



Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy

Rationale

At Brighton State School, we aspire to uphold our school moto of 'only the best.' By fostering high expectations in adhering to our Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy, we aim to instil in our students that they belong to a strong community of learners.

The Brighton State School Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy aims to foster a safe and supportive learning environment by:

- Establishing a welcoming culture of school pride and belonging, a positive learning environment and high expectations
- Promoting a positive image within our community with an identifiable uniform that is smart, tidy and worn appropriately
- Addressing health and safety policies by ensuring students are wearing appropriate footwear and sun safe clothing
- Promoting the shared belief that we are part of something special and great, developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Improving student safety by enabling staff to identify people within the school grounds who are not associated with the school and identifying students at offsite activities such as excursions

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) section 360, a Principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school. As per the Act, this dress code outlines the acceptable standard of clothing to be worn by students and personal presentation. The Brighton State School Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy reflects the community expectations and standards as determined by the Principal in consultation with school community representatives.

Our Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing. This includes a school uniform that all students will wear when:

- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

Dress Code and Personal Presentation Expectations

Cultural or Religious Modifications

The school understands and accepts that some cultures and religions have specific dress requirements. Visible modifications or additions to the Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy that comply with recognised cultural or religious values must be negotiated with the Principal or relevant Deputy Principal.

Hair

- Hair styles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained
- All long hair (as defined by touching the shoulders) must be tied back by a hair tie or hair ribbon
- Extreme hairstyles or significant variations in hair length (including but not limited to mohawks) are not acceptable
- Natural toning only is permitted - unnatural hair colours are not acceptable

Jewellery

- Up to two pairs of plain sleeper or stud earrings may be worn
- No facial piercings (including but not limited to eyebrow, nose and lip) are permitted
- One watch may be worn
- Necklaces are not to be worn (students wishing to wear a necklace of cultural or religious significance must seek permission from the Principal or relevant Deputy Principal prior to wearing to school)



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Make-up and Nails

- Make-up (including but not limited to eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara and lipstick) is not permitted
- Artificial nails (including but not limited to acrylic and gel nails) are not permitted
- Only clear nail polish on natural nails is permitted

Tattoos

- Visible tattoos or body art, including temporary versions, are not permitted

Non-Uniform Days

- Clothing must adhere to sun safe guidelines
- Offensive language or graphics is not permitted
- Shoes must be enclosed – thongs and sandals are not permitted

Non-Compliance with Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy

It is at the discretion of the Principal or relevant Deputy Principal to determine whether hair, make-up or jewellery comply with the Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy.

If a student does not comply with the Dress Code and Personal Presentation Policy, the Principal or relevant Deputy Principal may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- (a) Prevention of the student attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school
- (b) Prevention of the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school

Non-Compliance Procedure

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform whether short or long term, and wish to wear a modification, must apply to the Principal or relevant Deputy Principal for permission.

Community Consultation

Through consultation with the Brighton State School P&C the Dress Code and Person Presentation Policy is endorsed. This policy will be reviewed annually through P&C meetings.

Principal: S. Massey

Date: 16.07.2024

P&C President: A. Ludlow

Date: 16.07.2024



Uniform Categories

Footwear

All students must wear enclosed footwear. It is preferred that footwear is predominately black. White socks should be worn.



Clothing

Students may choose to wear the formal uniform or sports uniform daily. Year 6 students may wear a senior shirt each day. There are shorts and skirts options that can be worn with the shirt, blouse or sports polo shirt. Dresses are also available. House polos are worn by students every Friday.



Winter items include a school jacket or plain black jumper. Hoods are not permitted. Students may wear plain black pants.



Accessories

All students must have a sun safe hat. Hair ties and ribbons should be school colours (red, black or white) and discrete in size.



All school branded uniform items are available for purchase from the Brighton State School Uniform Shop.

