



Student Dress Code

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

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 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



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Responsibilities

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*

Responsibilities

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*
- ☞ Always comply with staff directions in regard to the Stafford State School Policy



UNIFORM

Girls Uniforms	Comments
☞ Maroon Short / Skorts	Available From: Uniform Shop, Big W or Best & Less
☞ Maroon & Grey Polo Shirt with Stafford Logo	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
☞ Formal Shirt	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
☞ Formal Dress (Must be a respectable length)	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY

UNIFORM

Boys Uniforms	Comments
☞ Maroon Shorts	Can be bought from the: Uniform Shop, Big W or Best & Less
☞ Maroon & Grey Polo Shirt with Stafford Logo	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
☞ Formal Shirt	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY



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Boys & Girls Winter Uniforms	Comments
☞ Micro-fiber Zip Jacket with Logo	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
☞ Maroon Fleece Zip Jacket with Logo	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
☞ Maroon Fleece Jumper	Maroon Fleece Jumper without Logo: Uniform Shop, Big W or Best & Less
☞ Maroon Fleece Track Pants	Can be bought from the: Uniform Shop, Big W or Best & Less
☞ Maroon or Grey Tights (Girls)	

UNIFORM

Hats	Comments
☞ Maroon Reversible Hat with Logo	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY
	Cultural headwear must be Maroon in Colour
	NO CAPS (Sun Safety Protection)

UNIFORM

Footwear	Comments
☞ Black Sneakers or Black Leather with Laces or Velcro	Available from the Uniform Shop ONLY NO thongs or sandals are to be worn
☞ Plain White Socks are to be worn	Not Available from the Uniform Shop

UNIFORM

Swimming	Comments
It is Education Queensland Policy to wear a swim shirt for any pool activity: ☞ Sun Shirts and Caps are compulsory	Not Available from the Uniform Shop

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Sports	Comments
The House Colours are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Blue – ATLAS • Green – HERCULES • Gold / Yellow - THOR 	Not Available from the Uniform Shop However, you can buy plain blue, green or gold/yellow shirts from: Best & Less, Big W & Kmart



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JEWELLERY

Certain Jewellery will not be allowed for the following reasons:

- ☞ For Safety
- ☞ 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

If Jewellery is worn to school the following dress codes should be complied with:

- ☞ **Safety:** earrings should be of the small sleeper or stud variety. They are minimal and inconspicuous.
- ☞ **Safety:** piercing to be in each ear only
- ☞ **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.

HELMETS

Students riding bikes are legally required to wear helmets:

- ☞ Helmets must be securely fastened.
- ☞ Non-wearing of helmets is against the law and could be '**unsafe for the student and others.**

HAIRSTYLES

Our Uniform is complimented by a tidy appearance:

- ☞ Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes.
- ☞ Extremes of hair styles e.g., mohawks, tracks / rats' tails or extreme hair colours are **not** acceptable and could negatively influence normal school operations.
- ☞ Shoulder length or longer hair should be kept tied back from the face.
- ☞ Hair bands should never be worn around wrist, if you have spare hairband, they must be kept in your bag.



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COSMETICS

Makeup & Nails

Comments

Cosmetics is **not** acceptable therefore:

- ☞ **NO** Temporary or Henna tattoos to be worn at school.
- ☞ **NO** Makeup
- ☞ **NO** Nail Polish, Nail Patterns / Art and Nail Jewellery.
- ☞ **NO** False Nails or Nail Attachments.
- ☞ **Keep** Nails short and trim them often

Students **found** wearing Make-up, Nail Polish or Fake Nails will be asked to remove it, as this is **not** part of the school uniform.

Safety: Appropriate hand hygiene includes trimming fingernails, long nails harbour dirt and germs and can contribute to the spread of some infections.

Long fingernails can cause injuries to other students or themselves.

GROOMING & LABELLING

Grooming

Cleanliness and grooming standards are expected to be well maintained by all Students, Teachers, Visitors and Parents / Carers.

Labelling

All items brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child / children's name. This will stop items from going missing and be returned to the correct owner.

Uniform items that should be labelled include **Hats**; **Shirts**; **Dresses**; **Shorts**; **Skorts**; **Swim Towel**; **Swim Togs**; **Goggles**; **Swim Cap**; **School Bag**; **Swim Bag**; **Library Bag**; **Socks & Shoes**.



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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 parents/carer write a note to the teacher explaining the temporary replacement of the lost or damaged uniform item. Please always check Lost Property, Helping Hands (Before and After School Care) or the Office Ladies for all missing items.

FREE DRESS DAY 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 a shirt that exposes the midriff, under a dress or with a longer shirt **only**.
- ☞ No inappropriate words or inappropriate pictures on any clothing.
- ☞ Exposure of undergarments is **not** permitted.
- ☞ **NO hat – NO play!**
- ☞ In the interest of safety closed in shoes **must** be worn, **NO thongs**.



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CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT BEING IN UNIFORM

If your child/children are not in the School Uniform:

- ∅ Assistance/support will be given to obtain suitable clothing if necessary.
- ∅ Students will be counselled by the Principal.
- ∅ 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 FOR NOT BEING IN UNIFORM

Persistent student non-compliance will result in:

- ∅ Time out / Red Card
- ∅ 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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SUMMARY

Stafford State School is a uniform school. All students must wear a school uniform. We have the support of the Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Council. 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. 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.



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CERTIFICATION

This dress code is strongly supported by the Principal, Parents and Citizens' Association and the School Council – updated in 2023.

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

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

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SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Girls Uniforms



Boys



Winter Uniform



Hats & Shoes



Optional Accessories from Uniform Shop

