

Bundaberg Central State School

Dress Code

Statement of Intent

Bundaberg Central State School emphasises the importance of adherence to a Dress Code, which covers uniforms, other clothing, jewellery and certain matters relating to general appearance. This assists students to identify with their school and encourages sound, positive attitudes which flow over into learning areas. The Parent & Citizens Association and the school support a compulsory Dress Code Policy because it provides a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Allowing ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Eliminating distraction of competition 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.
- Creating team spirit.

Clothing Requirements

1. Maroon polo shirt with gold trim.
2. Maroon Shorts, Skorts or Skirt.
3. All students are required to wear closed in shoes suitable for physical activity eg running shoes, joggers.
4. Socks that are visible are to be worn.
5. Maroon reversible bucket style hat with school emblem on front and choice of sport house colour on the reverse. This hat is available from the school office.
6. Winter Uniform consists of a maroon tracksuit.
7. The Minister for Education has mandated that during swimming lessons or other water based activities, students are required to wear swim shirts over their swimming costume with the exception of competitions and carnivals.

Other Clothing Notes:

- Jeans are not permitted under any circumstance.
- All clothing is to be free from graffiti.
- On the last day of school, Year 7 students may choose to bring in a school uniform shirt to be autographed. Students will not be permitted to have signed the shirt they are wearing.
- Free Dress Days - In the event of free dress days all of the dress code still applies in regards clothing and personal presentation except students may wear a non-school shirt with sleeves that does not show the midriff and may also wear non-school pants/shorts.
- All clothing should be clearly labelled.
- Uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy.

Personal Presentation Requirements

1. Jewellery - Students are permitted to wear a watch and a set of studs or sleepers in their ears. A necklace/bracelet of medical significance may be worn.
2. Make-Up - Students are not permitted to wear make-up or nail polish.
3. Hair - For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back and controlled for school activities that pose a threat to personal safety. Long hair is considered to be hair touching the shoulders for both boys and girls. Hair must be clean, neat and tidy. Hair must be of natural colourings and shades.
4. Body stickers/temporary body tattoos must not be visible.
5. Drawing on the body is not permitted.
6. Shorts/Skorts/Skirts are to be worn in a manner that does not allow under apparel to be visible.

The principal has discretionary powers in regards clothing or personal presentation requirements that remain silent in this document but contravene acceptable school standards.

School Uniform

Uniforms can be purchased from Shawline Embroidery in Walker Street.

The Bundaberg Central State School Principal will give consideration to:

- Mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- 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;
- Conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds;
- Special circumstances where the uniform could not be worn for a short period of time when accompanied by a note from the parent explaining the situation.

As a result of the above considerations the principal may grant:

- Exemption on particular elements of the dress code;
- Alternative arrangements for a set period of time upon receipt of written request from parent
- Opportunities to wear relevant items of dress code from a bank of items held at school if available.
- Exemption to use other sources to obtain used uniforms.

In order to promote compliance with the dress code the principal (or delegate):

- May offer appropriate item/s from bank of clothing/uniforms held at school;
- Inform parents or carers of non-compliance with the code and, if necessary, discuss further.

Bundaberg Central State School will impose consequences on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Parents will be notified by writing or by phone if your child has had consequences for not wearing school uniform. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch;
- Preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school; or
- Preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

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Parent/Caregiver Signature

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Student Signature