



Queenscliff Primary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Purpose

A Uniform Dress Code provides:

- Students with pride in their own appearance
- Recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community
- Equality, and a practical and economical range of clothing

Aim

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of our school in the community
- To provide an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students with consideration to their abilities, economic background, gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs or health

Implementation

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- To provide options and choice to families.
- Allows for the safe participation in school activities.
- Caters for the financial constraints of parents.
- Parent support will be sought to ensure correct uniform is worn.
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, on the school website and in the school information folders given out to prospective and new students.
- Consultation is undertaken with the School Council and community prior to implementation.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- For families experiencing financial hardship, arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief. Families are to contact the Principal or Assistant Principal if arrangements are required to support financial hardship.

School Uniform

Sweaters

- Navy blue hooded windcheater – white QPS logo
- Navy blue knitted V-neck wool jumper – white QPS logo
- Navy blue/red zip bomber jacket – white QPS logo
- Navy blue/red striped jersey – white QPS logo

Jackets

- Navy blue spray jacket – white QPS logo

Shirts

- Red short sleeved polo shirt – white QPS logo
- Red long sleeved polo shirt – white QPS logo
- White short sleeve blouse
- Sports House Team Polo

Pants/Shorts

- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue pants
- Navy blue leggings
- Navy blue track pants
- Red gingham skorts

Dress

- Red gingham summer school dress (white collar)
- Navy blue/red pinafore/quilt

Grade 6 Commemorative Uniform

- Navy blue/red/white jumper/t-shirt– white QPS logo/personalised embroidery

*Students choice of uniform may be influenced by the season and weather conditions, to ensure they are comfortable, suitably protected from the weather and safe.

No other coloured T shirts or long-sleeved shirts to be worn under any part of the school uniform if visible.

Footwear

Shoes should be appropriate for school wear such as lace up or Velcro runners and/or black school shoes. For safety reasons thongs, surf thongs and open toed sandals are not permitted.

Headwear

- Navy blue elastic wide brimmed hat – white QPS logo
- Navy blue woollen beanie – white QPS logo

Socks

- Navy or white

School Bag

- Navy blue Queenscliff Primary School bag (optional)

Jewellery

- Earrings - For safety reasons only studs or sleepers should be worn, one per lobe (with a diameter no bigger than 10mm). No other visible piercing are acceptable.
- Make Up - No make-up should be worn to school.

Hairstyles

Students are to attend school with neatly styled hair.

If students have hair longer than collar length, it is to be tied back neatly for hygiene and safety reasons.

SunSmart

The Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "SunSmart" procedures. All students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat during Term 1 and Term 4 whilst in the playground. Children who do not have a hat during Term 1 and Term 4 are restricted to the shaded areas in the playground, during recess and lunch breaks.

Sports Uniform

Students may wear their House sport polo shirts on days when they have Physical Education timetabled, sports days (athletics, swimming, and cross country) or when other sporting events are organised by the school. The House sport polo shirts are optional.

Student Dress Code Considerations

For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, Queenscliff Primary School students will not be permitted to attend out of school activities (i.e. excursions, neighbourhood walks, swimming, representative school teams) unless they meet the requirements of the Student Dress Code.

In designing its Student Dress Code, the School Council has been mindful:

- to ensure that the style of clothing is reasonable by contemporary standards;
- of health and safety issues have been considered to ensure students safe participation in school activities;
- to allow for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.

In the event of a student not adhering to the Student Dress Code, the school will have spare uniforms for students to wear for the day to ensure that they meet the Student Dress Code requirements.

Exemptions from the Dress Code

A process for the granting of exemptions from the Student Dress Code is provided to ensure that the School Council can comply with its obligation under equal opportunity laws. These reasons for exemption allow the School Council to determine a uniform standard across all students, but to still recognise cases in which the application of these standards may affect some students unequally.

Grounds for exemption after consultation with the Principal to the Student Dress Code will be provided where:

- an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student;
- an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background;

- an aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities and/or sensory needs from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from. This must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

In the case of where the parents are having economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code, arrangements can be made with the Principal and State Schools Relief.

The school may also declare "free" days or social service days where students are allowed to wear clothing or change their appearance to other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code. To protect the privacy of students, the School Council has delegated to the School Principal the power to grant exemptions. A written record of the decision on any application for an exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept confidential. Where exemption to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should contact the Principal or Assistant Principal.

If it is a temporary matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or out grown items to be replaced through an order placed at the uniform shop) a letter will be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation. If no representation or letter is sent to the class teacher, the school will send a notification to families reminding them of their responsibility to adhere to the Student Dress Code via Compass.

Implementation of the Student Dress Code

The following procedure will be implemented when the Queenscliff Primary Student Dress Code is not followed and no written explanation is received.

- 1) The class teacher will send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the School's Student Dress Code via Compass.
- 2) If this fails to solve the matter, the Principal or Assistant Principal will make contact with the parents to discuss the matter and provide guidance and additional support if required.
- 3) If no satisfactory explanation is given the matter will be referred to the School Council.

Students will not be excluded from class or sent home for minor infringements of the Student Dress Code. The School Principal/Assistant Principal will endeavour to support families and students with options to ensure adherence to the Student Dress Code and its aims/purpose.

Student Dress Code Communication

The Student Dress Code Policy and uniform price list shall:

- Be a permanent feature of the school website
- Form part of the information pack for new enrolments
- Be featured at Parent Information sessions
- Communicated through the school newsletter at least once per semester.

All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.

Review of the Dress Code

The Student Dress Code will be reviewed bi-annually. Reviews of the Student Dress Code will be handled by the School Council and will involve a process of consultation with the community.

Recommendations will be passed on to School Council for review and, if necessary, adoption of adjustments to the policy as agreed. For students transferring to the school, the school uniform from

the previous school will be acceptable until this needs to be replaced. If no uniform is present upon enrolment, new students have two weeks to comply with the Student Dress Code.

Uniforms can be purchased through Bellarine Uniforms – 162 Moorabool Street, Geelong Victoria
Ph: (03) 5221 9199

Student Dress Code Policy will be reviewed by School Leadership and School Council in November, 2025.