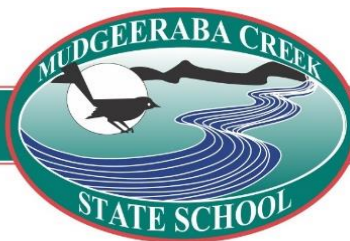


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Student Dress Code

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MUDGEERABA CREEK STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Reference: Education Queensland EPPR SMS-PR-022- Under Section 360 of the Education General Provisions Act 2006)

Rationale

At Mudgeeraba Creek State School, we strive to contribute to a safe supportive learning environment in all aspects of our school life.

A state school principal, in consultation with the school's P&C, may develop a dress code for the school that is to apply when the students are attending or representing the school.

The school uniform is an integral part of our ethos at Mudgeeraba Creek State School and has a history of being well supported by parents and guardians.

A student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing which may, or may not, include a school uniform that state school students wear when:

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

Student dress codes reflect school community standards and balance the rights of individual students with the best interests of the whole school community. They are consistent with health and safety considerations and anti-discrimination legislation. Student dress codes offer gender neutral uniform options for all students.

Student dress codes clearly explain and document standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear
- other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Student dress codes incorporate strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. A student's non-compliance with school's student dress code requirements is not a ground for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school. However, other appropriate disciplinary consequences can be applied in response to a student's non-compliance.

A safe and supportive learning environment is further enhanced by an acceptable dress code through:

- Clearly recognisable identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect and tolerance of others who may be disadvantaged by economic or social difference

There is an expectation that correct school uniform will be worn by students when:

- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in activities out of school hours (unless an alternative dress code has been endorsed by the school)

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.

There is an expectation that parents will advise the school *in writing or via a phone call* should their child be unable to wear the correct uniform on any given day.

The school Dress Code has been developed in consultation with the school community through the P&C and is reviewed biannually.

The Mudgeeraba Creek State School dress code stipulates the following expectations:

EVERYDAY SCHOOL UNIFORM:

SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOOL UNIFORM- The wearing of school/sports/winter uniform is an expectation at all times, unless otherwise stipulated by the principal e.g., 'Free Dress' Day.

Students may mix and match the day shirt and sports shorts or the day skirt and the sports shirt. The unisex day shorts may be worn with the day /or sport shirt.

Short Denim, board shorts and camouflage shorts are **NOT** acceptable school uniform.

SOCKS:

- Plain white or school specific MCSS ankle socks. Socks must be visible above the shoe line.



SHOES:

- All students are to wear enclosed **all black** shoes/joggers with no visible markings. Shoes must be secured with Velcro, laces or a buckle. Black laces are essential. Covered, supportive shoes are required at all times. **(No boots or High-top shoes)**



HAT: A navy blue broad brimmed school specific hat is required. The school is a Sun Smart school and abides by the principles of the Sun Smart strategy. Any outdoor activity requires a Sun Smart hat. Students are strongly encouraged to wear their hats to and from school.



Caps are not sun smart and therefore **NOT** acceptable at school or to be worn on the way to or from school.

WINTER:

- In winter, students can only wear winter items as per our Uniform Policy. **Scarves** and beanies are **not** acceptable. **Undershirts**, if worn, must **not** be visible.
- Long pants should be plain navy in colour. Plain navy track pants or stockings/tights are permitted on cold days. Leggings are not deemed acceptable for our school.
- School jackets purchased through the uniform shop, plain navy zip-up jackets or pull-over jumpers (with no logos or hoods) may be worn.



STUDENT APPEARANCE AND APPAREL:

HAIR: Hair should be cut and styled in a fashion that is suitable for a professional business workplace. Hair colour is to be of natural tones and no extreme styles including, 'mohawks', 'mulletts', 'rats' tails', 'undercuts', shaved sections and 'tracks' etc. are not permitted.

Hair that is longer than collar length is to be tied back every day. School colour hair ties such as green, blue, white black & tan are to be used for long hair. Patterned headbands are not permitted.

Hairstyles may be deemed unsuitable for the school at the principal's discretion.

JEWELLERY:

To comply with Work Place Health and Safety standards the following guidelines apply to our Dress Code:

- A watch, not a SMART Watch, is permitted
- Signet rings or rings of any description are not permitted
- School badges are permitted
- Religious or cultural necklaces, if worn and prior permission granted by the principal, must be long enough to be completely concealed below the neckline and to avoid hooking on anything, must not fall out of the clothing
- Wrist bands or bangles/bracelets, 'friendship braids/beads or other apparel of this description may not be worn
- *Medi-Alert necklaces and bracelets are the exception to the above rules regarding necklaces and bracelets*
- If ears are pierced, they may be fitted with up to two pairs of plain gold or silver small studs or sleepers
- Stretchers, spikes and diamonds are not permitted
- Any other visible piercing must be completely removed for school
- Parents wishing for their child to wear a jewellery item not noted in this dress code must seek specific Principal permission.

MAKE-UP:

- The wearing of make up in any form is not permitted.
- **Acrylic or gel nails are not permitted.** Clear nail varnish may be worn.
- **Sunscreen** is encouraged in our climate at all times. It should be of natural skin tones or translucent.

FREE DRESS DAYS:

At times the school may hold a Free Dress Day. At this time the students may opt to wear their own clothing.

Please note the following expectations for dress on Free Dress Days:

Sun smart appropriate clothing- no strappy tops or bare midriiffs; no caps-only sun smart hats

Enclosed covered shoes, no hoop or dangly earrings, rings or bracelets for Work Place Health and Safety compliance.

School responsibilities:

The principal will ensure:

- The student dress code is accepted and endorsed by the P&C Association.
- Availability, affordability and function of the school uniform are suitable for the community context.
- Aspects of student dress codes related to safety such as safe footwear, eye protection and hats, as required are enforced.

In resolving matters of student dress codes, the following are given due consideration:

- Mobile families have sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- Take into consideration 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
- Processes are followed for students who are exempt from uniform such as acceptance of letters from parents explaining reasons for lack of uniform and opportunities to wear relevant items of dress code from a bank of items held at school
- Resolve any conflict that arises out of non compliance of wearing school uniform by: contacting parents to validate reason for non-compliance, offering items from a bank of clothing held at the school
- Monitor and evaluate the code by:

Making available a copy of the student dress code (written and/or electronically) for inspection, free of charge, by interested persons at the administration office and on the school's webpage,

Reviewing and evaluating the student dress code periodically for any issues, appropriateness or enhancements in consultation with students, parents, staff, Parent and Citizens Association; and advising students, staff, parents/carers and parents and citizens association of any changes or amendments to student dress code in writing before changes are implemented.

Consequences for not following dress code:

Day 1- Students arriving at school in incorrect uniform will be given a verbal warning by the class teacher and it will be noted by the class teacher.

Day 2- Same student arriving in incorrect uniform will be issued with a Breach of Uniform letter ticking the relevant breach. The letter will be sent home and the Leadership Team will be informed. There is an expectation the parent /carer will acknowledge receipt of the letter by signing and returning the slip. There is also an expectation that the parent/carer will provide a suitable reason for the breach of uniform or ensure the breach is rectified.

Day 3- A Leadership Team member or delegate to follow up with a phone call to parents/carers should the child continue to be in breach and the letter not returned.

Uniform Pass

If a student is incorrectly dressed and has brought a note to the teacher from the parent, the teacher may sign the note, return it to the child and ask the child to produce it throughout the day to any staff member questioning their dress or, alternatively, the student may be sent to the front office to receive a uniform pass that will be issued for the day.

If a parent has rung the front office the student will be issued with a uniform pass dated for that day from the front office which will be produced if a staff member questions the breach.

The P & C Association of Mudgeeraba Creek State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Mudgeeraba Creek State School because it believes that a student dress code at Mudgeeraba Creek State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the P & C Association of Mudgeeraba Creek State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- *ready identification of students and non-students at school;*
- *eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;*
- *fostering a sense of belonging; and*
- *developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.*

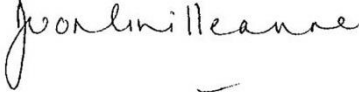
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Miss Rebecca Parnell

P&C President

Mudgeeraba Creek State School

15 September 2023

Signed: 

Mrs Deirdre von Guilleaume

Principal

Mudgeeraba Creek State School

15 September 2023

Staff, Student Council and Parent Consultation has been conducted for this code by Mr Tim Thompson, Deputy Principal and Mrs Kristie Fog, Student Council Coordinator 2023.

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Mudgeeraba Creek State School

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