



Upper Coomera State College

DRESS CODE POLICY PREP TO YEAR 12



DRESS CODE STATEMENT

Upper Coomera State College is a full-uniform College. Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a Principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school.

We take great pride in our uniform. We believe that the way our uniform is worn is a reflection of the manner in which we are perceived within and beyond the school community. While school spirit is the driving principle behind an insistence on full school uniform at all times, there are sound safety, financial and practical reasons that parents, care providers and students need to be familiar with meeting our uniform standards.

The following Student Dress Code clearly explains and documents standards of acceptable dress within Upper Coomera State College.

The school uniform is advocated by the school community for the following reasons:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school promoting student safety;
- Promoting the college values of Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner;
- It develops mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences;
- It gives students a sense of personal pride in their own appearance;
- The link between dress standards, school discipline and academic success;
- Fostering a sense of belonging to the wider College community; •
- Developing mutual respect among students and the wider community.

The college urges all parents to support the accepted standard of dress by ensuring their students follow the dress code policy as outlined below.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363, Section 282) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress at Upper Coomera State College. The College Dress Code is endorsed by the P&C Association.

VERSION CONTROL

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As an overlying premise to all aspects of the Upper Coomera State College Dress Code Policy, any student whose presentation at school “*draws undue attention*” to themselves, will be required to alter their appearance to meet an acceptable standard at the discretion of College Administration.

UNIFORM

1. All uniform items are to be purchased at the college uniform shop. Look-a-like items are not acceptable. Students are to purchase the appropriate size clothing.
2. Students are required to wear their formal uniform every Friday and for all formal occasions such as excursions (unless otherwise specified), awards nights, college photos, other college or public functions.
3. Socks are to be clearly visible, plain white socks (not footlet socks or sockettes).
4. Only jumpers and jackets with the official UCSC logo are able to be worn.
5. UCSC uniforms are not to be altered in any fashion. This strictly includes (but is not limited to):
 - a. Cutting and shortening of hemlines;
 - b. Rolling up of sleeves and rolling down of skirt tops is not permitted and long pants must be worn at full length and not rolled;
 - d. Re-embroidering, replicating or reproducing the College logo/badges. To do so is contravening copyright laws and will be pursued by the College.
6. Visible undershirts are not permitted to be worn.
7. The College understands and accepts that some religions have specific dress requirements.
8. Students must not mix and match between the formal and sports uniforms. For example, if wearing the formal shirt, the formal shorts or skirt must be worn.
9. Students must wear an Upper Coomera State College hat whilst outside.

NOT PERMITTED AT UCSC

- Scarves
- Canvas shoes, shoes without laces, slip-ons or thongs under any circumstances
- Non-branded UCSC hats
- Bandanas or beanies of any description
- Hooded fleeces or jackets
- Studded belts
- Visible tattoos – must be covered at all times by a skin coloured sleeve or bandage
- Handbags and infant sized back packs are not appropriate for our students' schooling purposes

**In addition to this, UCSC has clear expectations around the manner in which the uniform is to be worn. Sleeves and hem-lines are to be kept rolled down at all times. Trousers/skirts are to be maintained at a height that does not expose a student's skin or undergarments.*

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM

PREPARATORY TO YEAR 12 UNIFORM

- Teal and purple sports polo
- Dark charcoal sports shorts with teal stripe
- UCSC Track pants
- UCSC Jacket or Jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- Plain white visible socks
- UCSC hat/cap (the baseball style cap can only be worn from Year 7-12)

* UCSC Track pants may only be worn with teal and purple sports polo shirt.



GENERAL SPORTS
PREP - YEAR 12

SPORTS POLO (Cotton/Poly)

MICROFIBRE SPORTS SHORT

MICROFIBRE SPORTS JACKET

MICROFIBRE SPORTS TROUSER

Additional sports representative uniforms and team gear is available for each individual excellence program.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM

PREPARATORY – YEAR 6

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Primary school dress (with compulsory purple tie) or
- Primary school blouse (with compulsory purple tie)
- Primary school shirt
- Primary school Purple skirt/skort/charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces (Prep – Yr 1 may wear 'Mary Janes' and Prep – Yr 2 may wear Velcro shoes)
- UCSC hat

WINTER UNIFORM

- Primary school dress (with compulsory purple tie) or
- Primary school blouse (with compulsory purple tie)
- Primary school shirt
- Primary school Purple skirt/skort/charcoal formal shorts
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- Black/flesh coloured stockings can be worn under dress/skirt/skort/shorts (no leggings or tights)
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC Hat

ACCESSORIES

FORMAL UNIFORM



All Black Full Leather Shoes
with black laces.
Prep to Yr 2 may wear velcro



Plain White Visible Socks



Black / Charcoal
Leather Belt



PRIMARY FORMAL SHIRT



PRIMARY SCHOOL BLOUSE
WITH COMPULSORY PURPLE TIE



PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS
WITH COMPULSORY PURPLE TIE



CHARCOAL FORMAL TROUSER



CHARCOAL FORMAL SHORTS



PURPLE SKORT



PURPLE SKIRT

JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMAL UNIFORM

YEAR 7 – YEAR 9

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Junior Secondary blue formal blouse / shirt (with optional purple tie)
- Purple skirt or charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

WINTER UNIFORM

- Junior Secondary blue formal blouse / shirt (with optional purple tie)
- Charcoal trouser/charcoal formal shorts/purple skirt
- Black or charcoal belt (if required)
- Black/flesh coloured stockings can be worn under skirts/shorts (no leggings or tights)
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

ACCESSORIES



Covered Black Leather Shoes



Plain White Visible Socks



Black / Charcoal
Leather Belt

FORMAL TOPS



FORMAL SHIRT



FORMAL BLOUSE

FORMAL BOTTOMS



FORMAL TROUSER



FORMAL SHORT



FORMAL SKIRT

SENIOR SECONDARY FORMAL UNIFORM

YEAR 10 – YEAR 12

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Senior white shirt / blouse (with optional purple/teal/gold coloured tie)
- Purple skirt or charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

WINTER UNIFORM

- Senior white shirt / blouse (with optional purple/teal/gold coloured tie)
- Charcoal trouser/charcoal formal shorts/purple skirt
- Black or charcoal belt (if required)
- Black/flesh coloured stockings can be worn under skirts/shorts (no leggings or tights)
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

ACCESSORIES



Covered Black Leather Shoes



Plain White Visible Socks



Black / Charcoal
Leather Belt



NECK TIE



FORMAL SHIRT



FORMAL BLOUSE

FORMAL BOTTOMS



FORMAL TROUSER



FORMAL SHORT



FORMAL SKIRT

SHOES

Due to National Curriculum and 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 minimize future health risks.

Students must wear:

- All black, full leather shoes or imitation (that is not permeable) or suede with black laces. *(Please note Prep to Year 1 for Mary Jane shoes and Prep to Year 2 for Velcro are permissible, see example below)*. Any shoes required for a particular sport, eg. white soled shoes, running spikes, etc can only be worn for participation in sport. The student will then be required to return to the correct College uniform of black shoes with a leather / imitation leather upper and black laces.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Shoes with coloured trims or logos, canvas lace up shoes, canvas shoes without laces, slip on shoes of any style or colour, regardless of whether they are black or not or footwear that does not cover the entire foot.
- Boots that come above the ankle, whether they are black leather or not;
- The College has strict expectations and requirements concerning appropriate and regulated footwear. The College reserves the right to make judgements on the acceptability or otherwise of footwear and will not enter into further discussion on decisions made in this regard.

ACCEPTABLE SHOES



UNACCEPTABLE SHOES



JEWELLERY

- Maximum of two earrings in one individual ear are allowed. This must be either plain studs or sleepers. Studs are to be no larger than 8mm in size. Sleepers are to be no larger than 10mm in diameter.
- Maximum of ONE facial piercing is allowed. This is to be restricted to the nose or the eyebrow. Clear or small unobtrusive studs are permitted in the nose. Clear bars or small unobtrusive bar is permitted in the eyebrow.
- Students will not receive a jewellery pass for any extra piercings beyond what is allowed under any circumstance
- One wrist watch
- Items required for identification of medical conditions
- All necklaces must be worn out of sight
- No other accessories are to be worn

**The above jewellery standards apply to any occasion during or out of school hours including, but not limited to, where a student is at the College, representing the College in any way, dressed in College uniform including uniforms for various sporting, extra-curricular or other programs where the College is represented by the student, or the College is on display in the community.*

HAIR AND MAKEUP

All students at the college are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

- Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and maintained to a presentable standard
- Long hair (longer than shoulder length) is to be tied back in areas where Workplace Health and Safety policies apply
- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a 'non-natural' colour. Students will be asked to recolour to a more natural colour at their own expense
- Bandanas, beanies and bright coloured headwear is not permitted
- Makeup must be of natural appearance and not excessive
- False eyelashes or lash extensions are not permitted
- Coloured nail polish and nail patterns are not permitted, including false nails or nail attachments and are to be removed at own expense

Students may be asked to remove **excess makeup and nail polish.*

OUT OF UNIFORM PROCEDURES

PRIMARY SCHOOL (PREPARATORY – YEAR 6)

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:

- Report to class as per normal each morning;
- Teachers note the uniform breach and give a verbal reminder;
- Teachers will make contact with the parent/guardian to negotiate a solution to the uniform breach;
- Persistent non-compliance with the UCSC Dress Code Policy will result in a meeting between the Deputy Principal and parents to resolve the uniform breach;
- Incorrect uniform items may be temporarily confiscated by a member of administration;
- In rare, extenuating circumstances the Junior School Principal (only) may issue a temporary uniform exemption pass for a finite period of time e.g temporary medical condition. Students are to present appropriate documentation to the office.

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEAR 7 – YEAR 12)

- Teacher to direct student to RESET room as soon as uniform breach is identified.
- Teacher to call RESET room to inform student has been sent for uniform breach.

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:

- Student to report to the RESET room after FORM class, the RESET room is located in G Block;
- Student provides note to RESET room co-ordinator to explain uniform breach. RESET room co-ordinator will communicate home via SMS to inform the parent/guardian of a uniform breach.
 - If possible, uniform breach will be rectified.
- Student unable to provide a note, the RESET room, RESET room co-ordinator will communicate home via SMS to inform the parent/guardian of a uniform breach.
 - If possible, uniform breach will be rectified. Student will be issued with detention.
- Repetitive breach (3rd instance). Student will be referred to Head of Department – Wellbeing and Engagement
- The Head of Department – Wellbeing and Engagement will contact the parent/guardian to discuss repetitive uniform breaches, the student will complete their learning for the remainder of the day in the Uniform Correction Room;
- Incorrect uniform items may be temporarily confiscated by a member of administration or Head of Department – Wellbeing and Engagement;
- If the uniform breach does not meet Workplace Health and Safety (WH & S) requirements of the College, the student may be required to complete their learning in the Uniform Correction Room;

- In rare, extenuating circumstances the Secondary School Principal may issue a uniform exemption pass for a finite period of time e.g. medical condition. Parent/guardian may apply for a uniform exemption with appropriate documentation to the Principal.

Consequences for non-compliance

Students who fail to comply with the Dress Code will receive appropriate consequences. Students may be prevented from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school, or in programs which are deemed not part of the essential education program. Education (General Provisions Act) 2006.

UNIFORM POLICY CLAUSE FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR IDENTIFIED MEDICAL CONDITION

On occasion students with a disability or identified medical condition may require specific adjustments to their school uniform under *Disability Discrimination Act (1992)* and/or as a result of additional specialist input from: - Advisory Visiting Teacher (AVT) - Occupational Therapist - Orientation and Mobility Specialist - Physiotherapist – Speech Language Pathologist – Psychologist – Psychiatrist - Paediatrician.

Where a student requires a specific uniform adjustment, the College Principal will advise school personnel on the specifications of their uniform adjustment. Students with a disability may undertake a sensory profile supported by the identified Occupational Therapist to identify a specific sensory difficulty relating to the adjustment of wearing items of the school uniform.