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Mackay North 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 School 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.

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 whereby parents will be asked to 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 – Gold and black school shirt

Shorts/Skirt/Skort – Black (these should be at least mid-way between the thigh and knee)

White Socks, Covered black shoes.

School Hat

Winter Dress Code

As per summer uniform – exception Black 'Track' pants

Gold or Black winter tops or school Jacket.

School Hat

Sports Dress Code

Shirt/Top – Team coloured school sports house shirt

Shorts/Skirt/Skort – Black (these should be at least mid-way between the thigh and knee)

White Socks, Covered shoes.

School Hat

*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, lace up type footwear must be worn at all times, canvas, or other material, slip-on shoes are not acceptable as school footwear. Alternative footwear may only be worn with the express permission from the Principal. 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 school hat is the only acceptable hat. Caps are not permitted or recognised as hats.

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 can also present as a safety issue. Therefore it is 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 (no bright colours).

* Only a single stud or sleeper in each ear is permissible.

* Only inexpensive wrist watches should be worn. Then if they do get lost or broken they are easily replaced (no bright colours).

* Chains, necklaces and bracelets (hand and ankle) should not to be worn as they are easily broken and present a safety issue. (Medic-alert bracelets are of course acceptable.)

MAKE UP AND/OR COLOURED NAIL POLISH

It is not appropriate or acceptable for make up or coloured nail polish to be worn at school. Students will be asked to remove them.





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 hair styles and colours that are not natural in either boy’s or girl’s hair styles.

TATOOS

Tattoos, even temporary tattoos, are not acceptable.

