



MUDGEERABA CREEK STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Reference: Education Queensland EPPR SMS-PR-022- Under Section 360 of the Education General Provisions Act 2006)

Rationale

At Mudgeeraba Creek State School we strive to contribute to a safe supportive learning environment in all aspects of our school life.

A state school principal, in consultation with the school's P&C, may develop a dress code for the school that is to apply when the students are attending or representing the school.

The school uniform is an integral part of our ethos at Mudgeeraba Creek State School and has a history of being well supported by parents and guardians.

A student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing which may, or may not, include a school uniform that state school students wear when:

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

Student dress codes reflect school community standards and balance the rights of individual students with the best interests of the whole school community. They are consistent with health and safety considerations and anti-discrimination legislation. Student dress codes offer gender neutral uniform options for all students.

Student dress codes clearly explain and document standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear
- other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Student dress codes incorporate strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. A student's non-compliance with school's student dress code requirements is not a ground for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school. However, other appropriate disciplinary consequences (such as detention) can be applied in response to a student's non-compliance.

A safe and supportive learning environment is further enhanced by an acceptable dress code through:

- Clearly recognisable identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect and tolerance of others who may be disadvantaged by economic or social difference

There is an expectation that correct school uniform will be worn by students when:

- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school

- Engaging in activities out of school hours (unless an alternative dress code has been endorsed by the school)

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 student or others; and
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

There is an expectation that parents will advise the school *in writing or via a phone call* should their child be unable to wear the correct uniform on any given day.

The school Dress Code has been developed in consultation with the school community through the P&C and is reviewed biannually or in the event of a change to the P&C President at the annual AGM.

The Mudgeeraba Creek State School dress code stipulates the following standards:

EVERYDAY SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students:

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOOL UNIFORM- The wearing of school/sports/winter specific uniform at all times, unless otherwise stipulated by the principal e.g. 'Free Dress' Day.

Short Denim, board shorts and camouflage shorts are **NOT** acceptable school uniform.

SOCKS: Plain white or school specific MCSS ankle socks.

SHOES: All students are to wear enclosed **all black** leather or vinyl shoes/joggers with no visible markings. Shoes must have a substantial upper and be secured with Velcro, laces or a buckle. Black laces are essential. Covered, supportive shoes are required at all times.

WINTER: Long pants should be plain navy in colour, as sold by the Uniform Shop. Plain navy track pants or stockings are permitted on cold days, no leggings permitted. School jumpers purchased through the uniform shop are the only acceptable jumpers permitted. Plain, navy zip up jumpers may be worn until a replacement jumper is acquired.

STUDENT APPEARANCE AND SUNSMART APPAREL:

HAT: A navy blue broad brimmed school specific hat is required. The school is a Sun Smart school and abides by the principles of the Sun Smart strategy. Any outdoor activity requires a Sun Smart hat. Students are strongly encouraged to wear their hats to and from school. Sunglasses may be worn however the school must be satisfied they do not pose a health and safety risk whilst students are playing.

Caps are not sun smart and therefore **NOT** acceptable at school or to be worn on the way to or from school.

HAIR: All hair of shoulder length should be neatly tied back and off the face. This is a requirement to meet Workplace Health and Safety standards. Hair should be preferably tied back with appropriate hair ties (elastic) and not ornamental apparel. Navy blue, dark green or black ribbons/scrunchies may be worn in the hair. A selection of ornamental apparel that is in keeping with the school uniform is for sale at the Uniform Shop.

Neatly groomed hair with natural colours and appropriate hairstyles as befits the tone of the school are required. Hairstyles such as mohawks or shaved outlines on the head are not permitted. Hairstyles may be deemed unsuitable for the school at the principal's discretion.

JEWELLERY: Students may wear a watch, a school badge and suitable earrings. Ornamental necklaces are not permitted. Students may wear small gold or silver sleepers or studs earrings only irrespective of the number of piercings. Large studs (fleshies) are not acceptable. Ornamental large hoop or dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings are not acceptable for school due to Workplace Health and Safety issues. Students wishing to wear necklaces for authentic religious or cultural significance need to discuss the wearing thereof with the principal.

Medi-Alert necklaces and bracelets are the exception to this rule.

Clear nail varnish may be worn.

MAKE-UP: The wearing of make up in any form is not permitted.

FREE DRESS DAYS: At times the school may hold a Free Dress Day. At this time the students may opt to wear their own clothing.

Please note the following expectations for dress on Free Dress Days:

Sun smart appropriate clothing- no strappy tops or bare midriffs; no caps-only sun smart hats

Enclosed covered shoes, no hoop or dangly earrings, rings or bracelets for Work Place Health and Safety compliance

School responsibilities:

The principal will ensure:

- The student dress code is accepted and endorsed by the P&C Association.
- Availability, affordability and function of the school uniform are suitable for the community context.
- Aspects of student dress codes related to safety such as safe footwear, eye protection and hats, as required are enforced.

In resolving matters of student dress codes, the following are given due consideration:

- Mobile families have sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- Take into consideration economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase new items of dress;
- Students with physical impairments requiring greater flexibility in interpretation of dress codes
- Processes are followed for students who are exempt from uniform such as acceptance of letters from parents explaining reasons for lack of uniform and opportunities to wear relevant items of dress code from a bank of items held at school
- Resolve any conflict that arises out of non compliance of wearing school uniform by : contacting parents to validate reason for non-compliance, offering items from a bank of clothing held at the school
- Monitor and evaluate the code by:

Making available a copy of the student dress code (written and/or electronically) for inspection, free of charge, by interested persons at the Administration Office and on the school's webpage,

Reviewing and evaluating the student dress code periodically for any issues, appropriateness or enhancements in consultation with students, parents, staff, Parent and Citizens Association; and advising students, staff, parents/carers and parents and citizens association of any changes or amendments to student dress code in writing before changes are implemented.

Consequences for not following the dress code:

Day 1- Students arriving at school in incorrect uniform will be given a verbal warning by the class teacher and it will be noted by the class teacher.

Day 2- Same student arriving in incorrect uniform will be issued with a Breach of Uniform letter ticking the relevant breach. The letter will be sent home and administration will be informed. There is an expectation the parent/carer will acknowledge receipt of the letter by signing and returning the slip. There is also an expectation that the parent/carer will provide a suitable reason for the breach of uniform or ensure the breach is rectified.

Day 3- Administration to follow up with a phone call to parents/carer should the child continue to be in breach and the letter not returned.

Uniform Pass

If a student is incorrectly dressed and has brought a note to the teacher from the parent, the teacher may sign the note, return it to the child and ask the child to produce it throughout the day to any staff member questioning their dress or, alternatively, the student may be sent to the front office to receive a uniform pass that will be issued for the day.

If a parent has rung the front office the student will be issued with a uniform pass dated for that day from the front office which will be produced if a staff member questions the breach.

The P & C Association of Mudgeeraba Creek State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Mudgeeraba Creek State School because it believes that a student dress code at Mudgeeraba Creek State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the P & C Association of Mudgeeraba Creek State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- *ready identification of students and non-students at school;*
- *eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;*
- *fostering a sense of belonging; and*
- *developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.*

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