



Student Dress Code Policy

Pumicestone State School – Student Dress Code

This document outlines the appropriate dress standards for students at this school which directly reflect community standards.

This document outlines the procedures undertaken at this school to meet its duty of care obligations and promotes a supportive school environment by:

- *Providing adequate supervision of students during school hours while on the school campus*
- *Ensuring maintenance of proper discipline to minimise the risk of students injuring themselves and others*
- *Providing a clear set of guidelines for students regarding expectations during breaks, before and after school times*
- *Ensuring our campus facilities and equipment are maintained and kept as hazard free as possible.*

The Pumicestone State School community has agreed on a school dress code for all students, which actively encourages students to take pride in themselves and their school. It is an expectation that upon student enrolment at Pumicestone State School, parents will consent to uphold our Student Dress Code by way of signing the Enrolment Agreement Form.

Consistent student dress standards promote a powerful school identity and communicate a positive image of our school as a highly regarded community of learners. We expect that students proudly uphold this image of Pumicestone State School with good standards of dress and behaviour at all times. The Pumicestone State School Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of physical, economic or social differences
- Minimising exposure to hazards by adopting uniform items that enhance workplace health and safety practices
- Taking into consideration cultural and/or religious beliefs.

Pumicestone State School's Dress Code consists of an agreed set of standards and identifies the uniform our students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

At Pumicestone State School the expectation is that each day students:

- Wear one of the agreed Pumicestone State School uniforms as outlined below
- Wear black fully-enclosed shoes with plain black shoelaces. Shoes must be suitable for participation in physical activities every day
- Wear white plain full ankle socks
- Wear the Pumicestone State School hat while engaged in outdoor activities (No Hat, No Play).

Girls Uniform Options

- Unisex school polo shirt with Pumicestone State School logo (P-Yr 6)
- Unisex sport shorts with Pumicestone State School logo, OR, girls sport skort,
- OR plain navy shorts

AND

- Formal blouse with Pumicestone State School logo (P – Yr 6)
- Navy skort or skirt

Boys Uniform Options

- Unisex school polo shirt with Pumicestone State School logo (P- Yr 6)
- Unisex sport shorts with Pumicestone State School logo
- OR plain navy shorts

AND

- Formal shirt with Pumicestone State School logo
- Tailored navy shorts
- OR plain navy shorts

Sun Safe

School hats must be worn when working or playing outside at all times. No hat No play policy is in effect.

Bikinis are not acceptable wear for swimming or swim-related activities. A one-piece swimming costume or board shorts with a swim shirt is the acceptable choice. UV protective swimwear is recommended. In line with Education Queensland's Sun Safety Strategy, children are required to wear swim shirts for all water activities. If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, we will allow students to wear a t-shirt instead.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear only the following items:

- A watch – *excluding watches with photo and cellular ability*
- One small plain stud or small plain sleeper of silver or gold in the lower lobe of one or both ears
- 1 small signet ring
- Medical alert bracelets
- Religious pendants by request of parent.
- No stick-on or henna tattoos to be worn

Hair

Students are to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied up neatly in navy, lime or purple hair bands, ribbon or scrunchy. Hair is not to be coloured and styles must be fairly conservative (NO mohawks, tracks, colour) The length of the fringe should not exceed the eyebrows so as not to impede learning or pose a safety risk.

Make-Up

No make-up is to be worn to school. Coloured nail polish is not acceptable.

No stick-on or henna tattoos to be worn

Sports Uniform

Sporting colours were decided by parent vote but the names of the sporting houses will be decided once school has commenced in 2017. This will allow students to have a say in the names.

Navy blue shorts/skorts, black joggers, white ankle socks and Pumicestone State School hats will be part of the sports uniform with plain coloured polo or t-shirts in the sport house colours.

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform pieces will be confirmed before Easter, but will probably include:

- Pumicestone State School jersey
- Pumicestone State School zip up jumper – or plain navy jacket/jumper
- Pumicestone State School tracksuit pants – or plain navy tracksuit pants
- Navy stockings / tights (Footless tights or leggings are not permitted)

If you are unable to purchase a school jacket we ask that your child wear a plain navy jumper without any patterns, logos or hoods.

PLEASE NOTE: The school dress code policy **DOES NOT** include any other item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items. For example:

- Jeans and non-school uniform jumpers are unacceptable;
- No denim, baggy/long style shorts that extend beyond the knee, board shorts, basketball or cargo style shorts are allowed;
- No thongs, sandals, high heeled or slip on shoes can be worn due to safety;
- No visible undershirts, mid-riffs, waistbands, underpants;
- No facial piercings;
- No footless stockings, patterned stockings, bike pants or leggings are acceptable;
- No make-up or coloured nail polish, body markings made by felt pens, or visible tattoos.

Correct Footwear Guide

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, student footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Students attending Pumicestone State School must wear black (100% black, no other colour) polishable leather OR vinyl joggers/shoes that are fully enclosed. Joggers are preferable as regular physical activity is part of the curriculum. Shoelaces must be black. Velcro fasteners are recommended for Prep students. Suede or canvas shoes are not acceptable.



Non-compliance with Student Dress Code Policy

A number of strategies may be employed by the school staff in the event students are non-compliant with the school’s mandatory Student Dress Code. These strategies will be compliant with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Strategies include:

- Seeking parental support for compliance eg letter or telephone call. This may include requesting correct uniform be brought to the school for the student;
- Assisting students with genuine economic hardship to acquire uniform eg uniform loan. Once the school is up and running a pool of quality second hand uniforms will be held at the Uniform Shop for sale. The school may assist families with uniforms in emergency situations;
- Official school events will require compliance with the school uniform;
- Any child not able to wear the school uniform due to emergency situations should at least be dressed in school colours (navy blue, lime, purple) and bring a note to the classroom teacher;
- The school expects that children will wear the school uniform daily;
- All items must be the same style and colour as those sold from the school uniform shop

Whatever the strategy implemented, it is the intention of the school Administration to ensure every student complies with the Student Dress Code policy every day. The Principal will record any agreement or any variation to the school uniform negotiated with individual families by official correspondence.

It is considered that the wearing of a school uniform allows our students to exhibit both a sense of identity and sense of unity. Certainly the wearing of the school uniform by our students reflects their pride in our school’s standards, achievements and reputation within the community. The wearing of the school uniform at school and at community functions enhances the public’s perception of our school and of our students. The manner in which our uniform is worn to present a neat and tidy appearance is an indication of individual pride in our school.

The Pumicestone State School community thanks you for supporting our high standards culture.

P&C Endorsement

The Dress Code was endorsed by the Pumicestone State School Parents & Citizens Committee in November 2016

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

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

- ***Ready identification of students and non-students at school***
- ***Fostering a sense of belonging***
- ***Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences, and***
- ***Eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school.***

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