

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.

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

All uniform items (with the exception of 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.

The College understands and accepts that some cultures and religions have specific dress requirements. Modifications to the uniform that comply with recognised cultural or religious values may be negotiated with the Principal.

UNIFORM

Formal Uniform

Boys:

- PSSC shorts or trousers, formal boys' shirt (Year 7-9 pale blue, Year 10-12 white), tie (optional). Shirt must be tucked in if worn with a tie.

- PSSC crew socks and black leather formal shoes (**Joggers, Nike, or Vans are not to be worn**) see diagram.
- PSSC bucket hat or cap.

Girls:

- PSSC skirt, formal girls blouse with tie (Year 7-9 pale blue, Year 10-12 white).
- PSSC white ankle socks, navy stockings (not tights or leggings) and black leather formal shoes (**Joggers, Vans or Nike are not to be worn**) see diagram.
- PSSC bucket hat or cap.



Sports Uniform

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

- PSSC boys navy sport shorts and PSSC sport polo shirt.
- Plain white 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 girls navy sport shorts and PSSC sport polo shirt.
- Plain white 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**).

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 is 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. Hair longer than collar length should be tied back (pony tail 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 in school colours) are not allowed.
- Hair must be a natural hair colour.
- Extreme hair styles (e.g. Mohawk) are not permitted.

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

NONCOMPLIANCE with the 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:

- 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.
- Report to the Year Level Student Advisor or Deputy Principal if instructed to do so.
- The student may also be issued with one of the sanctions as outlined above in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 362*.