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Dress Code Statement

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a Principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school.

The following Student Dress Code clearly explains and documents standards of acceptable dress within Pimpama State Secondary College (PSSC). The College Dress Code is endorsed by the P&C Association.

Why do students wear a uniform?

- Establishes a culture of school pride, a positive learning environment and high expectations.
- Promotes a positive image within the community with an identifiable uniform that is smart, tidy, and worn appropriately.
- Addresses health and safety policies by ensuring students are wearing appropriate footwear and sun-safe clothing.
- School uniforms promote social equality among students because they diminish socioeconomic differences by reducing peer pressure associated with expensive 'brand' clothing.
- Improves student safety by enabling staff to identify people within the school grounds who are not associated with the school.

DRESS CODE

Students will wear the Day (Formal) Uniform on all days they do not have Sport or a practical Physical Education class.

All uniform items (with the exception of socks, belts and shoes) are to be purchased in the college uniform shop. Look-a-like items are not acceptable. Students are to purchase the appropriate size clothing.

Students are required to wear their formal uniform for all formal occasions such as excursions (unless otherwise specified), awards nights, college photos, other college or public functions.

Jumpers, sport jackets, jerseys, and blazers, other than those with the official PSSC logo, are not permitted to be worn.

PSSC uniforms are not to be altered in any fashion. This includes (but is not limited to):

- a. Cutting and shortening of hemlines.
- b. Rolling up of sleeves and short legs.
- c. Undershirts/singlets may be worn but should not be visible.

UNIFORM

Day (Formal) Uniform: to be worn each day.

Boys (Year 7 – 9):

- Navy school shorts or trousers, light blue boys' shirt with logo, tie (optional).
- Navy crew school socks (red & white stripes at top) and black leather Oxford style lace up shoes (joggers, Vans or cross trainers not to be worn) see diagram.
- School jumper, sport jacket or blazer may be worn in cooler weather as part of the formal uniform. Track pants are not to be worn with or in combination with the formal uniform.

Girls (Year 7 – 9):

- PSSC navy skirt, shorts or navy girls' pants, light blue blouse with tie.
- White ankle sock with PSSC in navy visible above the shoe or navy stockings (not tights or leggings) and black leather Oxford style lace up shoes (joggers, Vans or cross trainers not to be worn) see diagram.
- School jumper, sport jacket or blazer may be worn in cooler weather as part of the formal uniform. Track pants are not to be worn with or in combination with the formal uniform.



Boys (Year 10 - 12):

- Navy school shorts or trousers, white boys' shirt with logo, tie (optional).
- Navy crew school socks (red & white stripes at top) and black leather Oxford style lace up shoes (joggers, Vans or cross trainers not to be worn) see diagram.

Girls (Year 10 - 12):

- PSSC navy skirt, shorts or navy girls' pants, white blouse with tie.
- White ankle sock with PSSC in navy visible above the shoe or navy stockings (not tights or leggings) and black leather Oxford style lace up shoes (joggers, Vans or cross trainers not to be worn) see diagram.

Sports Uniform

Boys:

Only to be worn on the days a student has sports or practical physical education lessons.

- PSSC boy's navy sport shorts and PSSC sport polo shirt.
- Plain white (or PSSC) sports ankle socks visible above the shoe. Sports shoes or joggers that provide adequate support and traction for sporting activities. (canvas shoes, skate style shoes and non-lace-up shoes are NOT permitted)

Girls:

Only to be worn on the days a student has sports or practical physical education lessons.

- PSSC girl's navy sport shorts and PSSC sport polo shirt.
- Plain white (or PSSC) sports ankle socks visible above the shoe. Sports shoes or joggers (predominant colour black or white) that provide adequate support and traction for sporting activities. (canvas shoes, skate style shoes and non-lace-up shoes are NOT permitted)

Modifications to the policy to recognise diversity

The college understands and accepts that our students represent a diverse range of cultural and religious beliefs. In addition, many students may identify with different genders or may have disabilities that prohibit compliance with the college policy. Students may have specific dress and/or appearance requirements that enable them to meet cultural or religious values or individual needs. Any request to modify the policy on a case by case basis must be made in writing to the Principal.

The Principal may request further information before granting the request.

Make-up

- Discrete make-up used for sun-safety or to cover small blemishes may be applied. Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, and other heavy makeup are not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish is not permitted.

Jewellery

- One pair of plain studs or sleepers worn in the ear lobes only (one in each ear)
- One watch
- Items required for identification of medical conditions
- Religious or cultural necklaces may be worn out of sight with permission from the school administration
- No visible facial or body piercings including clear plastic alternatives
- No other accessories are to be worn

***Note:** Any item of approved jewellery may still be required to be removed in subjects or activities for safety reasons under Workplace Health and Safety legislation.

Hair and Accessories

- Hair must be maintained in a neat and tidy manner. Long hair should be tied back (ponytail or similar) to reduce the spread of head lice and reduce the risk of accidents in workshops, kitchens and sporting activities.
- Pins, ribbons etc... may be used to control long hair but outlandish accessories including bandanas and head scarves (with the exception of religious purposes) are not allowed.
- Hair must be a natural hair colour.
- Extreme hair styles (e.g. Mohawk) are not permitted.

Tattoos

- Families are reminded that it is illegal in Queensland to tattoo anyone under the age 18 even with parent consent.
- Tattoos are recognised as an important part of the tradition of some cultures. Students considering getting a tattoo for the purpose of cultural tradition must write to the Principal outlining the type of tattoo and the cultural significance of it.
- Where possible cultural tattoos should be put on areas of the body concealed by the uniform.
- All other forms of visible tattoos are not permitted.

It is at the discretion of the Principal to determine whether hair, make-up or jewellery comply with the College Dress Code.

Noncompliance with Dress Code

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 362 of the Act (1) If a student of a State school does not comply with a dress code for the school's students, developed under section 360, the school's principal may only impose one of the following sanctions:

- (a) detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3)
- (b) prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school
- (c) prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school

Noncompliance Procedure

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:

- Report to the year level Deputy Principal
- Provide a note from home explaining the uniform breach and the period for which this will exist.
- Where possible, exchange the incorrect uniform article for the correct uniform. The student's own article of clothing will be held until the exchanged article is returned at the end of the school day.
- Where the uniform item is unavailable, and the student's dress is deemed appropriate, the student will be issued with a slip indicating that they have followed procedures.
- Display the note to all staff, upon request, at all times.
- The student may also be issued with one of the sanctions as outlined above in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 362*.