



MITCHELL STATE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As per legislated DETE Policy & Procedure Register Student Dress Code 24/01/22

A student dress code consists of an agreed standard with the support of the Mitchell P&C regarding items of clothing, which includes a school uniform that state school students wear when:

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

Student dress codes provide 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
- developing mutual respect among students by minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Student dress codes reflect school community standards and are consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination legislation and the Sun Safety Strategy.

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.

Acceptable or reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the school's student dress code. 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
- likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

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 grounds for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school. For behaviour other than non-compliance with student dress code, principals follow actions outlined in the Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment. Schools with dress codes impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance. 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 or after school (if after school, inform parents before detention occurs)
- 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.

Schools provide their Student Dress Code policy to parents at the time of enrolment as part of the Enrolment Agreement.

Where there are individual cases of conflict with student dress codes, or persistent failure of a student to uphold the code, or a student is inappropriately dressed:

- item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at school is offered take action that prevents risk to student or others, or action that maintains normal school operations
- inform student's parents or carers of incident and discuss further with parents or carers,



representatives of school and student to prevent a recurrence

- implement a process of conflict resolution or mediation if student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

Where a student is reasonably dressed, but does not conform to student dress code, principals:

- offer appropriate item/s from bank of clothing/uniforms held at school
- inform parents or carers of incident and, if necessary, discuss further
- use, together with representatives of school community, appropriate conflict-resolution or mediation if student persistently fails to observe student dress code.

Mitchell State School Uniform

All School Uniforms are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. The P&C sell uniforms at cost price to parents as a service delivery.

<p>School Uniform:</p> <p>School shirt, royal blue mid length shorts, skirts or skorts.</p> <p>Winter - Royal Blue Track pants and jumper, skivvies in the school colours may also be worn under uniforms. Royal Blue Tights.</p> <p>Sport Uniform OXLEY. Light blue polo shirt with royal blue shorts/skirt FLINDERS. Red polo shirt with royal blue shorts/skirt</p> <p>Interschool Sport Uniform When competing at Roma & District sporting events, the standard school uniform will be worn.</p> <p>Swimming Uniform. Sunsafe swim/rash top or t-shirt must be worn with swimming togs for all students Please support the wearing of a full uniform. Students can be identified as part of our school especially with other school groups.</p> <p>School Rep sport uniform. For e.g if a student has made a school rep team such as R&D or SW they would be permitted to wear this on a sport day.</p> <p>Ag uniform. Long sleeve work shirt can be worn during ag lesson or all day on a timetabled ag day. Enclosed shoes must be worn and long pants</p>	<p>Mitchell State School is a uniform school where students are encouraged to wear the uniform. Clothing that is 'offensive or likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal school operations' is not permitted. Shorts are to be royal blue in colour with no brand names. To represent the school on excursions, interschool sport etc all students are to wear the appropriate Mitchell uniform. Students not wearing the uniform are required to bring an explanatory letter from their parents.</p> <p>It is sun-safe and the wearing of a uniform encourages school pride in the community.</p>	<p>Students wearing inappropriate clothing or apparel will be asked to dress appropriately. Students not wearing school uniform will be ineligible to represent the school away from the campus.</p> <p>NB. Consistent non-compliance of the school uniform policy will fall under the amber level of the schools Student Code of Conduct. This may entail reminders of expectations or detentions.</p>
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<p>may be brought it and worn if desired during lesson only.</p>		
<p>Hats: Broad brimmed or bucket.</p>	<p>Non-wearing of broad brimmed or bucket hat is 'likely to result in a risk to the health of the student'. Mitchell SS follows the Sun-Safe guidelines of the Queensland Cancer Society.</p>	<p>Students who do not have a hat for PE will be given sun safe alternatives to enable them to participate in this curriculum activity. Students who do not have a sun- safe hat will be excluded from activities in the sun during play breaks. Students who do not have a hat will be ineligible to represent the school away from the campus.</p>
<p>Footwear: Fully enclosed sport or leather shoes Socks: White or royal blue socks</p>	<p>Non-wearing of shoes could be 'unsafe for the student or others'. Shoes with high heels or platforms, thongs, slip ons and sandals are not suitable.</p>	<p>A student will be asked to ensure replacement shoes are worn the next day and will be excluded from all outdoor activities until suitably attired.</p>
<p>Jewellery: * Watch. * Pierced earrings – Small silver or gold studs, and small sleepers. * Medical alert bracelet or necklace. * Items of significant cultural or religious belief with notification to administration.</p>	<p>Other jewellery may be 'unsafe for the student or others' as such items could become caught in play equipment or could come into contact with another student causing injury. Students will be requested to remove or tape jewellery during some sport.</p>	<p>A student wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary give it to the teacher for safe-keeping for the remainder of the day.</p>
<p>Nail Polish/Acrylic Nails:</p>	<p>Only clear nail polish is to be worn as other colours are 'likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal school operations'. Acrylic nails may not be worn as they pose an injury risk during sporting and some class activities.</p>	<p>Students wearing coloured nail polish or acrylic nails will be asked to remove them by the next day.</p>
<p>Hair: Collar length hair is to be plaited, braided or tied back with appropriate accessories. Royal blue or yellow in colour is preferred, but any colour is acceptable as long as the accessories are plain and unadorned. Accessories may only be what is required to maintain neat and tidy hair.</p>	<p>To reduce the transfer of headlice long hair is to be tied back. Long hair not tied up could be 'unsafe for the student and likely to result in a risk to health and safety of students and others'. Dyed hair and inappropriate hairstyles could 'negatively influence the normal school operations'.</p>	<p>Students will be asked to tie back long hair. Students will be reminded of the policy on the first infringement. Subsequent infringements will attract detentions for defiance of instructions</p>



<p>Helmets: Students riding bikes, scooters and skateboards are legally required to wear helmets.</p>	<p>Helmets must be securely fastened. Non-wearing of helmets is against the law and could be 'unsafe for the student and others'.</p>	<p>If necessary the police will be contacted.</p>
<p>Make-up: Students will not be permitted to wear any form of make-up with an exception on sports days for coloured sunscreens or zinc.</p>	<p>Is not appropriate for any students to be wearing any form of make-up while wearing their school uniform as it is not a requisite for effective learning.</p>	<p>Students will be required to remove any make-up immediately. Students who are consistently non-compliant will attract appropriate consequences.</p>
<p>Personal Care: Deodorant – Students who require deodorant at school must have roll-on or pump deodorant (no aerosol cans will be permitted).</p>	<p>Aerosol cans are a safety risk for students at school, therefore will not be permitted.</p>	<p>Any aerosol cans brought to school will be confiscated immediately. Students who are consistently non-compliant will attract appropriate consequences.</p>