

MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Junior School Uniform Policy Years 7,8,9

The P&C of Mirani State High School has resolved that it supports a uniform (school student dress code) policy for Mirani State High School because it believes that a uniform (school student dress code) policy at Mirani State High School promotes the objectives of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

In particular, the P&C supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment as it:

- promotes a safe and healthy environment for all students limiting the potential for injury and / or disease.
- promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
- promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;
- fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences;
- promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging; and
- promotes a sense of discipline and compliance, useful later on in life where workforce employment may have a uniform policy.

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform every day. This may be the formal school uniform or the sports uniform. Students must own at least one formal school uniform.

The school will negotiate access to uniforms with students or families who are otherwise unable to afford costs of uniforms. This may include the provision or temporary loan of second hand uniforms. Apart from exceptional circumstances determined by the school administration on an individual basis, students dressed out of uniform will be loaned a school uniform for the day. For health and hygiene purposes these uniforms are washed daily after use.

School staff are expected to implement and monitor compliance with the school's uniform (school student dress code) policy. Valid reasons for being out of school uniform must be given in writing and dated and signed by a parent or guardian. Students must present this signed note to the office for a uniform pass. Students may be loaned a school uniform for the day. Non-compliance with the uniform policy alone will not incur sanctions at such a high level as exclusions, cancellation of enrolment or suspensions. However, persistent non-compliance with the school uniform policy will be taken as indicative of refusal to cooperate with the school's code of behaviour and has consequences as part of the school's behaviour management policy and procedures.

When a student has practical Physical Education classes, a t-shirt should be brought to school so that a change can be made before and after that particular class. This t-shirt should only be worn for the duration of the Physical Education class. Students are expected to wear the school uniform for the rest of the day and to and from school.

Students must own at least one formal uniform. Formal uniforms are required to be worn on excursions, end of term parade, photos and other formal occasions as directed.

Students are not to wear sports shorts with formal shirts. The formal uniform must not be mixed with the daily uniform

BOYS FORMAL UNIFORM

SHORTS: Available from Uniform Solutions.
Navy - plain navy dress shorts - **NO** logos (club, sporting or other), writing, beachwear, jeans, stripes, and any other variations (including long leg shorts, e.g. cargo pants) are **NOT** acceptable. **All shorts finished length is required to be above the knee. Sports shorts are not to be worn with the formal shirt.**

OPTION: College Trousers – Navy

SHIRT: Available from Uniform Solutions.
Light blue, dark blue & white striped, short sleeves with dark blue piping on cuff, one pocket, normal shirtmaker collar, and white shirt buttons. **This shirt must be tucked in at formal occasions.**

TIE: Available from the school office for \$13.00.
A plain dark navy tie. They are optional, but may be required by some students for official or formal occasions.

SHOES: Closed-in shoes must be worn that have a solid upper (vinyl or leather, **NO MESH OR CANVAS**). They are required to be in the colour of **BLACK ONLY and should not show any colour other than black in their appearance, including the logo and the foam support.** (NO cotton or canvas tops e.g. Dunlop Volleys, Converse, slip-ons, gym boots etc.) Various brands of acceptable shoes are available. Workplace Health and Safety standards apply in our school. For safety reasons, students will be refused entry to all workshops / laboratory areas if wearing unacceptable footwear.
Students representing the school on formal occasions are required to wear an academic uniform and a blazer (provided by the school).

SOCKS: Plain white or black
Incorrect coloured socks: Students who wear the incorrect socks have either of two choices.
1. To swap their socks with school provided white or black socks and return these washed and then have their socks returned
2. Wear their socks and attend the DMR (Decision Making Room) at first break

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GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM

- BLOUSE:** Available from uniform stockists
Light blue, dark blue & white striped short sleeve blouse with dark blue piping on cuffs and collar.
- SKIRT:** Available from uniform stockists.
An A line skirt with two inverted pleats, one either side of the centre front. **No straight skirts.** Opening in centre back seam and a pocket in the right side seam. The back of the skirt is plain with two darts either side of the centre back. **Skirt length is to be no shorter than 5cm above the knee.** Girls also have the option of wearing our Navy Skort instead of the skirt.
- TIE:** Available from Uniform Solutions.
A short navy cross over tie. Ties are optional, but may be required by some students for official or formal occasions.
- SOCKS:** Plain white or black
Incorrect coloured socks: Students who wear the incorrect socks have either of two choices.
1. To swap their socks with school provided white or black socks and return these washed and then have their socks returned
2. Wear their socks and attend the DMR (Decision Making Room) at first break
- STOCKINGS:** Flesh-coloured stockings are **optional**. These may be required by some students for official or formal occasions. Tights/leggings are an under garment and **MUST ONLY** be worn under skirts or shorts.
- SHOES:** Closed-in shoes must be worn that have a solid upper (vinyl or leather, **NO MESH OR CANVAS**). They are required to be in the colour of **BLACK ONLY and should not show any colour other than black in their appearance, including the logo and the foam support. (NO cotton or canvas tops e.g. Dunlop Volleys, Converse, slip-ons, gym boots etc.)** Various brands of acceptable shoes are available. For safety reasons, students will be refused entry to all workshops / laboratory areas if wearing unacceptable footwear.
- SKORTS:** Skort has faced waistline, front panel with a dart each side and a side opening pocket. Back is plain with opening in centre back seam with two darts either side of centre back. Skort may be worn with formal blouse.

WINTER UNIFORM FOR both boys and girls

This uniform is acceptable everyday wear

- A school jacket – navy & light blue microfibre fabric with zip front & school logo.
- A school uniform, warmer fleecy ‘jersey style’ pullover may be worn. This pullover has our school crest on the pocket and school name woven into the collar.
- The winter uniform is purchased from Uniform Solutions.
- Year 11 and 12 students may wear the nominated senior jersey.
- Plain navy track pants (no stripes or logos).
- Plain navy/black jumper (no large logos) Hoodie is acceptable.

SPORTS UNIFORM for both boys and girls

This uniform is acceptable everyday wear.

The sports uniform may be worn to school as alternative everyday school uniform with the proviso that each student owns at least one formal uniform for official or special occasions. The sports shirt and shorts are to be worn together and **NOT** mixed with the formal uniform.

SHIRT: Junior Secondary are to wear the specified Junior School uniform polo shirt with the Mirani State High School crest on the pocket and school name woven into the collar (as per photo).

SHORTS: **Boys and Girls** – Navy microfibre sports shorts with school logo on left leg – **NO** logos (club, sporting or other), writing, beachwear, jeans, stripes; and any other fashionable variation (including long leg shorts e.g. Cargo pants) are **NOT** acceptable. Girls are **NOT** to wear rigger shorts. All shorts finished length is required to be **above the knee**.

HAT: Wearing of a hat is required under the 'Sun Safe Policy'. School bucket hats are available from the tuckshop.



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2. Wear their socks and attend the DMR (Decision Making Room) at first break

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Inappropriate fashion statement headgear such as bandanas/beanies, including head bands with fascinators etc are not permitted. Only plain navy blue head bands are permitted.

FREE DRESS/OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

At various times throughout the year, students participate in free dress/out of uniform days. On these occasions, **ALL** students are expected to wear the appropriate footwear that meets the Workplace, Health & Safety requirements of the school (i.e. thongs, masseurs, reefs, slip-on shoes, scuffs and any other fashionable footwear are not acceptable).

On these occasions, **ALL** students are expected to wear appropriate clothing that is non-offensive (e.g. cannot display or suggest unacceptable images, themes or printed language) and it must meet the 'sun safe' requirements of the school (i.e. shoulders must be covered, no singlet tops and without an exposed midriff). No short shorts with tights underneath are to be worn. Clothing is not permitted to advertise any illegal substances (e.g. alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs). On these occasions, suitability of appropriate clothing/footwear is at the sole discretion of Administration Staff. If a student wears inappropriate clothing they will be given a replacement uniform to wear for the day. Students who do not follow set procedures are subject to the same consequences as students who do not comply with rules and procedures in other areas of the school's operation.

APPEARANCE

Students must be clean, neat and tidy at all times. Personal hygiene is a very important consideration for each student and will be encouraged by the school.

As long as students are responsible in their use of jewellery, they will be permitted to wear:

- A watch
- Medical identification bracelet
- Up to two pairs of plain studs or sleeper earrings (maximum of **1mm thickness**), if ears are pierced, in the ear lobes.
- Studs are to be no more than **3mm** diameter in size
- No tattoos are allowed and must be covered with a flesh coloured band aid.
- Facial piercing, such as eyebrows/nose/lip/tongue is not permitted. Any student who chooses to get piercings done in school term should ensure the piercing can be removed during school hours and the insertion of a clear stud etc is not appropriate.

All other jewellery items are **NOT** permitted e.g. Ear spacers, ear bars, rings, bracelets, bangles, bands, chains, necklaces and any other fashion item. Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform. Further offences will mean parents must collect the items from the Administration.

Students who wish to wear commonly accepted religious or cultural artefacts/jewellery which do not comply with the above guidelines must submit a written application through their parent/guardian to the Principal, requesting approval to wear the said item. They must be worn on a long chain, **NOT VISIBLE AT THE NECK.**

Make up (including mascara, eyeliner, eye makeup and lipstick), nail polish (no coloured acrylics, no coloured nail polish and coloured tips) and excessive hair colouring are not permitted. Only pale nail polish is accepted. Extreme hair styles, or extreme colours including 'Mohawks', 'tracks', 'rat's tails', shaved sections, etc. are not permitted. **STATEMENT:** Judgement regarding hair styles and colours can only be made by the Principal.

HOUSE SHIRTS

Students can purchase a house shirt from the school office. (Limited stock available at the School Office, after stock sold out at School office, shirts to be purchased at Uniform Solutions) These shirts can be worn on Wednesdays and any school sporting event e.g. swimming carnival, cross country, athletics etc.



STUDENTS OUT OF UNIFORM

If students are unable to wear the correct uniform, they must report to the teacher in their first lesson with a note explaining their inability to be correctly attired. A **UNIFORM PASS** may be issued to these students. A range of appropriate spare uniform items are available for borrowing and the expectation of the school is that students will change into them. Students wearing shoes that **DO NOT** meet Workplace, Health and Safety requirements will be provided with work and allowed only in Administration.

UNIFORM STOCKISTS

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MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL SHOE GUIDELINES

To ensure clarity, simple guidelines for you to follow when purchasing shoes:

- The shoes should not show any colour other than black in their appearance, including the logo and the foam support
- The shoes should also have a sturdy upper, be it leather, vinyl, suede or similar material;
- Shoes made from light materials like cotton or mesh including Dunlop Volleys, Vans, Converse, are not allowed as they do not meet our Workplace Health and Safety guidelines.

We hope that this Uniform Code will better help the school meet its Workplace Health and Safety guidelines, and ensure that our students continue to represent the school in such a positive fashion by wearing their uniform properly.

Appropriate school shoes *(Solid upper)*



Examples of Inappropriate shoes

These shoes have either canvas or mesh tops, or aren't totally black.

