

Upper Coomera



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PREP - 12 DRESS CODE POLICY

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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, and Be Safe;
- 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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UNIFORM

1. All uniform items are to be purchased in 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 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 ankle socks (not footlet socks).
4. Jumpers, other than those with the official UCSC logo, are not permitted 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 short legs;
 - c. Rolling down of skirt tops;
 - 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 (boys) or skirt (girls) must be worn. As a general rule, if it draws undue attention to the student, it is not allowed.
9. Students must wear an Upper Coomera State College hat whilst outside.

NOT PERMITTED AT UCSC

- Facial piercing ie lip, eye brow, nose, including clear piercings
- 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
- 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 GIRLS/BOYS UNIFORM

- Teal and purple sports polo
- Dark charcoal sports shorts with teal stripe
- UCSC Track pants
- 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)

** Please note the new UCSC polo shirt has been available from 2017. There will be a three year changeover period in which either the old or new polo shirt can be worn as part of the uniform. From 2020 only the new polo shirt will be allowed.*

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM

PREPARATORY – YEAR 6

GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Junior school dress (with compulsory purple tie) or
- Junior school blouse (with compulsory purple tie)
- 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

GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM

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

BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Junior school shirt
- Junior school charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces (Prep – Yr 2 may wear Velcro shoes)
- UCSC Hat



BOYS WINTER UNIFORM

- Junior school shirt
- Junior school charcoal formal shorts
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC Hat

JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMAL UNIFORM

YEAR 7 – YEAR 9

GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM

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

GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM

- Junior Secondary blue blouse (with compulsory girls 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

BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Junior Secondary blue shirt
- Charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

BOYS WINTER UNIFORM

- Junior Secondary blue shirt
- Charcoal trouser/charcoal formal shorts
- Black or charcoal belt (if required)
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat



SENIOR SECONDARY FORMAL UNIFORM

YEAR 10 – YEAR 12

GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Senior white blouse (with compulsory girls 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

GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM

- Senior white blouse (with compulsory girls 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

BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM

- Senior white shirt (with compulsory boys purple/teal/gold coloured tie)
- Charcoal formal shorts
- Plain white visible socks
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat

BOYS WINTER UNIFORM

- Senior white shirt (with compulsory boys purple/teal/gold coloured tie)
- Charcoal trouser/charcoal formal shorts
- Black or charcoal belt (if required)
- UCSC jacket or jumper
- All black, full leather shoes with black laces
- UCSC hat



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 minimize future health risks.

Students must wear:

- All black, full leather shoes 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 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

- One earring (plain studs or sleepers) per ear for pierced ears. Studs are to be no larger than 5mm in diameter. Sleepers are to be no larger than a 5 cent piece
- One wrist watch
- Items required for identification of medical conditions
- Religious or cultural necklaces may be worn out of sight
- UCSC in no way accepts facial or body piercings that are visible to the public. Clear alternatives are not acceptable or permitted
- 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
- Students may wear hair ribbons or clips in the college colours. All other accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies and bright coloured headwear
- No makeup is permitted
- Coloured nail polish and nail patterns are not permitted, including false nails or nail attachments

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



OUT OF UNIFORM PROCEDURES

Students unable to wear an item of the uniform for good reason must follow the procedures below:

JUNIOR 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 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)

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

- Report to the Year level Dean after PBL/roll class, the Year Level Deans are located in Staffroom 1;
- The Year Level Dean will contact the parent/guardian to see if the uniform breach can be corrected;
- If the breach cannot be corrected, the student will complete their learning for the remainder of the day in the Uniform Correction Room;
- Incorrect uniform items may be confiscated by a member of administration;
- In rare, extenuating circumstances the Secondary 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.



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 their Education Adjustment Program Profile (EAP 36) as a result of additional specialist input from: - Advisory Visiting Teacher (AVT) - Occupational Therapist - Orientation and Mobility Specialist - Physiotherapist - Speech-Language Pathologist.

Where a student requires a specific uniform adjustment, the Head of Special Education Services (HOSSES) 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.

Students with a disability may require such adjustments to the following uniform items:

- Shoes
- Shirt
- Short
- Socks
- Hat
- Jumper/Jacket