



Howard State School Student Dress Code

The **Howard State Student Dress Code** clearly outlines the acceptable standards of dress and student personal presentation when the students are attending, or representing, the school.

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Part 9 Items: 360-363.

Purpose

The purpose of the student dress code is to promote a sense of identity and pride; help strengthen school community cohesion; enhance student safety, health and wellbeing; and prepare students for the expectations of some workplaces. The student dress code aligns with and reflects our school values; Value Yourself, Value Others and Value your School.

Rights and Responsibilities

School

- Ensure that the student dress code is consistent with relevant legislation and guidelines
- Ensure that expectations, processes and enforcement strategies are clearly articulated and are inclusive of diversity, disability and individual circumstances
- Consult with the Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C), parents or carers, school staff and students to develop the student dress code
- Inform the school and parent community of non-uniform days
- Promote and positively reinforce the student dress code

Parents

- Compliance with the student dress code is an expectation upon enrolment at this school
- Support students to comply with all aspects of the student dress code
- Ensure that the uniform is in good order and is clean
- Proactively communicate with the school should a modifications, reasonable adjustments or exemptions to the student dress code be required

Students

- Wear the full school uniform correctly to, from and during school each day
- Follow the directions of staff regarding the student dress code



Acceptable Uniform	
Shirt	<p><u>Howard SS polo</u> (green and black polo with school emblem)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be worn when representing the school and for school photos <p><u>Howard SS sports polo</u> (<i>Pizzey or Rankin</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be worn on days with physical education lessons and on cross country, athletics or swimming carnival days <p><u>Howard SS Senior polo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be worn on Mondays and Fridays
Shorts	Plain black (between mid-thigh and above the knee in length)
Skorts	Plain black (between mid-thigh and above the knee in length)
Long pants	Plain black track pants or black trousers (to the ankle in length)
Jumper	Howard SS zip-up jacket with school emblem or plain black jumper
Shoes	Black or mostly black full-enclosed shoes
Socks	Plain black or white ankle or sports socks
Hat	Howard SS bucket hat (black and green bucket hat with school emblem) as outlined in the School Sun Safety Strategy
Hair	Hair longer than shoulder length to be tied back using a plain hair band, ribbon or scrunchy
Swimming	Sun-safe swimming shirt as outlined in the School Sun Safety Strategy
Jewellery	Watch, earrings (studs or sleepers), medical bracelets

Unacceptable Uniform	
Shirt	Shirts of various designs and colours
Shorts	Shorts of various designs and colours, shorter than mid-thigh or below the knee in length Bike pants or active wear
Skorts	Skorts of various designs and colours or above the mid-thigh or below the knee in length
Dress	Not available
Long pants	Track pants, trousers, leggings of various designs and colours
Jumper	Jumpers of various designs, such as 'hoodies' and colours
Shoes	Colourful shoes, thongs, crocks, slides, shoes with wheels, shoes with spikes
Socks	Socks of various designs and colours or above the mid-calf
Hat	Caps or beanies
Hair	Hair dye (non-natural colours) or hair extensions
Make-up	Nail polish, fake nails, facial make-up (lipstick, lip gloss, blush, foundation, eyeliner, mascara)
Jewellery	Rings, necklace, facial (eyebrow, nose, tongue or lip) piercing, earrings that dangle or spacers

Acceptable Uniform

<p>Howard SS polo</p> 	<p>Pizzey sports polo</p> 
<p>Howard SS Senior polo</p> 	<p>Rankin sports polo</p> 
<p>Howard SS bucket hat</p> 	<p>Howard SS zip-up jacket or plain black jumper</p> 
<p>Plain black or white ankle or sports socks</p> 	<p>Black or mostly black full-enclosed shoes</p> 

Unacceptable Uniform

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<p>Jumper with hoodie</p> 	<p>Bike pants or active wear</p> 
<p>Colourful shoes</p> 	<p>Socks of various designs and colours</p> 



Non-Uniform Days

Non-uniform days, such as 'free dress' or 'themed dress' days, appropriate clothing must be worn.

- Shirts / dresses must have sleeves and cover shoulders
- Dresses / skirts / skorts must be below mid-thigh in length
- Footwear, hat, jewellery and make up standards apply as for a normal school day
- Clothing which exposes the midriff or bare shoulders is not permitted (as outlined in the [School Sun Safety Strategy](#))
- Bike pants or active wear are not permitted
- Inappropriate words or pictures is not permitted
- Exposure of undergarments is not permitted

Supporting families to meet the student dress code

The Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) may hold some pre-loved, good quality reduced cost uniforms for purchase at the uniform shop. Families who depart the school are asked to consider donating their unneeded uniform items to the P&C.

Parents are expected to contact the school office to discuss options in relation to school uniforms. The school will make reasonable efforts to assist with families with meeting the student dress code expectations.

Granting and managing modifications, reasonable adjustments or exemptions to the student dress code

Parents requesting a modification, adjustment or exemption to the student dress code (usually for religious, cultural or health reasons) for their child are expected to make this request in writing to the principal via principal@howardss.eq.edu.au. The principal will provide a determination on the request in writing to the parent and inform relevant staff.

For unforeseen and temporary student dress code matters, such as damaged or missing uniform items, a note or email may be provided to the classroom teacher outlining the situation, and the planned timeframe for rectifying the matter.

Resolving non-compliance with the student dress code

Howard State School actively supports students and families to meet the expectations outlined in the student dress code through the 'swap' strategy. If a student arrives at school in unacceptable uniform, they will be required to 'swap' the unacceptable uniform item/s into a loan item for the school day. Non-compliance of this instruction will be managed in accordance with the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and may include a verbal warning, communication with the parent or a lunchtime reflection.

- Parents will be contacted and will be asked to assist in following the student dress code
- Makeup and nail polish will be asked to remove it at the office (non-allergenic remover will be provided)
- Jewellery will be asked to be removed and place it in the student's bag or at the office
- No swim shirt for swimming lessons will require the student to sit in a shaded area and undertake other learning during swimming lesson

Endorsement

The **Howard State School Student Dress Code** was developed in consultation with students, staff, parents and the school community and endorsed by the Howard State School Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C). The student dress code meets the requirements outlined in the anti-discrimination, disability standards for education and human rights legislation, occupational health and safety, work health and safety act 2011.

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P&C President: Ally Pearce
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