

Rockhampton State High School Uniform Policy

Rationale

Under the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006](#), students are expected to comply with the school's dress code when attending or representing the school.

The positive aspects of a school dress code are:

- School uniforms reflect certain standards about the school
- The image of the school is enhanced when all students are in uniform
- Uniform establishes a sense of pride and belonging among students
- The wearing of our school uniform ensures students meet Workplace Health and Safety standards, this includes wearing hats for protection from the sun. School uniforms support student safety, making our students readily identifiable, particularly if unwelcome outsiders enter the grounds.

Purpose

All RSHS students are required to wear correct school uniform. This is for two main reasons:

- Security - promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
- The reputation of Rockhampton State High School is influenced by how students present themselves to the general public. As such any final determination of appropriate dress is at principal's or delegate's discretion. The principal or delegate may direct to remediate as required.

Persistent refusal to comply with the school's dress standards and explicitly stated instructions may result in the student being issued with consequences according to the school's Student Code of Conduct.

The principal reserves the right to determine acceptable appearance and to enforce our dress code expectations. Should parents or caregivers seek exemption or variation to the school dress code due to religious or medical grounds, they are to make an appointment to discuss with the principal.

Rockhampton SHS Dress Code

Rockhampton High has two uniforms, formal and daywear. The formal and the daywear uniforms are two distinct uniforms. Their components should not be mixed. The formal uniform is mandatory only for the school's captains and prefects at special events, and optional for all other students. Most students require only the daywear uniform.

Formal Uniform

Boys - Formal shirt (sky blue with navy/brown trim), tie, navy trousers with black belt, black socks and black lace-up shoes.

Girls - Formal blouse (sky blue with navy/brown trim), tie, navy A-line skirt, white ankle socks and black lace-up shoes.

Daywear uniform

Boys - Unisex polo shirt, navy shorts with school name, RSHS socks or white ankle socks, covered impervious black lace-up, loafer or velcro shoes.

Girls - Unisex polo shirt, navy shorts with school name, RSHS socks or white ankle socks, and covered impervious black lace-up, loafer or velcro shoes.

- Year 12 students may wear their approved 'senior' shirt instead of the unisex polo.

- Both the formal and casual uniforms can be complemented by winter wear including a navy-blue school spray jacket and/or school jumper with RSHS logo (plain blue jumper the colour of RSHS uniform is permitted) and/or matching navy-blue track pants.
- Covered footwear and socks must be worn at all times. Shoes are to be as per the *Guide to Correct Footwear*. Impervious black lace up joggers or leather shoes, loafer or velcro shoes (If a medical condition prevents this, a note from parents is required). For example, canvas shoes, non-black shoes or high-top shoes are not accepted at RSHS.

Acceptable items of jewellery include:

- Medical alert jewellery
- One watch
- No more than one pair of reasonably sized earrings i.e. not to exceed one centimetre in length and width to be worn in ear lobes.
- A flat ring
- In some environments (eg. workshops) and some activities, students may be required to remove all jewellery

The following are not permitted:

- Beanies and head coverings other than hats
- Hooded jackets or jumpers
- Facial or body piercing including tongue piercings
- Visible tattoos
- Visible undershirts, bike pants, leggings, or skins
- Dramatic hairstyles or extreme hair colouring
- Excessive make-up including but not limited to lash extensions, coloured or false nails

Uniform Stocks

The daywear and formal uniform are available from the P & C Uniform Shop at the school. The Uniform Shop is open 8.30am— 9.30am on Tuesday and Thursday.

Uniform Exempt Events

During the school year there will be a variety of curriculum, co-curricular and non-curriculum school activities. Some of these events will allow for students to be out of uniform eg. free dress days and sports carnivals. As a uniform school and in compliance with Workplace Health and Safety Policy the following rules apply to such occasions:

- Students must wear enclosed footwear
- All school rules regarding jewellery and make-up still apply e.g. face and body paint is not acceptable
- Clothing must provide as much body coverage as the standard school uniform,
- School uniform items and free dress clothing are not to be combined
- Students are to follow all clothing and personal appearance directives issued by staff

Non-compliance with Uniform Policy

Students who are not in uniform are to bring a note of explanation each day which is signed by parents or caregivers, the note is to be sighted and signed by a Deputy Principal.

UNIFORM

Before school/During form/During the day

- Students who are not wearing correct uniform (shorts, or shirts) are to be directed to administration.
- Students will be offered items of uniform clothing from the school's uniform bank. Student will be required to change into the supplied uniform to comply with the uniform policy. These items need to be returned to Student Services at the end of the day or families will be billed for the item of uniform.
- Students who are unable to access uniform items from the uniform bank will receive a uniform receipt from Student Services.
- At any time during the day, students who are out of uniform should be able to present a uniform receipt. If a student cannot present a receipt, staff are to direct student to administration.

SOCKS

Before school/During form/During the day

- Student reports or is directed by staff to the Amenities Officer (AO).
- AO issues a pair of socks – no detention issued.
- On the third occurrence AO informs Year Coordinator to phone home.
- On fourth occurrence no socks issued, student directed to Administration for further intervention/consequences.
- Refusal by student to comply with process reported to Administration

SHOES

Before school/During form

- Student with a signed note reports or is directed by staff to the AO/SS.
- AO/SS issues a uniform receipt – no detention issued.
- Student **without** a note from home to be issued a uniform detention by staff

During the day

- Staff asks to see either uniform receipt or detention slip.
- Student produces receipt or detention slip – no further action required.
- Student **without** a receipt or detention slip to be issued a uniform detention, slip to Student Services.

JEWELLERY and PIERCINGS

Before school/During form/During the day

- Student with any jewellery or piercings that do not comply with the uniform policy to be issued a detention and instructed to remove the jewellery or piercing.
- Students refusing to comply with process are to report to Administration
- Students could receive multiple detentions if jewellery or piercings are put back on/in.

Students who are non-compliant with any other aspect of the uniform policy will be given the opportunity to remove or rectify the breach immediately before attending regular classes. If a student is unable to/or refuses to comply with the policy, then parent/guardians will be contacted to collect student or student will be provided work to complete at Administration.



Guide to correct footwear

CORRECT FOOTWEAR



INCORRECT FOOTWEAR

