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**Mackay North
Primary State School**

DRESS CODE POLICY

The Mackay North State School Parents and Citizens Associations of Mackay North State School in consultation with parents has established a dress code for all students attending the school.

Knowing this, it is concluded that in enrolling your child at this school you too accept and will support this policy.

PURPOSE OF A DRESS CODE POLICY:

The P & C Decision Making Group believes a school dress code:

- * Gives the students a sense of unity, belonging and pride in their school, which assists in building school and team spirit.
- * Ensures that students are safely dressed for school activities and the environment.
- * Minimises competition between students to wear more expensive or fashionable clothing and the pressure on parents to purchase this type of clothing, whilst encouraging equity among students.
- * Clearly identifies Mackay North State School students from other students who may come into the school.
- * Fosters and enhances the public image of the school.
- * Students wellbeing is ensured through School's W.H. & S. Policy.

MODIFICATION TO THE DRESS CODE:

Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff members will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

Students not following the dress code will receive:

1. Counselling by the Principal or Principal's nominee on the benefits of a dress code.
2. Assistance/support to obtain suitable clothing if necessary; and
3. An agreement for an appropriate length of time (to be determined by the Principal in consultation with Parent/Guardians) in order to modify dress.
4. If these measures fail then the Parent/Guardian will be contacted by the Principal and parents will be asked to ensure that their child/ren comply with the Dress Code.

AVAILABILITY OF DRESS CODE ITEMS:

- * Items in the school colours and bearing the school logo may be purchased from the Uniform Shop run by the P& C.
- * Second-hand clothes may also become available at the Uniform Shop.
- * Parents/guardians having financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to discuss the situation.

MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

CLOTHING

Summer Dress Code

Shirt/Top - Check or Gold school shirt

Shorts/Skirt/Scort - Black

White Socks, Covered shoes.

Broadbrimmed Hat or Legionnaires hat - Black

Winter Dress Code

As per summer uniform - exception Black 'Track' pants

Gold or Black winter tops or school Jacket.

Broadbrimmed Hat or Legionnaires hat - Black

Sports Dress Code

Shirt/Top - Collared shirt in team colour

Shorts/Skirt/Scort - Black

White Socks, Covered shoes.

Broadbrimmed Hat or Legionnaires hat - Black

*Bike shorts are to be worn at Athletic Carnivals only.

**Joggers and socks to be worn with sports uniform.

FOOTWEAR AND HEADWEAR

Appropriate footwear - (no thongs, massage sandals or Ugg boots, reefs or high platform shoes are permitted). Covered footwear must be worn at all times and only with express permission from the Principal may alternatives to this be worn. This will only be agreed to in the case of medical conditions discussed between Parents/Guardians and the Principal.

In the interest of health and sun safety, hats are compulsory for all outdoor activities. This includes 1st and 2nd Breaks. A wide brimmed hat is the only acceptable hat. Caps are not permitted or recognised as hats. (It is preferable that students wear the style of hats sold in the Uniform Shop).

JEWELLERY

Students become very distressed when they lose or break jewellery. Jewellery can also be an item that is a fashion statement or can cause inequity amongst the students. It is therefore preferred that no jewellery or valuables be worn or brought to school. If jewellery is worn to school the following dress codes should be complied with:

- * In the interest of safety, earrings should be of the small sleeper or stud variety.
- * Only a single stud or sleeper in each ear is permissible.
- * Apart from a single ear stud or sleeper, **no other body piercing is permitted.** Students who present at school with a different body piercing will be sent home immediately to remove this piercing.
- * Only inexpensive wrist watches should be worn. Then if they do get lost or broken they are easily replaced.
- * It is preferred that chains, necklaces and bracelets (hand and ankle) not to be worn as they are easily broken. (Medic-alert bracelets are of course acceptable.)

MAKE UP AND/OR COLOURED NAIL POLISH is not appropriate or acceptable.

HAIRSTYLES

Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes. Shoulder length or longer hair should be kept tied back from the face. Extremes of hair styles are not acceptable, including 'tracks' in boys hair styles and extreme colours in either boy's or girl's hair styles.

TATOOS: Tattoos are not acceptable.