



Stafford State School

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Student Dress Code

Rationale

The uniform exemplifies students' pride in being part of the Stafford State School Community. There is a belief that having all students wear a school uniform helps create a sense of belonging and a good school ethos (culture or spirit). By showing that we expect high standards with our uniform, expectations are raised and students respond with better behaviour, self esteem work ethic and student learning. The students, parents and staff of this school believe that the Dress Code requirement is important in developing a sense of identity and pride for our students.

Purpose

We believe that the wearing of correct school uniform allows each student to identify with the school, builds group spirit and prevents discrimination, unhealthy competition and arguments at home.

With Pride

The uniform must be worn in a responsible and respectful manner and must be maintained in good order i.e. clean and in good repair.

Representing the School Offsite

It is imperative that all students adhere to the '*Student Dress Code Policy*', including correct hat at all excursions, sporting and cultural events. N.B School Uniforms are only to be worn at school, at school events or after school accompanied by a parent.

Responsibilities

Principal

- Ensure that the Stafford State School's Dress Code is consistent with relevant legislation, both State and Commonwealth
- Ensure that processes and sanctions are clearly articulated and are inclusive of special circumstances and particular students
- Liaise with the Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) to ensure the Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy* is supported and endorsed by the parent body and the School Council
- Liaise with the P&C Uniform Shop committee to ensure that sufficient and appropriate uniform stock is available to support Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy*
- Consult with parents or carers of children enrolled at their school, school staff and students to develop the Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy*
- Provide communication to parents RE: serious concerns about a student who does not comply with full school uniform

Parent / Carer

We recognise and thank the community and parents for their support of the Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy*.

- Compliance with the school policy is an expectation of enrolment at this school
- Support students to comply with all aspects of the Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy*
- Support the school in their endeavours to promote a *Student Dress Code Policy*

Student

- Wear the full school uniform correctly to, from and during school each day
- Assist parents / caregivers to ensure you meet with all aspects of the Stafford State School *Student Dress Code Policy*
- Comply with staff directions at all times in regards to the Stafford State School Policy





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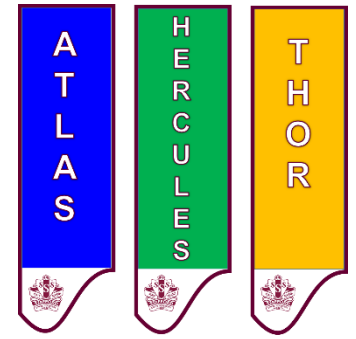
Uniform

<p>Girls Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon short / skorts ▪ Maroon and grey polo shirt with Stafford Logo (available from Uniform Shop) ▪ Short sleeve check shirt ▪ Dress (must be a respectable length) 	<p>Boys Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon school shorts ▪ Maroon and grey polo shirt with Stafford Logo (available from Uniform Shop) ▪ Short sleeve check shirt
<p>Boys and Girls Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Micro-fibre zip jacket with Logo ▪ Maroon sloppy joe only ▪ Maroon micro-fibre boot leg pant ▪ Maroon or grey tights for winter 	<p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon Bucket Hat with toggle and Logo. (available from Uniform Shop) ▪ No caps (Sun safety protection) Cultural headwear must be maroon in colour
<p>Swimming</p> <p>It is Education Queensland policy to wear a swim shirt for any pool activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sun shirts and caps are compulsory and are available in House Colours from the School Uniform Shop. 	<p>Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black joggers / sneakers with laces or Velcro - No bright laces or logos. ▪ Plain white socks are to be worn ▪ No thongs or sandals are to be worn
<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Each sports house has its own coloured polo shirt which is to be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for any inter-house activity e.g. Athletics / Cross Country and Swim Carnivals ▪ ONLY on the students' PE day or as directed by school <p>The House Colours are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlas - BLUE ▪ Hercules - GREEN ▪ Thor - YELLOW <p>It must not be worn when leaving the school on an excursion or special occasion. A regular school shirt must be worn for these occasions.</p>	
<p>Jewellery</p> <p>Certain jewellery will not be allowed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For safety reasons ▪ Students become very distressed when they lose or break jewellery ▪ Jewellery can also be an item that is a fashion statement or can cause inequity amongst the students <p>If jewellery is worn to school the following dress codes should be complied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the interest of safety, earrings should be of the small sleeper or stud variety. They are to be minimal and inconspicuous. ▪ In the interest of safety, piercing to be in each ear only ▪ In the interest of safety, chains, rings, necklaces, bracelets, wrist bands, nose piercings, navel piercings or body piercings (this includes hairbands worn around the wrist) and anklets are not to be worn as they can cause an injury. ▪ Medic-alert bracelet/necklace is of course acceptable ▪ Wrist watches can be worn 	<p>Helmets</p> <p>Students riding bikes are legally required to wear helmets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helmets must be securely fastened ▪ Non-wearing of helmets is against the law and could be 'unsafe for the student and others' <p>Hairstyles</p> <p>Our uniform is complimented by a tidy appearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes ▪ Shoulder length or longer hair should be kept tied back from the face ▪ Extremes of hair styles e.g. mohawks, tracks/rats tails or extreme hair colours are not acceptable and could negatively influence normal school operations ▪ Hair clips and head bands should be in school colours, maroon or grey only <p>Make-up</p> <p>Make-up, unless for documented medical reasons, is not acceptable therefore no nail polish or makeup to be worn at school. No temporary or Henna tattoos to be worn at school</p>



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School Uniform Expectations

Girls



Boys



Winter Uniform



Sports Uniform



Hats / Shoes



Optional Accessories





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Modification of the Dress Code

Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff members will be informed of any student granted a modification to the Dress Code.

For unforeseen problems that may arise of a morning could you write a note to the teacher explaining the temporary replacement of the lost or damaged uniform item.

Free Dress Policy

In the event of a 'Free Dress Day' appropriate clothing must be worn.

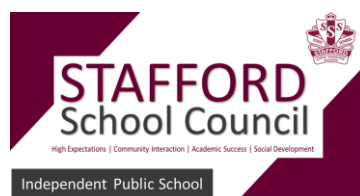
- Clothing which exposes the midriff / cleavage / bare shoulders are not to be worn
- Shirts / dresses must have sleeves and cover shoulders
- Dresses / skirts / skorts must be a respectable length
- Bike shorts or leggings must not be worn with brief shirt
- No inappropriate words or pictures on any clothing
- Exposure of undergarments is not permitted
- Broad brimmed hat must be worn
- In the interest of safety closed in shoes must be worn

Consequences for not being in uniform

- Assistance/support will be given to obtain suitable clothing if necessary
- Students will be counselled by the Principal or Principal's nominee on the benefits of a Dress Code
- The Parents/Carer will be contacted by the Principal whereby parents will be asked to assist in following the Dress Code
- In the case of makeup and nail polish, the children will be asked to remove it where the office will have non allergenic remover for the student to use
- In the case of jewellery the student will be asked to remove it and place it in their bag. If it is a valuable piece it will be kept in the office to be collected by a parent.
- NO hat – NO play!
- Students who do not have a swim shirt and cap for swimming activities will be required to sit in a shaded area.

Persistent student non-compliance will result in

- Time out
- Prevention from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school. This includes interschool sport. All students representing the school at an interschool sporting game are expected to wear the complete school uniform, including the correct hat.
- Parents contacted by Admin to inform them of concerns.





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Stafford State School is a uniform school. School uniforms are to be worn by all students. We have the support of the Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Council for 100% adherence to the uniform. Our student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing, which includes a school uniform that Stafford State School students wear when:

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

The Stafford State School Parents and Citizens' Association adopted a *Student Dress Code Policy* because it believes that a student dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school
- fostering a sense of belonging; and school identity
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences
- promoting an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school
- provides sun protection
- community values and expectations
- the importance of dress in developing self-esteem the link between dress standards, school discipline and school spirit and a link between dress standards and perceptions of the school in general

The Stafford student dress code reflects school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation. We will actively encourage our students to take pride in themselves and their school. One way in which this may be achieved is through adherence to the school's dress standards. As the parent/carer and provider of your child, we seek your support in this matter.

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

In circumstances where inappropriate or unreasonable dress is worn, appropriate action will be taken.

Certification

This dress code is strongly supported by the Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Council – updated in 2018.

This Student Dress Code was developed in consultation with the school community. It includes School Standard, Advice to Parents and Consequences.

Mrs Lee Martin
Principal

Mrs Karen Pearce
P & C President

Updated in 2018
Date

Parents/Caregivers can be notified by letter that their child is not complying with the Student Dress Code.