

Loganholme State School Parents & Citizens Association

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Student Dress Code

Our Student Dress Code consists of an agreed standard of dress for students who attend our school. The uniform for students is developed by the Parents & Citizens Association following consultation with parents, staff and students. The school uniform is regarded by the school community as being important in its role in encouraging a sense of self esteem, belonging and self-discipline in students through to their adolescence. Students should present in a neat and tidy manner at all times, including on their way to and home from school. This high standard will ensure that our students continue to represent themselves and the school in an outstanding manner.

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

Aims of the code:

Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences

Relevant Legislation and Policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy *SMS-PR-022: Student Dress Code* in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State schools. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress at Shailer Park State School. The school Dress Code is endorsed by the P & C Association.

Special Circumstances

In instances where cultural or religious beliefs conflict with this standard a parent or carer must consult with the school principal or delegate. An exemption from part of the dress code may be negotiated in exceptional circumstances. Parents seeking exemptions to the Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal *for consideration*. Payment plans can be made for families experiencing economic hardship.

Responsibilities

<u>Parents</u> are responsible for ensuring their children wear a correct, presentable and a clearly labelled uniform—including the school hat to school each day. On the rare occasion that this is not possible a written explanation or phone call explaining the reason is required. This will be accepted for specified and temporary reasons rather than long-term waivers of the uniform expectations.

The **P&C Association** is responsible for consulting with the school community regarding uniform information and managing the uniform shop.

The <u>Principal</u> is responsible for enforcing the code, providing the Student Dress Code to families at the time of enrolment and ensuring that the Student Dress Code and its application comply with both EQ policy and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

<u>Teachers</u> are responsible for expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day and requesting a note from home explaining why students are not in uniform. Teachers may work in partnership with families experiencing difficulty in having the full school uniform.

School Uniform

Students are required to wear complete school (not sports) uniforms for all formal occasions such as special visits outside the school, school photo day and other public functions.

Students who arrive at school unsuitably dressed may either be sent home or supplied with correct items of uniform, on loan only.

Summer Uniform

Either - School dress

or - Maroon shorts/skort/skirt

Shirt - School polo Socks - White (short)

Shoes - Black lace up (or Velcro) or black joggers/sneakers/leather shoes.

Laces must be black. (no high tops)

Hat - Maroon school hat (no caps allowed)

- Maroon bike pants worn under school dresses must not be visible.
- Shirts worn underneath school shirts must not be visible. If the shirt is visible the student will be asked to remove it.

Winter Uniform

- School dress with maroon tights (optional) and maroon jumper or Zip Jacket (no writing or pictures).
- Maroon track pants with school polo and maroon jumper or zip jacket (no writing or pictures).

Sports Uniform

Shorts - Maroon

Shirt - House polo** or school polo

Socks - White (short)

Shoes - Black lace up (or Velcro) or black joggers/sneakers/leather shoes.

Laces must be black. (no high tops)

Hat - Maroon school hat (no caps allowed)

**On sports day students have a choice of wearing the house polo or the school polo only. **

Please Note:

- Students are not permitted to wear makeup, nail polish or jewellery (other than basic studs/sleepers)
- Students with hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up at all times

Leadership Shirt

Year 6 students who have earnt their Senior Shirt are able to wear their senior shirt as part of their full school uniform EXCEPT for all formal occasions such as special visits outside the school, school photo day and other public functions.

Shoes

- Black, fully enclosed leather/vinyl lace-up, Velcro, buckle shoes or "Mary Janes" are to be worn
 with the formal uniform and also acceptable to be worn with the sports uniform.
- No skate shoes, slip-ons, boots, coloured laces, ballet type, "Volley's" or "Dunlop Volley's", canvas or suede shoes will not be accepted. These shoes do not provide sufficient protection when students are participating in learning experiences or in the playground.



Jewellery

- Small plain silver or gold stud/sleepers earrings worn in the ears.
- No spacers, bright coloured earrings or body piercings are permitted.
- Neck chains for religious purposes must be worn out of sight. Parents must understand that in accordance
 with Workplace, Health and Safety standards any student wearing a neck chain will be removed from any
 physical activity that could place them in danger.
- Wrist watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Hair and Make Up

All students at the school are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to: Hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained

• Students (Male and Female) with hair below the ear must be secured away from the face, pinned back and/or tied up with a maroon hair tie/hair band/clip.

- Only LSS colour hair ribbons/bows/scrunchies/clips are permitted.
- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a non-natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles such as "Mohawks", tracks, rats tails or shaved sections are not permitted.
- Accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies or other brightly coloured headwear.
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara and other makeup is not permitted.
- False nails and/or nail polish is not permitted.

Consequences of noncompliance with Dress Code

Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform. Consequences for students not in correct uniform without an explanatory note might mean contact home to parents or prevention from partaking in certain school activities. Repeat offences of shoe noncompliance will result in students being provided with a loan pair of school shoes for the duration of the school day.

If a student does not comply with the student dress code, developed under section 360 of the Act, the school's principal may only impose one of the following sanctions-

- 1. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
- 2. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.
- 3. If a student continues to be out of uniform and fails to complete the detention, this will be considered as 'wilful disobedience' and as such students may be suspended from school.
- 4. Temporarily offer the student correct uniform items from a uniform bank

Workplace Health and Safety

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Footwear selection must also take into account the health benefits of growing children wearing supportive footwear to minimise future health risks.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is operated by the Parents & Citizens Association of Loganholme State School. It is run out of the tuckshop. Operating times are available from the school office.

All compulsory items of uniform are available to be purchased from the uniform shop.

Second Hand Clothing

The uniform shop at times may have a *limited* supply of preloved uniforms. The items will vary in price, condition and availability.

Emergency Clothing Pool

The school office also maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary.

Community Endorsement of the Code

The Parents and Citizens Association of Loganholme State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for our school because it believes that the code promotes the objectives of Educations (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
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences

Dress Code Review

Loganholme State School's Dress Code Policy is reviewed annually and submitted to the Parents and Citizens Association for support and endorsement.

The parent community is regularly consulted on school uniform matters through the Parents and Citizens Association.

Parents and Citizens Association meetings are held on Monday week 2 and 8 of each term. Please refer to the school web page for upcoming dates.

The Parents and Citizens Association representatives can be contacted by email at pandc@loganholmess.eq.edu.au

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