DRESS CODE

Background

Statement of Intent
Emerald North State School’s Dress Code consists of an agreed standard and identifies our uniform that students wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
- travelling to and from school; and
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

Emerald North State School’s Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging;
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of physical, economic or social differences; and
- minimising exposure to hazards by adopting uniform items that enhance WPH & S practices.

Purpose
The purpose of our Dress Code is to ensure a strong commitment to our Full Uniform with Pride ethos prevails and that clear processes underpin commitment and compliance. Our Full Uniform with Pride is achieved by wearing:

- Uniform items only each day - at school and to and from school
- School shirt (including Sports, Senior or Representative shirts), Navy shorts, skirt or skorts.
- School hat as designated for student’s year level
- Plain black, leather, closed-in school shoes with sensible heels – no splashes of colour or logos
- Plain black sandshoe / jogger, or leather school shoe (closed-in).
- All long hair held back in school coloured hair ties, including black, white or neutral tones only
- Plain white socks - ankle length
- No jewellery excepting one pair of plain styled earrings (sleepers / studs) in the lobe, watch and medical alert bracelet or necklace.
- No make-up. Students wearing make-up are deemed as being out of uniform.
- Other uniform items including school logoed bag, library bag, drink bottles.

Sanctions / Consequences
Students not wearing full uniform are in breach of the Emerald North State School Dress Code. Parent advice in regards to non-uniform is essential and must be provided in every instance. The following sanctions have been endorsed by the Emerald North State School P&C Association and comply with all relevant policies and Acts.

- Students will have detention (missed play) for not wearing full school uniform.
- Students without a school hat must stay in an undercover area.
- Students with extra jewellery will be asked to remove it. Confiscated jewellery can be collected by the student after school. Jewellery confiscated for a third time is to be collected by the parent from the office.
- Refusal to wear school uniform will be deemed as student refusal to follow instructions and may result in suspension and/or referral to Principal.
- Students who wear incorrect uniform may be excluded from some practical activities / classes due to Workplace Health and Safety concerns e.g. closed-in shoes.
- Students with a poor record of full school uniform may be ineligible to represent the school in sporting and academic events and attend school / class excursions or gain a Senior or Representative Shirt.

Principal Responsibilities

- Ensure that the Emerald North State School Dress Code is consistent with relevant legislation, both State and Commonwealth.
“Full Uniform With Pride” Policy
Student Dress Code - Effective, June 2011

- Ensure that processes and sanctions are clearly articulated and are inclusive of special circumstances and particular students.
- Liaise with the P&C to ensure the Emerald North State School Dress Code is supported and endorsed by the parent body, and stock is on hand for supply to students.
- Consult with parents or carers of children enrolled at their school, school staff and students to develop the Emerald North State School Dress Code.
- Enforce aspects of student dress codes related to safety eg footwear, eye protection, jewellery and hats.
- Liaise with parents of students who are persistent offenders/ demonstrate a refusal to comply with the Dress Code.

Leadership Team
- Liaise with parents of students who are persistent offenders/ demonstrate a refusal to comply with the Dress Code.
- Report students with repeated Uniform Infringements to principal for follow-up with parents / caregivers.

Teacher’s Responsibilities and Processes
- Conduct uniform checks to ascertain for students in breach of the Uniform Code.
- Complete the Uniform Infringement Slip and hand bottom portion to student.
- Lodge Uniform Infringement Slip at office.

Parent / Caregiver Responsibilities
We recognise and thank the Community and parents for their support of the Emerald North State School Dress Code.
- Compliance with the school Dress Code is a condition of enrolment at this school.
- Support students to comply with all aspects of the Emerald North State School Dress Code.
- Provide written advice via communication books, student diaries or letter/email in every instance that a student does not comply with full school uniform.
- Support the school in their endeavours to promote a Full Uniform with Pride Policy.
- Sign Uniform Infringement slip and encourage student to return slip to school.

Student Responsibilities
- Wear the full school uniform correctly to, from and during school each day.
- Assist parents / caregivers to ensure you meet with all aspects of the Emerald North State School Dress Code.
- Always wear the correct school uniform.
- Ensuring that all undergarments are not visible.
- Return and Uniform Infringement slip to class teacher.
- Comply with sanctions / consequences and staff directions at all times in regards to the Emerald North State School Dress Code. Failing to comply with requests, sanctions or consequences equates to a separate issue of disobedience.

General Expectations
Emerald North State School believes a consistent presence of full uniform is a very powerful way to create a sense of pride and community. Students are expected to attend school and lessons in the school uniform.

The Full Uniform with Pride is achieved by:
- Uniform items only, being worn daily - with no exception.
  - School Shirt (uniform polo shirt, Year 7 Shirt, Student Representative Shirts)
  - The school hat being worn at all times that the student is outdoors
  - Plain black shoes or plain joggers are worn.
  - Plain white socks are worn - no logos
  - All long hair being tied back with accessories that are our school colours or black, white or neutral tones.
  - No jewellery - with the exception of one pair of plain sleepers or ear studs, one watch and one medical bracelet/necklace.
  - No make-up. Students wearing make-up are deemed as being out of uniform.