



POMONA STATE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE – APPEARANCE POLICY

Pomona State School's Student Dress Code – Appearance Policy has been developed in accordance with the relevant legislation, both State and Commonwealth. It consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing and includes a specified school uniform. Pomona State School's Student Dress Code reflects school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

Pomona State School P & C Association and Pomona State School staff support a Student Dress Code - Appearance policy because it believes that student dress codes provide clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging;
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences; and
- Eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school

School staff will actively encourage all students to take pride in themselves and their school.

Appearance.

Clothing. Clothing should fit neatly and be sunsafe. It must be suitable for full participation in all curriculum areas and the playground. It should not be inappropriate.

Hair. Hair should be clean, tidy (brushed or combed) with no extreme colours (natural colours) and tied back if below the collar. Fringes must not interfere with a student's vision at any time.

Pomona State School P & C Association supports school staff to promote 100% adherence to the wearing of the school uniform neatly and with pride in the following instances:

- Attending or representing their school during school hours;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours.

Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- Offensive, i.e. slogans and inappropriate language printed on the clothing, or revealing
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations, i.e. popular branded clothing often results in competition and unnecessary peer pressure between students (particularly girls);
- Unsafe for the student or others, i.e. inappropriate footwear; and
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of students or others.

In circumstances where inappropriate or unreasonable dress is worn, appropriate actions will be taken. These sanctions are reflective of the severity and recency of non-compliance and may include one of the following:

- Detention during lunch
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in activities for which the student is representing the school
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in any activity that is not an essential educational program.
- May have parents contacted to bring appropriate item/s to school.

In resolving matters of the Student Dress Code – Appearance Policy

- Newly enrolling families will be given sufficient time to purchase items of the uniform
- Arrangements will be made in circumstances of economic hardship
- Alternative arrangements will be allowed for a short period of time upon receipt of a written request
- Opportunities to wear relevant items of the Student Dress Code from a bank of items held at the school are available
- Conscientious objections raised on any reasonable cultural or religious grounds will be considered

Where there are individual cases of conflict with the Student Dress Code or the persistent failure of a student to uphold the code

- Items of clothing from the bank of school uniforms held at school will be offered
- The student may be prevented from attending or participating in any activity for which the student is representing the school
- The student may have a detention imposed
- The student's parents will be informed and discussion between parents, school staff and the students will focus on how to prevent a recurrence

Special Circumstances.

On Casual Dress, Theme days or school camps, students must still adhere to the school Dress Code, sunsafe and WH&S guidelines in regard to clothing, footwear, jewellery, hats and appearance.

Plain house coloured T-shirts may be worn on designated school sports days such as the athletics and swimming carnival days, or as approved by the principal.

The grade 6 shirt may be worn on normal school days but not when representing the school off campus.

As endorsed by the Pomona State School P&C Association, this is a “school uniform” school. All students are expected to wear their uniform neatly and with pride in all circumstances listed in this policy.

Pomona State School’s Uniform includes and is limited to

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Navy blue and gold collared shirt (embroidered logo) including the approved Grade 6 shirt.▪ Navy blue skorts, shorts or navy blue long pants▪ Navy blue or black leggings/stockings worn under skorts or shorts.▪ Navy blue fleecy long sleeved pull over (embroidered logo)▪ Navy blue broadbrimmed hat (to be worn for all outside activity including lesson breaks, Physical Education, walking between classrooms where undercover is not available). The brim measures 6 cm and meets the requirements of Pomona State School’s Sun Protection Policy.▪ Socks: white with navy blue edge, plain white, navy or black.▪ Closed in flat-soled footwear such as joggers or school shoes (no boots, sandals or thongs are allowed for safety reasons)▪ Jewellery (other than one set of stud or sleeper earrings worn in the ears, and a watch) and cosmetics are not to be worn at any time.▪ For all inter-school sport, (if no sport specific uniform is provided) the Navy blue and gold collared shirt (embroidered logo), Navy blue skorts, shorts, broadbrimmed navy blue hat, joggers and no jewellery is to be worn.▪ For all school swimming lessons a sunproof T shirt or “rashie” and a swimming cap are to be worn. No jewellery is to be worn.▪ Hair accessories (ribbons and scrunchies) are to be in school colours of navy blue and gold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Navy blue and gold collared shirt (embroidered logo) including the approved Grade 6 shirt.▪ Navy blue shorts or navy blue long pants▪ Navy blue fleecy long sleeved pull over (embroidered logo)▪ Navy blue broadbrimmed hat (to be worn for all outside activity including lesson breaks, Physical Education, walking between classrooms where undercover is not available). The brim measures 6 cm and meets the requirements of Pomona State School’s Sun Protection Policy.▪ Socks: white with navy blue edge, plain white, navy or black.▪ Closed in flat-soled footwear such as joggers or school shoes (no boots, sandals or thongs are allowed for safety reasons)▪ Jewellery (other than one set of stud or sleeper earrings worn in the ears, and a watch) and cosmetics are not to be worn at any time.▪ For all inter-school sport, (if no sport specific uniform is provided) the Navy blue and gold collared shirt (embroidered logo), Navy blue shorts, broadbrimmed navy blue hat, joggers and no jewellery is to be worn.▪ For all school swimming lessons a sunproof T shirt or “rashie” and a swimming cap are to be worn. No jewellery is to be worn.▪ Hair accessories (ribbons and scrunchies) are to be in school colours of navy blue and gold.

All decisions about changes to the school uniform are made in conjunction with Pomona State School P&C Association.