

# Uniform Policy

## PURPOSE

Townsville State High School dress standards reflect the community expectations and standards as determined by the Principal in consultation with school community representatives. This policy has been written in accordance with section 360 of the Education (General provisions) Act 2006 (Qld).

The school believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented Uniform Policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide a disciplined learning focus, setting the scene in a classroom environment.
- To provide a sense of identity for students attending the school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instil in students a sense of pride in their appearance.
- To provide a united team and increase school spirit.

## IMPLEMENTATION

**Students must be in school uniform at all times unless indicated otherwise.**

At all times when travelling to and from school, and at school, the **school uniform**, as defined in the Uniform Policy, **is to be worn**. This includes when participating in school excursions; travelling to and from sport; travelling to sports training in the morning and leaving training in the afternoon; being spectators at after school sport or activities.

### Sports/HPE

- Tropics training shirts can only be worn on Monday period 1 and Wednesday period 1-3.
- Students who have Tropics training or HPE lessons during the day must change from their sport specific attire into their day uniform prior to attending their next lesson.

### Sun Safety

A hat must be worn at all times when in sunlight (this includes dappled sunlight), including HPE lessons and lunch time activities.



## GENERAL

### JUNIOR SCHOOL (Years 7 to 9)

#### Shirts:

- School polo shirt (long or short sleeve);
- *Visible undershirts are not permitted.*



Junior Polo



Long Sleeved



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### SENIOR SCHOOL (Years 10 to 12)

#### Shirts:

- Green and white striped school shirt with school logo (long or short sleeve). Must be worn buttoned up.
- School tie – optional.
- School polo
- *Visible undershirts are not permitted.*



Senior Boys Shirt



Senior Girls Shirt



Senior Girls Tie



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### ALL STUDENTS (Years 7 to 12)

#### Shorts or skirts:

- School shorts with logo; or
- Navy blue skirt with inverted box pleats (All skirts should be worn from the waist to near the knee); or
- Navy blue ankle-length skirt; or
- Navy blue long pants
- Navy coloured tights may be worn under a skirt



Boys Shorts



Girls Shorts



Navy Skirt



**Jumpers:**

- Navy blue or black jumper (single logo, no bigger than 10cm x 10cm)
- The school jersey; or
- Senior jacket; or
- Tropics basketball jumper
- NQ or QLD school sport representative jackets may be worn.
- School Tour jumpers
- ***Offensive and inappropriate logo's and any logo bigger than 10cm x 10cm is not permitted***

Examples of jumpers that **are acceptable**:



Examples of jumpers that are **not acceptable**:

**Socks:**

- White sports socks; or
- black sport socks

**Headwear:**

- A hat must be worn at ALL times when in sunlight, including HPE lessons and lunch time activities.
- Hijabs / head coverings, worn for religious or cultural reasons, are to be no longer than shoulder length and must be navy blue in colour.

**Hair:**

- Natural hair colours and styles that meet workplace safety requirements.



**Shoes:**

- Lace up sports shoes (See attached pictures for acceptable styles); or
- black school shoes
- *Slip-on shoes are not permitted.*

Examples of shoes that **are acceptable**:



Examples of jumpers that are **not acceptable**:

**Jewellery:**

- Jewellery must be compliant with appropriate safety standards as listed.
- If ears are pierced, a maximum of two sleepers or studs may be worn in each ear. Sleepers must be small enough that a finger cannot fit into them. Studs that are not positioned in the earlobe must be plain, small and discreet.
- One plain, small and discreet facial stud.
- One plain ring.
- One necklace. This must be worn inside the shirt for safety reasons.
- One plain bangle or bracelet, no wider than 1cm. It must be small enough that a finger cannot fit between it and the arm.

**Make-up:** Noticeable make-up is not permitted.

**False nails:** Nail length must meet safety standards.

**Tattoos:** Visible tattoos must be covered.



## NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS CODE

If there are medical reasons that prevent a student from complying or an emergent situation, a parent may contact the relevant Deputy Principal to explain why a student is not able to comply with the Dress Code on a particular day. This may be done in person, via telephone or note. Contact is expected on each day that the student has the medical or emergent reason. *Please note that emergent situations are expected to be addressed in a timely manner, and in some circumstances consequences for non-compliance may still be issued.*

When a student is able to comply with the school's Dress Code (e.g. by removing a non-compliant item), but chooses not to when requested, this will be considered as an act of defiance by the student and may be dealt with according to the Student Code of Conduct. Students will be offered compliant uniform items to change into whenever possible. If replacement uniform is not returned, the school will charge the costs to parents/carers.

Under the school's Student Code of Conduct and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, permitted sanctions for:

- Detention of the student for a period mentioned in the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006;
- Preventing the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
- Preventing the student from attending, or participating in any activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

