

Rochedale State School Student Dress Code Policy

Student Dress Code

Rationale:

Rochedale State School and its community support a student dress code policy and encourage all students to support this policy by wearing the school uniform.

The school has adopted the student dress code as it believes the code:

- ❖ Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school
- ❖ Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school
- ❖ Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimizing visible evidence of economic, class or social differences
- ❖ Promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging
- ❖ Creates a good image of the school within the community and encourages students to uphold and enhance that image

Uniform Mode of Dress

Rochedale State School has adopted a uniform mode of dress. The uniform adopted consists of the following:

School Uniform for Years 1 to 7

- ❖ Unisex blue polo shirt (blue /gold)
- ❖ Blue unisex knit shorts
- ❖ Light blue and dark blue check, short sleeved dress
- ❖ Mid blue culottes/ A line skirt
- ❖ Black shoes or joggers with white socks
- ❖ Blue sun safe broad brimmed slouch hat. Caps not acceptable

School Uniform for Prep

- ❖ As above with Gold Legionnaire hat

Optional Winter Items for Years 1 to 7

- ❖ Blue tazon jacket and track pants in school colours
- ❖ V neck fleecy pullover bearing school logo

Sports Uniform for Years 1 to 7

- ❖ Interhouse sports shirt in house colours (red, green, blue)
- ❖ Blue sports shorts/ culottes

Interschool Sports Uniform Year 4 to 7

- ❖ When representing the school in Inter-school sport, blue/gold polo shirt and shorts must be worn. Specific sports may opt to wear specific uniforms but this will be at the discretion of the sporting coaches. Students will be required to wear specified safety equipment applicable to the sport as required by the Department of Education Manual or Sports Organizer. All sports teams will follow the sun safe hat policy.

Specific Issues

Band / Choir: It is a condition of being a member of the band or choir that all members wear the specified uniform and that parents are responsible for the care and maintenance of this uniform.

Body Art - Students wearing fake tattoos, nail polish and make -up will be requested to remove them.

Excursions - Students are required to follow the dress code when representing the school at competitions, excursions and performances.

Free Dress Days - Our school has free dress days to raise money for various projects. On these days there are some guidelines that need to be considered:

1. Sun safe clothing- no singlet tops, sleeveless shirts, exposed midriffs, mini skirts or short shorts
2. Suitable footwear - no thongs or high heels
3. No make -up, fingernail polish, jewellery
4. Appropriate messages on T-shirts - no offensive language, drawings or messages are acceptable.

Hair - Hair should be maintained in a manner that ensures the safety of the student and others. Student's hair should be appropriately styled and coloured.

Jewellery - Minimal jewellery should be worn to school. These items include a wrist watch, studs or sleepers. Necklaces for medical or religious significance may be worn. These must be worn on the inside of the child's uniform.

Special needs - The code of dress may be modified to meet the special needs of students. eg physical impairment, religious beliefs

Areas of Responsibility

Principal

The Principal is to negotiate a position with students and parents who are not complying with the dress code. Should a student be inappropriately dressed the Principal or nominee will offer appropriate items from the school's bank of uniforms. In relation to inappropriate dress, the Principal or nominee will take action that prevents risk to students or others, or action that maintains normal school operations. The Principal will inform the student's parents or carers of the matter and if necessary discuss it further with the relevant parties.

Parents

Parents are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the uniform mode of dress. They are to ensure their children are appropriately dressed each school day. It is also parent's responsibility to ensure all children's clothing items are clearly labelled with the student's name.

Students

Students are responsible for wearing the uniform dress in a manner that shows pride in oneself and promotes the good image of the school within the community and encourages students to uphold and enhance that image. They are also responsible for checking lost property for missing items.

Parents and Citizens Association

The Parents and Citizens Association will endorse the Student Code of Dress. The Rochedale State School Parents and Citizens Association will provide a bank of uniform items (in reasonable condition) to be provided to children whose parents experience poverty or for some reason cannot provide them. Also, this association should meet the cost of any second hand items the principal or nominee should purchase from the uniform shop. The Parents and Citizens Association will review the uniform mode of dress as required and modify in consultation with the community. The Rochedale Parent and Citizens Association

will continue to make available the full range of uniforms through the school uniform shop.

Teachers

Teachers will encourage children to adhere to the dress code and ensure children wear protective clothing and equipment as required. If a child is inappropriately dressed, the student will be sent to the Principal/nominee to access appropriate items from the bank of uniforms held at the school.

Parent and Citizens Endorsement of Student Dress Code

The Parents and Citizens Association of Rochedale State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Rochedale State School because it believes that a student dress code at Rochedale State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the Parents and Citizens Association of Rochedale State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment.

Principal

**P & C President or
Chair, School Council**