Augathella State School Dress Code


A student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing, which may or may not include a school uniform that State School students wear when:

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

Student dress codes provide clothing that 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; and
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Student dress codes reflect school community standards and are consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

Student dress codes clearly explain and document standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- Clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear; and
- Other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- Offensive;
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations;
- Unsafe for student or others; and
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

Student dress codes incorporate strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. A student’s non-compliance with school’s student dress code requirements is not grounds for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school.

Schools with dress codes impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode on non-compliance. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch;
- Preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school; or
- Preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.
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Students are expected to wear their school uniform every day. Augathella State School uniform colours are maroon and grey and the uniform includes:

**General**
- The school Dress: A Panelled A-line dress, curved collar with trim, front button placket, front pleat with action back and pleat, contrast trim on sleeves and side seam pocket. The fabric is a Grey & Maroon tartan with a white background.

**Summer**
- Grey shirt with maroon trim, and plain maroon bottoms (eg. shorts, skirts or skorts)

**Winter**
- Maroon jumper, tracksuit or school spray jacket, Grey and Maroon Leggings

**Additional items**
- Socks (short/ ankle length) and covered shoes (Scuffs or sandals are not acceptable)
- Broad brim hat (as complies with the Sun-Smart Policy) – maroon in colour (preferable), brim 8-10 centimetres in width.
- Jewellery – watch, stud earrings, necklace (if worn for religious significance), one signet ring or a medi-alert bracelet.

Any shirt without the school crest on it is acceptable, as long as the shirt is grey in colour. (N.B. The crested shirt is preferable where possible). Our school colours are Maroon and Grey and children should wear these colours as closely as possible.

**Notification of non-compliance:**
- Any student unable to attend in their school uniform on any given day is asked to wear plain coloured clothes as close to the school colours as possible (eg. Maroon, Grey).
- The student would also be expected to bring a note simply explaining why they are out of uniform and for how long the situation is likely to continue.

As part of the Augathella State School Senior Leadership Accreditation, one of the criteria for selection reads:
Very high level of personal presentation – always wears full school uniform with pride. This is considered throughout the year and not just during the election period.

*A high standard of uniform has been identified as being important to our community and we appreciate your support.*

The following issues will be considered when enforcing the School Dress Code:
- Mobile families will be provided with sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- Families experiencing economic hardship will be provided with special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase new items of dress;
- Students with physical impairments requiring greater flexibility in interpretation of dress codes; and
- Conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds.

Students who are reasonably dressed, but do not conform to the Augathella State School Dress Code, the consequence may include the following:
• Take action that prevents risk to student or others, or action that maintains normal school operations;
• Inform student's parents/carers of incident and if required discuss further to prevent a recurrence;
• Will be prevented from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school, such as District Sport Trials/Competitions, Eisteddfod, Cultural Events; or
• Will be prevented from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program, such as extra-curricula activities held during school, participation or completion of the School Leadership Program.

Certification of Dress Code

The P&C of Augathella State School resolves that it does support a student dress code for Augathella State School because it believes that a student dress code at Augathella State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the P&C of Augathella 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;
• Fostering a sense of belonging; and
• Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.
Date

Dear ______________________________,

Today your child, ____________________________, was not complying with the Augathella State School Dress Code. A Dress Code has been agreed upon by members of the School and Parents and Citizens Association.

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We understand that from time to time there are reasons why children are out of uniform, and we ask that you contact the school, either in person, by phone or in writing, to inform us why they are out of uniform and for how long the situation will occur.

As set out in the Augathella State School Dress Code, if a student persistently does not comply with the code, the following may be the consequence:

- Students may be prevented from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school, such as District Sport Trials/Competitions, Eisteddfod, Cultural Events; or
- Students may be prevented from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program, such as extra-curricula activities held during school, participation or completion of the School Leadership Program.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the office to make a mutually suitable time. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

Michael Sutton
Principal