

We believe at our school, it is not appropriate for students to be competing with peer group pressure on the wearing of jewellery, make-up or non-uniform clothing (except on specially designated days such as Casual Dress Days or Genes for Jeans Day – where expectations are clearly explained to students with regards to this – appropriate clothing, no jewellery etc.). We also have issues of safety with jewellery and appropriate footwear during daily play, physical activity and sports.

During our recent reviews of;

- Our school's **Code of Student Behaviour and Responsible Behaviour Plan**,
- Our school uniform; and logo,

and in compliance with implications within the new **Education General Provisions Act 2006**, associated regulations and Education Queensland policies, we have developed clear, lawful expectations of Dress Standards, expectations and behaviours for our school.

Our dress code meets;

- current laws under the Education Act,
- EQ Policy SMS-PR-022
- sun-safety guidelines including the wearing of a hat, broad-brimmed or bucket, as against a cap.
- safety issues reflected through colour, with students travelling to and from school and on outside school activities being highly visible and with the wearing of inappropriate clothing, jewellery, make-up and footwear.
- endorsement as minuted through the parent representative body, our Parents and Citizen's Association.

Uniform Dress Expectations:

The wearing of a uniform and compliance with the dress code expectations also contributes to developing a **team spirit and pride amongst our students**, as well as the **safety aspects** of wearing a uniform – easy identification.

What can be worn?

Daily ~ school uniform top and bottoms as supplied through our tuckshop committee including school hats.

Sport House shirts – green, yellow, blue polo - may be worn on Sports Days, Athletics Days, Swimming Days, Cross-Country Days and for days when Physical Education lessons occur, and *include Representative Sport uniforms* on these days.

Year 7 Shirts: Each year, instead of an end-of-year graduation shirt, Yr 7 have the privilege to purchase their own special uniform shirt – organised through their teachers. This privilege identifies them as our school leaders for all students and enables them to obtain wear from a special shirt.

Casual Dress Days: From time to time, our Student Council promote a casual dress day as a fundraiser. There are casual dress standards for this day, which exclude sleeveless tops and tops with inappropriate messages. Footwear, hat and jewellery expectations do not change for these days.

Footwear: Acceptable footwear is a part of our uniform expectations, once again, mainly for safety reasons, with children participating actively in a variety of educational activities and play daily. Footwear needs to be laced-up jogger style.

Hat: A School Hat is part of our dress code. No School Hat, No Play. No caps. May be the supplied broad-brimmed or bucket style (approved by the Skin Cancer Council).

Consequences of Non-compliance

The refusal to comply with our policy and standards and the teacher's/deputy principal's/principal's directive to wear appropriate apparel and as reflected through our Responsible Behaviour Plan and Dress Code, will include;

- 1) A warning that they are not complying with the code and possible consequences;
- 2) Removal of an item for collection by 1) student, 2) parent /carer;
- 3) The offer of second-hand uniforms to wear until such time as their uniform is compliant;
- 4) Withdrawal from play-time (detention/time-out) at lunch times for 20 minutes or after school for ½ hour.
- 5) Contact parents regarding ongoing non-compliance and consequences;
 - a. by telephone
 - b. by letter;
- 6) Removal from specific activities such as excursions or camps where continued non-compliance continues.

Personal presentation: Jewellery and make-up : Jewellery includes necklaces, bangles, piercings etc. **Sleepers only** are expected in ears where piercings occur. *Jewellery and make-up are not acceptable standards of dress at any primary school environment* for various reasons including;

- **Safety:** Our children play daily active games, sports and Physical education Activities. The wearing of jewellery is a safety issue just as it is in many adult jobs.
- **Peer Group and Social Pressures:** The wearing of jewellery, make-up, non standard clothing also contributes to peer group pressures, harassment, sexual references etc.
- The wearing of jewellery contributes **to classroom management issues** including behaviour.
- **Make-up** is not appropriate at school and not a part of our dress code.

Non-compliance for the wearing of Jewellery:

Students will;

- 1) Wear keepers where necessary;
- 2) Remove Jewellery etc., where teachers see this as an issue with breaches of the code of behaviour and safety within their duty-of-care roles - to be retained for collection by the student or the parent/carer at the end of the school day;
- 3) Cover with tape where teachers, in their duty-of-care roles, identify this as a risk during an activity;
- 4) Wash off make-up before entering class or the school;
- 5) Have parents contacted regarding ongoing non-compliance and consequences
 - a) by telephone
 - b) by letter
- 6) Be withdrawn from play-time (detention/time-out) at lunch times for 20 minutes or after school for ½ hour.
- 7) Be removed from or uninvited to participate in school educational activities where there is an identified risk, including excursions or camps if they cannot conform to the school's dress code and standards and Responsible Behaviour Plan.

EXEMPTIONS:

Exemptions for Consideration on Application:

Exemptions may be considered if due to a particular and special nature such as;

- Religious reasons;
- Cultural reasons;
- Medical reasons.

These reasons are required to be specific and confirmed (e.g., by a Doctor, Religious Leader, etc., through an accompanying letter).

An exemption form is required to be completed by the parent/carer that includes the exemption, the specific reason, with signing off that this reason is a valid reason and endorsement by another person. This exemption will be placed on student and administration file and remain in place subject to review.

We expect parents and carers to support our whole school policy as partners in their children's education and personal development whilst at this school.

Consequences will apply for students who choose to not comply with our standards in accordance with legislation and our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL

INFORMATION REGARDING OUR STUDENT DRESS CODE

2008



This school community prides itself on having policies reflected through our Student Code of Conduct for Education Queensland Students and our Responsible Behaviour Plan that has been developed for children in our school environment through wide consultation with the school community of staff, students, parents and carers and through their respective representative body, our P&C Association, including surveys, parent/carer meetings, newsletter information and P&C Association meeting discussions and endorsement.