible slogans or brands. Caps and visors are not acceptable.

Shoes and Socks Safety requirements necessitate the wearing of closed shoes/joggers in leather/vinyl.

- White socks – plain;
- Black enclosed shoes/joggers – laced, Velcro or slip on;
- Black laces;
- No skate shoes

Hair Accessories

Scrunchies, ribbons, hair bands, clips etc. must be navy and discrete in size.

Jewellery

Acceptable: a watch and one pair of small plain studs or sleepers in the lobes of the ear only.

Unacceptable: Bracelets, pendants, rings, facial piercings, earlobe stretchers or extenders, facial rings, piercing bars or pointed piercing.

Jewellery of cultural significance can be worn but must not compromise the safety of the wearer or their classmates.

The school administration reserves the right to determine what jewellery is acceptable based on Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.



Hair and Make-up

Hair must be pulled back from face and eyes and if hair is below shoulder length it should be tied back. Hair is to be kept neat and tidy. This includes both boys and girls. Hair must remain one natural colour.

No tracks or mohawks are accepted.

Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn. Spray deodorants are not to be brought to school, roll on deodorant is acceptable for older students.

Sports Days

On designated sports days, such as carnivals. Students may wear clothing representing their house colours. Clothing must be plain with no brand names or slogans and students must adhere to the Sun Safety Guidelines.

Winter Uniform

Long pants, tights and jumpers must be navy and with no brand names or slogans. Hoodies are not permitted at school. Students wearing a non-school coloured jumper will be required to remove it and, if available, borrow a jumper from school supplies. Visible undershirts must be navy in colour.

When resolving matters concerning the student dress code, flexibility and common sense should prevail, especially in relation to the following circumstances:

- a) Mobile families should be allowed sufficient time to purchase items of dress required at the new school.
- b) Students with physical impairments should be permitted considerable flexibility in the interpretation of the dress code.
- c) Conscientious objection, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds, should always be taken into account.

CONSEQUENCES

1. Students who persistently attend school out of uniform will be issued with a minor behaviour breach. Students who receive 3 minors during a one week period will be sent to the Reflection Room.
2. Students will not be permitted to represent the school at functions, sporting and cultural events or excursions unless complying with this dress code.
3. Students will be prevented from participating in an activity where safety is an issue.

This dress code has the endorsement of:



Mr William Garey
Principal



Mrs Ann-Marie Wilson
P&C President

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