

School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code - 2014

Rationale

Rockhampton State High is a uniform school. Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, students are expected to comply with the school's dress standards when attending or representing the school.

The positive aspects of a school dress code are:

- School uniforms reflect certain standards about the school
- The image of the school is enhanced when all students are in uniform
- Uniform establishes a sense of pride and belonging as well as purpose and identity among students
- As a Workplace Health and Safety Issue, the wearing of a uniform is essential as a means of identifying students should unwelcome outsiders enter the grounds. Another significant Workplace Health and Safety Issue is the wearing of a hat for protection from the sun.

The principal reserves the right to determine acceptable appearance and to enforce in regards to this. Should parents or caregivers seek exemption due to religious or medical grounds, they are to make an appointment to discuss with the principal.

Purpose

All RSHS students are required to wear correct school uniform. This is for two main reasons:-

- Security - promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
- The reputation of Rockhampton State High School is influenced by how students present themselves to the general public. As such any final determination of appropriate dress is at principal's or delegate's discretion. The principal or delegate may direct to remediate as required.

This policy is part of the Rockhampton State High School's *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*.

Persistent refusal to comply with the school's dress standards and explicitly stated instructions may result in the student being issued with consequences according to the school's behaviour management policy.

Uniforms

Rockhampton High has two uniforms, formal and daywear. The formal and the daywear uniforms are two distinct uniforms. Their components should not be mixed. The formal uniform is mandatory only for the school's captains and prefects at special events, and optional for all other students. Most students require only the daywear uniform.

Formal Uniform

Boys - Formal shirt (sky blue with navy/brown trim), tie, navy trousers with black belt, black socks and black lace-up shoes.

Girls - Formal blouse (sky blue with navy/brown trim), tie, navy A-line skirt, white ankle socks and black lace-up shoes.

Daywear uniform

Boys - Unisex polo shirt, navy shorts with school name, white ankle socks or socks with RSHS logo, covered impervious black lace-up, loafer or velcro shoes.

Girls - Unisex polo shirt, navy shorts with school name or navy knee-length skirt, white ankle socks or socks with RSHS logo, and covered impervious black lace-up, loafer or velcro shoes.

- Year 12 students may wear an approved 'senior' shirt instead of the unisex polo.
- Both the formal and casual uniforms can be complemented by winter wear including a navy blue school spray jacket and/or school jumper with RSHS logo (plain blue jumper the colour of RSHS uniform is permitted) and/or matching navy blue track pants. Optional navy or black opaque tights or stockings under shorts or skirt may be worn.
- Covered footwear and socks must be worn at all times. Shoes are to be as per the *Guide to Correct Footwear*. Black lace up joggers or leather shoes, loafer or Velcro shoes (If a medical condition prevents this, a note from parents is required).

Hair and Makeup

Coloured nail polish and makeup are not permitted. Students may be asked to remove nail polish and makeup.

Unusually dramatic hairstyles or extreme colouring is unacceptable.

Student Dress Code and Workplace Health and Safety

Acceptable items of jewellery include:

- Medical alert jewellery
- One watch
- No more than one pair of reasonably sized earrings i.e. not to exceed one centimetre in length and width to be worn in ear lobes. Plastic earrings are not permitted
- A flat ring

Notes:

- Beanies and other headcovering other than hats are not allowed.
- There is to be no visible facial body piercing (including tongue piercing) apart from a single piercing of the ear lobes
- No spikes, spacers or stretchers are to be worn (any earring that does not comply).
- In some environments (eg workshops) and some activities, students may be required to remove all jewellery
- No article of clothing including hats may show any obscene language or graphics or anything that could be considered offensive to members of the school community
- Headbands need to be plain black, white, brown or navy (same colour as school uniform). These should be no wider than 3cm. Ribbons and hairbands are to be plain.
- Students should not have any visible tattoos.
- Undershirts need to be plain white with no markings and should not be visible at the bottom of the shirt or sleeves.
- Any skins/bike pants/other shorts should not be visible under school shorts.

Sun Protection

It is compulsory for students to wear a hat whenever they are in exposed areas such as the ovals. The hat must provide adequate protection of the ears and face and should have an all round brim. Caps are inadequate protection. They may be worn when a student is involved in active sport if a broad brimmed hat creates a safety risk. Where hats can not be safely worn, sun cream will be offered to reduce UV exposure.

Procedures for students who arrive at school out of uniform

- Students who are not in uniform are to bring a note of explanation each day which is signed by parents or caregivers.
- The note is to be handed in at Student Services office before the commencement of school (8.30am – 8.50am).
- Students will be offered items of uniform clothing from the school's uniform bank. Student will be required to change into the supplied uniform to comply with the uniform policy.
- Students who are unable to access uniform items from the uniform bank will receive a blue uniform docket from Student Services. There will be punitive consequences for students who choose to disregard the uniform policy or procedures. Repeated incidents of non-compliance with the uniform policy may result in punitive action taken against the student.
- Students who sign in late and are out of uniform must present their explanatory note to Student Services upon arrival at school. They are expected to access the school's uniform bank and comply with the uniform policy.
- At any time during the day, students who are out of uniform should be able to present a uniform docket. If a student can not present a slip, the teacher will issue a blue slip and a detention. Any students who are out of uniform will be directed to Student Services and offered items from the school's uniform bank. These items need to be returned to Student Services at the end of the day or families will be billed for the item of uniform.

Uniform Stocks

The daywear and formal uniform are available from the P & C Uniform Shop at the school. The Uniform Shop is open 8.15am—9.15am on Tuesday and Thursday.