



PORT MACQUARIE HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

In accordance with the Education Act of 1990 and the requirements of the Department of Education & Training each school community sets its own discipline code.

Part of this school's discipline code, which has been fully endorsed by the P&C, is that all students attending Port Macquarie High School must wear school uniform.

The school believes that the wearing of uniform is integral to providing and maintaining high standards of education, self-esteem and safety for its student body.

Three major reasons can be provided to support the wearing of school uniform.

- It helps school spirit and fosters pride in the school.
- It promotes cohesion between different groups within the school thus breaking down discrimination based on financial, religious or cultural background.
- It provides a clear identification of students within the school and community. This makes the sighting and removal of uninvited and unwelcome visitors possible.
- It reflects workplace safety in the case of shoes.

This policy has been amended from the 2011 policy using the PBL process.

Wednesday Sport Day:

Students in Years 7 – 10 are required to wear full sports uniform all day on Wednesday or full school uniform until lunchtime when they may change for sport.

Procedures:

The management of uniform is based on a caring and supportive model in which information is provided regularly about school uniform through newsletters, the school website, student assemblies, daily notices and letters to parents and caregivers.

It is vital for the school to know if families suffer hardship in trying to provide a uniform for their children. Financial assistance is available so as to ensure students are not disadvantaged in any way.

A second hand uniform shop is available through the school's front office.

On a daily basis, when a student has a genuine reason for not wearing uniform a simple note of explanation should be brought to school and given to the roll teacher during roll call. The student will then receive an out of uniform slip for the day. The

uniform note is only valid for a period of five school days, that is until the correct article of uniform is worn to school.

The student must carry this note with them during the day and when asked by class teachers for the note must provide it to them.

Teachers are expected to monitor uniform at all times during the school day and report to the student's roll teacher if any infringement of the policy occurs.

Students who are out of uniform will be;

- on the first occasion, provided with a parental letter indicating that the student is out of uniform and enclosing a reply slip which must be brought back to the roll teacher. This will be entered on RISC
- on the second occasion, issued with a detention notice. In the case of senior students, detention will be served on Wednesday afternoon. Junior students will serve their detention either on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30-4.30 pm or Thursday afternoons from 2.40-3.30pm. Parents will be advised by letter as to which detention the student is to attend. This will be entered on RISC through the Head Teacher in charge of the roll group.
- on subsequent occasions, students are to be sent to the deputy or principal where they will be asked to go home and change (subject to parental permission) or parents will be requested to come to the school and bring the correct uniform.
- For footwear please see attached diagram.

A summary of school uniform requirements can be found attached.

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