



P002

Dress Code & Uniform

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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 college.

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 college 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 college grounds who are not associated with the college.

DRESS CODE

All students will wear the Day (Formal) Uniform on Monday each week.

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, school 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 on Monday for all students.

Boys (Year 7 – 9):

- Navy college shorts or trousers, light blue boys' shirt with logo, tie (optional).
- Navy crew college socks (red & white stripes at top)
- Black leather lace up shoes (joggers or cross-trainers may be worn).
- College 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)
- Black leather lace up shoes (joggers or cross-trainers may be worn).
- College 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 college shorts or trousers, white boys' shirt with logo, tie (optional).
- Navy crew college socks (red & white stripes at top)
- Black leather lace up shoes (joggers or cross-trainers may be worn).

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)
- Black leather lace up shoes (joggers or cross-trainers may be worn).
- EAD students are permitted to change into sport-specific footwear for training and games.

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.
- Black joggers or cross trainers that provide adequate support and traction for sporting activities. These may be the same shoes worn with the dress uniform if appropriate. 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.
- Black joggers or cross trainers that provide adequate support and traction for sporting activities. These may be the same shoes worn with the dress uniform if appropriate. 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

- Two pairs of plain studs or sleepers worn in the ear lobes only (two 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 college administration
- No visible facial or body piercings. Plastic alternatives are permitted.
- 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) in workshops, kitchens and sporting activities to reduce the risk of accidents.
- Pins, ribbons etc... may be used to control long hair however bold or unconventional 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.

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 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 college
- (c) prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any college activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the college

Noncompliance Procedure

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

- Report to the Student Hub
- 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, but the student's dress is deemed acceptable, 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*.

Dress Code Information Graphic

Please refer to [i004 Dress Code Information Graphic](#) that gives a clear representation of permitted items.

Related Policies & Information

- [I004 - Dress Code Information Graphic](#)