

# Amberley District State School

## Uniform and Dress Standard Policy

The Amberley District State School P&C have determined that our school is a full uniform school. All students are expected to wear the school uniform in accordance with the ADSS Uniform and Dress Standard Policy.

The Amberley District State School P&C Association supports a student dress code policy for Amberley District State School students because it believes that a student dress code policy at Amberley District State School promotes the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989, and in particular that it:

- a) Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students of the school
- b) Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school
- c) Promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging
- d) Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic and social differences; and
- e) Reflects the core values, motto and expectations of our community:  
Knowledge is Strength: We are learners - We are safe - We are respectful - We get along

The P&C has been actively involved in the formation and writing of the Uniform and Dress Standards Policy in consultation with the school community and school Administration. In addition it operates a uniform shop to supply the school community with the correct uniform items identified in this policy.

Any changes made to the ADSS Uniform and Dress Standard Policy will occur in consultation with the P&C and school community and introduced with an appropriate transition period.

### The following uniform is acceptable:

- Royal blue school shirt with yellow trim and school emblem
- Checked dress (girls)
- Royal blue shorts, skorts or skirts (not cargo or board shorts or basketball shorts). Bike pants may be worn under skirt or dress but not be longer than the skirt.
- White socks ankle length (at a minimum)
- F-111, Mirage, Phantom or Sabre shirts may be worn on PE and sporting days
- Senior Shirts, Sports shirts & Music shirts may be worn on days of events and their respective representation days.
- Royal blue colour track pants or equivalent. Cargo pants and jeans are not acceptable.
- School jacket or completely plain and royal blue jacket / jumper.
- Stockings and leggings beneath their school dress, skirt or shorts in royal blue, navy blue or black.
- A long sleeve shirt/undershirt/skivvy beneath their school shirt or dress in royal blue.



## School Shoes

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations students 'footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Footwear selection must also take into account the health benefits of growing children wearing supportive footwear to minimise future health risks.

The following are the acceptable footwear options for students (with the exception of any medical issues): black, white or plain coloured (one predominant mild colour) joggers/running shoes suitable for a 100 metre race or game of soccer that lace up or have velcro. The school has a reference for Prep and Yr 1 to wear Velcro style shoes if they cannot independently tie laces. Shoes with raised heels, fancy additions to shoes like multi-coloured laces, flashing lights or shoes with wheels are unacceptable.

### Shoes and White Socks– Boys and Girls

#### Acceptable



#### Unacceptable



## Hats

Education Queensland requires children to wear protective hats for outdoor activities. Wide brimmed school hats are available from the Uniform Shop. Caps and hats of other colours are not acceptable. A “no wide brimmed hat – no play” rule applies at Amberley District State School and hats are to be worn as designed.



### Hats and Hair accessories– Boys and Girls

#### Acceptable



#### Unacceptable



## Hair and Makeup

All students at Amberley District State school are to be respectful in their appearance with hairstyles to be neat, tidy and well maintained.

Students with long hair are encouraged to tie their hair back at all times with a hair tie in colours of blue or yellow. This assists in the control of head lice, to maintain safety requirements and also assists our students in looking neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied back for sport and other practical lessons.

- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a non-natural colour
- Extreme hairstyles such as mohawks, tracks, rats' tails or shaved sections are not permitted
- Accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies, other brightly coloured headwear and non-school hats. Hair ribbons/bows/scrunchies/clips in school colours are permitted.
- Nail polish is not permitted and fingernails need to be kept short
- All facial make-up is inappropriate for primary school students and therefore it should not be worn.

## Swimwear

**Appropriate swimwear must be worn along with sun shirt** for swimming. A swimming cap may be required depending on venue and as directed by the responsible staff member. **All students** from Prep to Year 6 participating in Amberley District State School swimming programs are required to wear a sun safe shirt/t-shirt over their swimsuits. The Education Departmental requirements for state schools are "swim shirts must be worn by Prep – Year 6 students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons. If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, schools can allow students to wear a t-shirt".



## Jewellery

For safety reasons, a watch and two earrings (small plain sleepers or studs) per ear for pierced ears are the only items of jewelry permitted to be worn at school.

Other piercings or facial studs, including tongue studs of any kind are not to be worn to school. Clear coloured alternatives are not accepted or permitted. No other accessories are to be worn. Parents of children for religious, cultural or health reasons who need to modify the uniform code are required to make an appointment with the principal for further discussion.

### Earrings – Boys and Girls

#### Acceptable



Small  
(5 mm)



#### Unacceptable



No medium or large  
hoops/sleepers



No-dangling  
attachments



## Cultural Dress

Students are permitted to wear head coverings such as the hijab, the yarmulke or a turban in school colours.

### Cultural headwear



# **Compliance with the ADSS Uniform Policy and Dress Standards Policy**

## **1. RESPONSIBILITIES PARENTS / CARERS**

Parents are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the correct uniform and general appearance of their child/children. They are to ensure their children are appropriately dressed each school day and the uniform is in good condition.

If the correct uniform is not available for any reason, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to communicate this in a note to the child's teacher. The note should be given to the class teacher at the commencement of the school day. These will be accepted for specified and temporary reasons rather than long-term waivers of the uniform expectations.

Clothing items may be loaned on special occasions on a short-term basis from a school supply either available from the Uniform Shop or Administration Office. Special occasions may include but are not limited to school excursions, school photos and student illness. These items are to be returned to the school in a clean condition ready for re-use.

### **Labeling**

Parents are responsible for labeling students possessions clearly with the child's name. This applies to all student uniform items including hat, jumper, tracksuit pants, raincoat, shoes and such items as lunch box, library bag, homework folder, purse etc.

## **2. STUDENTS – DRESS STANDARDS**

Wearing the uniform ensures that students are confidently and appropriately dressed and instills a sense of pride and respect in the students, both in their school and in their personal presentation.

Students are responsible for wearing the uniform and presenting themselves in a manner that shows pride in one self and promotes the good image of the school within the community. Students are expected to be clean, neat and tidy and well presented at all times. Personal hygiene is a very important consideration for each student and will be encouraged by the school. This is a reflection of the core values of our school and the expectations of the Uniform and Dress Standard Policy.

Uniform checks are held and in accordance with the Department of Education Manual SC-09: Student Dress Code.

Students not in correct uniform must have a letter from a parent/caregiver explaining the reason. The letter should be given to the class teacher at the commencement of the school day. These will be accepted for specified and temporary reasons rather than long-term waivers of the uniform expectations.

## **3. TEACHERS**

Teachers will monitor and encourage students to comply with the ADSS Uniform and Dress Standards Policy. On a daily basis, they will enforce the 'no wide brimmed hat, no play' policy. If a student is regularly not wearing correct uniform or not complying with the dress standards, and there is no note or explanation from the parent/carer, the student will be referred to the Principal or nominee. If a student does not comply with teacher requests (direction) regarding uniform or dress standards, the matter will be referred to the Principal or nominee.

#### **4. PRINCIPAL**

The application and enforcement of the ADSS Uniform and Dress Standard Policy within the school community, and the day-to-day enforcement of the policy are the responsibility of the School Administration (the Principal and Deputy Principal with the cooperation of the teaching staff) as outlined below.

The Principal has the final authority to enforce the school's Uniform and Dress Standard Policy. This authority is provided via State Legislation, under the 'Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy', established under Sections 360-363 and Section 283 of the Education (General Provisions) Act of 2006. The Principal or nominee will provide a considered course of action for uniform issues and this will be administered on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Consequences of non-compliance with Dress Code**

Students wearing the incorrect uniform (without a temporary explanatory note) will receive a consequence, which may include parental contact, prevention from partaking in school activities, or detention. Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform. Repeat offences will result in the item being kept in safekeeping until 3:00pm. If continued non-compliant behaviour occurs, he/she will be requested to collect the item at the end of the term. A parent note requesting the return of items will be required.

If a student does not comply with a dress code for school's students developed under section 360 of the Act, the school's principal may only impose the following sanctions-

1. Detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3);
2. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity for which the student was representing the school;
3. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school;
4. If a student continues to be out of uniform and fails to complete the detention, this will be considered as 'wilful disobedience' and as such students may be suspended from school.