



The **Stafford Heights State School Dress Code** clearly outlines standards of acceptable student dress and personal presentation when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

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

P&C Association Endorsement

The Stafford Heights State School P&C Association supports a student dress code for Stafford Heights State School because it believes that a school student dress code at Stafford Heights State School promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the P&C Association supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school
- Ensuring suitable and appropriate dress for age, maturity and purpose is worn at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference

The Stafford Heights State School Student Dress Code

Stafford Heights State School and the P&C Association expects that every student attending the school will be wearing school uniform each school day. It is expected that students attend school neatly dressed and well-groomed each day. All parents and care givers are expected to dress their children in the Stafford Heights State School uniform. Students are to wear full school uniform on all school outings unless otherwise advised. Stafford Heights State School implements a 'SUNSMART' endorsed expectation corresponding with Queensland Cancer Fund Guidelines.

Stafford Heights State School Uniform

| Boys School Uniform | | Girls School Uniform | |
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| Shirt | School polo shirt with school emblem | Shirt | School polo shirt with school emblem |
| Shorts | Royal blue unisex knit shorts | Skorts Shorts | Royal blue skort Royal blue unisex knit shorts |
| Socks | White socks | Socks | White socks |
| Shoes | Black shoes/sneakers. Lace-up and velcro closing styles both acceptable | Shoes | Black shoes/sneakers. Lace-up and velcro closing styles both acceptable |
| Hat | Reversible royal blue/house colour hat with school emblem | Hat | Reversible royal blue/house colour hat with school emblem |
| Winter | Royal blue tracksuit pants (Optional) Royal blue jumper or jacket with school emblem | Winter | Royal blue tracksuit pants (Optional) Navy blue stockings Royal blue jumper or jacket with school emblem |

Clear sunscreen should be provided by the parent/caregiver. It is also available for student use in the classroom. Sunglasses are optional. All students with long hair should tie their hair up with a blue hair tie while at school.

Stafford Heights State School House Shirt Variation

| House Name | Shirt Colour |
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| Norman | Bottle green |
| Laver | Red |
| Wickham | Yellow |

Students are permitted to wear a polo/t- shirt when representing their sporting house. The polo/t-shirt must be the colour of their house team and can be worn for the following events:

- Swimming carnival
- Cross country
- Athletics carnival

Stafford Heights State School Year 6 Shirt Variation

The principal will approve a Year 6 polo shirt of similar design standard to the stated school uniform. Year 6 students can wear this shirt for their final year of schooling.

Stafford Heights State School Swimming

| Boys | Girls |
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| Regular swim shorts or togs | One-piece swimming costume T-Shirt must be worn over top of two-piece costume (if worn) |
| Swim Shirt/Rashie or T-Shirt (Compulsory) | Swim Shirt/Rashie or T-Shirt (Compulsory) |
| Bathing cap | Bathing cap |

Casual Dress Day Events (As approved by Principal)

Parents/caregivers and students are advised in writing should school uniform not be required to be worn. For example, casual dress days, theme days and school camps. Dress requirements will be specifically stated for each event by the school. Dress is generally to be of like standard in design, practicality and suitability to that of the approved school uniform. Dress must be socially modest. Enclosed footwear is to be worn. A wide brimmed hat is to be worn in sunlight.

School Representation, Excursions, Photos and Public Events

Students are required to wear the stated school uniform when representing the school.

Hats

Students are required to wear the stated reversible royal blue/house colour hat with school emblem when outdoors. Caps are unacceptable.

Not to be Worn or Brought to School

The following inappropriate dress is not to be worn or brought to school (including Casual Dress Day).

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| Tank tops, Midriff tops, Sleeveless singlets | See-through items, Lingerie |
| Swimwear and leotards | Caps, visors |
| High heeled shoes, Thongs, Shoes with wheels, spikes, clips or studs | Finger nail polish, Make-up including coloured lip gloss, Brightly coloured sunscreen |
| Jewellery, with exception of wrist watch, medical bracelet, or bona-fide religious or cultural item | Printed messages, symbols, pictures and items that are inappropriate |
| Earrings, other than small studs Body piercing jewellery and ornaments | Wrist bands (unless approved by principal and student council) |
| Other clothing beneath school uniform that is clearly visible | Dyed or coloured hair |

School Student Dress Code Interventions

The daily wearing of school uniform is diligently monitored with firm (but sensitive and promotional) intervention. Students not wearing school uniform will not be denied educational instruction, as there are circumstances outside the influence of some students that affect the absolute achievement of this expectation. If a student attends school out of school uniform the following steps will be taken:

Student interviewed to ascertain the circumstances behind non-compliance with the school dress code. For example, family circumstances, peer pressure, adverse attitude, non-compliance.

Parent/Caregiver contacted and arrangements made for the student to meet the school dress code. For example, nail polish removed, jewellery removed and stored in a secure location.

Student may be provided with a school uniform at School Administration for wearing during the day. Parent/Caregiver to clean and return school uniform to School Administration as soon as possible.

When a student cannot meet the school dress code, (parent/caregiver not able to be contacted) at the discretion of the Principal, an alternative programme including relevant restrictions (minimising disruption to student learning, maintaining normal operation of the school, prevention of injury to the student or others) may be put in place to ensure full safety of the student. For example: 'no hat – no play in the sun'.

Should a student persistently fail to comply with the Stafford Heights State School Dress Code or is inappropriately dressed:

- Appropriate items from a bank of uniforms held at the school may be provided.
- Parents will be informed of the incident with intent to work with the parents in both implementing strategies and preventing a recurrence.

Exceptional Circumstance

It is expected that where exceptional circumstances may apply in a student not complying with the School Student Dress Code, that the parent meets with the Principal or Principal delegate before the policy variation is required. Examples of exceptional circumstances may include:

- Families experiencing economic hardship – special arrangements to purchase a school uniform will be applied. For example, develop a payment plan, Lay-by option, second hand uniforms worn while at school.
- Mobile families – given sufficient time to purchase uniform items. Students may be provided with a second hand uniform that can be worn while at school.
- Medical conditions – special arrangements made when a medical condition prevents a student from complying with the School Student Dress Code.

Shared Responsibility for Maintaining School Dress Standards

Stafford Heights State School and the P&C Association expect parents/caregivers to supervise student compliance with the School Student Dress Code and actively support staff when student invention is required.

- Teachers will outline and explain the School Student Dress Code during Parent Teacher information sessions and meetings.
- The School Student Dress Code is provided and explained to all newly enrolling students and parents/caregivers at enrolment interviews. A copy of the School Student Dress Code will be provided in the Stafford Heights State School enrolment packs.
- The School Student Dress Code will be located on the Stafford Heights State School website and in the Stafford Heights State School Parent Handbook.
- Monitoring discussion and review of the School Student Dress Code and School Uniform occurs through:
 - Staff meetings
 - P&C Association Meetings

Review of the School Student Dress Code

A review of the Stafford Heights State School Student Dress Code will be conducted at least every four years by the Principal and P&C Association. Once endorsed by the P&C Association, the amendments are made and approved by the Principal.