

# Student Dress Code Policy

**Park Ridge State School**  
An Independent Public School



## RATIONALE

Park Ridge State School is a uniform school. The P&C has authorised the Principal (and delegates) to enforce student dress standards under the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#) sections 360-363, section 283.

Park Ridge State School's Student Dress Code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing, which may or may not include a school uniform that state school students wear when:

- attending or representing our school
- traveling to and from school
- engaging in school activities out of school hours

Student Dress Codes offer gender neutral uniform options for all students. The Student Dress Code clearly explains the standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear
- other aspects of personal presentation of students

The School Council and P&C believe that uniforms:

- Promote a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Promote an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in fashion;
- Promote a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging;
- Foster mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising socio-economic differences;
- Present the school positively to the school community.
- Add much to school tone and presentation
- Reduce costs of purchasing casual and designer clothing
- Improve safety, as students in uniform are readily identifiable

## EXPECTATIONS

Park Ridge State School expects that all students will wear full school uniform at all times. School uniform is considered to be acceptable dress and it is comfortable and designed for sun safety.

The school has an approved uniform (see overview on page 6). This uniform includes the 'Seniors Shirt' available for all Seniors to purchase.

Students must also be wearing school uniform before being allowed to:

- Leave the school for an excursion or interschool sport
- Participate in school photos.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

It is important for students to wear full school uniform because wearing full uniform ensures the safety of all students within our school. As part of our [Positive Behaviour for Learning](#) reward system we encourage and reward students who wear their full school uniform.



## WHAT CONSTITUTES NON-UNIFORM?

Inappropriate or unacceptable dress, as defined under School Dress Standards refers to clothing or apparel that a student wears that is, or could be deemed to be:

- Offensive
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school;
- In the opinion of the Principal will cause undue comment or attention
- Unsafe for the student or others; and
- Likely to result in a risk to the health / safety of the student or others.

Park Ridge State School identifies non-uniform dress as:

- Halter tops, mid-riff tops, excessively short skirts, singlet tops, excessively large clothing, brief style shorts, bicycle pants, leggings, beach wear or other 'fashion' wear considered to be inappropriate, e.g. T-Shirts with offensive or objectionable graphics and/or print.
- Alternate-coloured, multi-coloured or patterned winter clothing, including track pants and jumpers.
- NO Hoodies
- Thongs, open sandals. (These may be allowed if feet are injured in some way and parents have notified school)
- Graffiti and autographs on school clothing.
- Visors and caps. Hats must be worn on the student's head so that their face is protected from the sun. Beanies should not be used for sun protection.
- Make-up, including fingernail polish.
- Hair coloured or dyed (e.g. blue, green, yellow, red, blonde, black etc.)
- Any item that, in the opinion of the Principal, is unsafe or will cause undue comment or attention.
- Casual and trendy clothes (including jeans, coloured jackets, T-Shirts under school shirts, boxer shorts protruding over school shorts, caps under hats and board shorts) must not be added to or substituted for official uniform.

## JEWELLERY

School dress standards should ensure the health and safety requirements of students. For this reason, jewellery (other than the acceptable items below) and similar accessories should not be worn.

<b>Acceptable items of jewellery include:</b>	<b>Unacceptable items include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch (school suggests inexpensive watches – NO smart watches)</li><li>• One signet ring (smooth surface, no sharp, protruding sections)</li><li>• Plain stud or sleeper style earrings (in the earlobes only, no other part of the body).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bracelets, anklets, wrist bands</li><li>• Necklaces, chains</li><li>• Expensive items</li><li>• Body piercing</li></ul>

Any earring likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student and others is not acceptable. Likewise, earrings that in the opinion of the Principal, are unsafe or will cause undue comment or attention are unacceptable.

During swimming season, NO jewellery will be worn at the pool. Earrings which cannot be removed, must be taped.

Medical alerts and items of religious significance need to be brought to the attention of the Principal for special consideration prior to being worn and must comply with safety provisions.

## SHOES

- Children should wear correctly fitting covered protective footwear e.g. school leather shoes, sneakers and these should be worn at all times that the student is at school. (preferably black)
- No dress shoes (high heels, sandals, thongs etc.) are permitted.
- Sports boots (football, soccer boots, etc.) are not permitted. Students participating in interschool sport may wear appropriate boots if applicable during the game.
- Footwear may be deemed to be inappropriate if, in the opinion of the Principal, it falls under the definition of inappropriate dress.

## HAIR

- Long hair should be neatly tied back. Long hair in the eyes can interfere with learning.
- Hair should be free of intrusive or brightly coloured accessories. Hair accessories should match the school colours.
- Hair (boys and girls) should not be artificially coloured or styled so that, in the opinion of the Principal, it will cause undue comment and attention. Patterns cut into hair, Mohawks or other such styles are not permitted (for example shaved undercuts, rats tails, trendy fads, etc.).

## BIKE PANTS / LEGGINGS / TIGHTS

- Navy coloured bike pants are allowed for sports, but girls must wear a skirt/skorts over their bike pants until the sporting activity begins.
- Navy coloured leggings/tights matching the school colours may be worn in winter, but must be worn under skorts/shorts.

## OTHER

- Make-up, nail polish or temporary / permanent tattoos are not permitted. Children will be asked to remove them.
- Skin should not be marked with pen, felt pen or paint markings.
- Expensive items of clothing or jewellery should not be brought to school.
- Make-up, hair or other aerosol sprays are not permitted. Roll on deodorant is the only acceptable form.

## HATS

- School coloured wide-brimmed or bucket hats must be worn at all times when students are outside.
- Students must have a hat at school so they are prepared for outside activities such as PE, sport.
- No caps at school.



**No hat, no play**

## SWIMMING

- Bathing caps are compulsory.
- Togs **MUST NOT** be worn to school under other clothes unless specifically negotiated by the teacher.
- Bikinis and other similar swimming costumes, which may be revealing are unacceptable.
- Parents should consider sun safety when choosing suitable swimming costumes.
- Sun shirts are compulsory.
- Jewellery is to be removed before swimming lesson. Earrings, which cannot be removed, must be taped, at home, by parents.
- Swimming is a part of the school curriculum and as such, pupils will not be excused from lessons unless there are medical reasons. In such circumstances, a **WRITTEN REQUEST** for exclusion is required **FROM PARENTS**. Please ensure your child brings their swimming items to school on the correct days.

## PARTICIPATING IN SPORT

- All students must be wearing official school uniform before participating in interschool sport (e.g. Gala Days) on or off campus.
- Students who are required to leave the school grounds to participate in interschool sport (e.g. Gala Days) will not be permitted to leave unless wearing the correct uniform.
- School uniform must be worn to school on interschool sport days.
- Those sports where students will be provided with a jersey or shirt for the game must be wearing school uniform to school and until they required to change.
- Navy or black coloured bike pants are allowed for Sports Days at school, but girls must wear a skirt/skorts over their bike pants until the sporting activity begins.

## FREE DRESS DAYS

Park Ridge State School will hold free dress days from time to time. These are generally fundraising days, where students are asked to bring a gold coin for wearing free dress.

- Free dress is only allowed during official free dress days.
- School will notify parents of free dress days via Newsletters and Face Book page.
- During free dress days, Park Ridge State School's Dress Code for Students will apply.

## CARE OF UNIFORMS

School uniforms should be devoid of:








- Autographs / drawings
- tears
- stains

Uniforms and shoes should be correctly fitted.

Students whose uniforms become damaged may borrow from the school supply of uniforms for that day. Loaned uniforms should be washed and returned on the following day.

## PARK RIDGE STATE SCHOOL'S UNIFORM AT A GLANCE

Park Ridge State School's approved uniform consists of the following:

Item	Girls and Boys	Image	Item	Girls and Boys	Image
<b>Uniform</b>					
*School Shirt	Navy blue and Yellow polo shirt with logo		*Jumper	Plain navy blue jumper or jacket with or without "PR" monogram (no hoodies)	
*Dress Skort	Navy blue with or without "PR" monogram		Leggings / Tights / Bike Pants	Navy blue – must be worn under skorts / shorts	
* Sports Skort	Navy blue with or without "PR" monogram		Tracksuit Pants	Plain navy blue	
*Shorts	Navy blue with or without "PR" monogram		Shoes	Covered in shoes, preferably black. Sandals and thongs are not acceptable	
*Hat	Navy blue full brimmed hat, or navy blue "bucket" hat		Socks	White, Black or Navy	
<b>General</b>					
Hair Accessories	Non obtrusive or bright colours. Hair accessories should match the school uniform colours		Tattoos, drawings, face paint	Tattoos, drawings and face paint are not permitted	
Hair	Long hair should be neatly tied back. No artificial colours or styles that draw undue attention. Tracks, mohawks, shaved undercuts, rats tails or similar are not permitted.		Facial / Body Piercings	Facial and body piercings are not permitted	
Earrings	Plain sleeper or stud in earlobe only		Watches	Yes (school recommends an inexpensive watch)	
Rings	One signet ring (smooth surface, no sharp, protruding sections)		Necklaces	None. Special permission required for cultural or religious significance	
Swimming	No jewellery permitted		Bracelets / Anklets	None. Special permission required for cultural or religious significance	
Make Up	Make up is not permitted		Nails	Nail polish is not permitted	
Uniform Care	Uniforms should be clean, free of dirt and markings				
<b>Special Uniforms</b>					
Interschool Sport	School uniform must be worn to school on interschool sport days		Sports Days	Bike pants permitted (must be worn under skorts / shorts until event). House coloured shirts are permitted.	
Excursions	Full school uniform for all excursions. Seniors may wear Senior's shirts.				

\* Indicates item is sold at Park Ridge State School's Uniform shop.