



MIAMI STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Reviewed and endorsed by the MIAMI P&C 14th June 2016.

The Miami State School community supports the wearing of a school uniform and a student dress code in accordance with Part 10 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006: Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy. This reflects the school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

The Uniform and Dress Code Policy forms part of the Miami State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and is endorsed by the P&C Association. As part of the plan, the policy will be reviewed every 3 years. The dress code is periodically reviewed and evaluated by the P&C Association with advice of any changes communicated to parents/carers and students in writing by way of the school newsletter before changes are implemented.

The Miami State School Dress Code is formally endorsed in June each year through the following motion.

The P&C of Miami State School State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Miami State School because it believes that a student dress code at Miami State School promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the P&C of Miami State School supports the intentions 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.*

Students attending Miami SS are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform, take pride in their appearance and follow the school dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the principal.

Participation in TSP and TAP, school sport, music performances and school excursions requires students to wear the appropriate school uniform. The school uniform aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

Reasons for a school uniform include:

- It identifies those students attending Miami State School, both within the school grounds and outside.
- It creates a sense of pride in being associated with our school which has a reputation of excellence in the educational, sporting, cultural and social development of our students.
- It is non-discriminatory as it does not distinguish between students from differing socio-economic backgrounds.
- It eliminates the 'fashion' competition between students and in doing so reduces the stress of 'keeping up' with the trends as well as the cost of school clothing.
- It is an exercise in self-discipline. They particularly need to realise that a dress code applies to most occupations and social activities.
- It presents a united image to the public and can be easily identifiable in the wider community, as well as contribute to the sense of order and discipline within the school environment.

Miami SS provides a copy of the Student Dress Code as part of the [Enrolment Package](#). The student dress code is an agreed standard of dress and specifies the items of clothing students wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
 - travelling to and from school; and
 - engaging in school activities during out of school hours.
- ✓ **The official school colours are: royal blue and green.**
 - ✓ **The complete school uniform is to be worn at all times to, from and during school, except on cluster sport days or interhouse sports days.**
 - ✓ **Year 6 students may wear their Year 6 shirt as part of the uniform on any day.**
 - ✓ **Students may wear the District, Region or State sport uniform.**

Girl's Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue drill/ jersey shorts Blue and green school polo shirt Black runners- supportive sport shoe (laced or Velcro- NO flashing lights, or animal patterns) and white ankle socks (slip on shoes or canvas shoes are not permitted for Work Place Health and Safety purposes) School hats with emblem must be worn when outdoors Preps to wear Legionnaires hat 	Boy's Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue drill/ jersey shorts Blue and green school polo shirt Black runners (laced or Velcro- no flashing lights, or animal patterns) and white ankle socks (slip on shoes are not permitted for Work Place Health and Safety purposes) School hats with emblem must be worn when outdoors Preps to wear Legionnaires hat
Girl's Formal Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue drill cargo shorts White shirt with check trim Black shoes and white ankle socks <p>*** Choir, Strings and Band students are to wear formal uniform when representing the school.</p>	Boy's Formal Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal blue drill cargo shorts White shirt with check trim Black shoes and white ankle socks <p>*** Choir, Strings and Band students are to wear formal uniform when representing the school.</p>
<p>Girl's and Boy's uniforms are to be worn on physical education days and on all special sports days. For interhouse sports carnivals children will be placed in a house (all family members are in the same house) and wear a plain t-shirt or plain polo shirt in the appropriate colour: <i>Bradman - Red; Fraser - Blue; Norman - Gold.</i></p> <p>**Rashies must be worn when students are participating in aquatic activities.</p>	
<p>TSP Shirts- may be worn on TSP days. Tuesdays and Thursdays</p>	
<p>Hat - PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL HAS A NO HAT, NO PLAY POLICY. CHILDREN SIT IN UNDERCOVER AREA IF WITHOUT A HAT.</p>	
<p>Winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Blue zipper jacket and long sleeve polo shirts available from the tuckshop and long royal blue track pants. Royal blue dance pants- full length (jersey), no tights or leggings 	
<p>Second hand uniforms are also available at the Tuckshop</p>	

School Dress Code

The complete school uniform is to be worn at all times to, from and during school, except on cluster sport days, inter-house sport days or nominated special dress days e.g. gold coin donation

- Uniforms above are not to be split. eg jersey shorts and white formal shirt.
- Students are able to wear the shirt out over shorts.
- The shirt may be worn out over the skirt provided it is an acceptable length and is neat and tidy in appearance.
- Long sleeve t-shirts are not to be worn under shirts or dresses.
- Royal blue shorts should be worn. Board shorts or shorts other than the colour royal blue should not be worn.
- Jeans are not acceptable at any time
- Multi-coloured jumpers, sweatshirts and hooded jackets are not to be worn.
- Non royal blue pants and /or coloured track pants are not to be worn
- Tights are not permitted unless required for specific sport or dance activity, and students are required to change following activity.
- Miami SS has a 'No hat-No play' policy. Caps and sun visors are not acceptable.
- The wearing of jewellery** should be limited to a single set of studs, wristwatch, a signet ring and an item of religious or cultural significance.
- Parents must make a formal request or their child to wear a piece of jewellery of cultural or religious significance. The item is to be worn underneath the dress shirt or dress.
- Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are permitted.
- Permitted jewellery must not be worn during swimming or in other activities where it is deemed unsafe to wear jewellery. Students should not wear jewellery to school on the days they are involved in sport activities.
- Tongue, nose, eyebrow piercing and multiple ear piercing are not allowed.
- Make-up, face glitter or face paint is not to be worn
- Only clear nail varnish should be worn.
- Hair needs to be** worn off of the face in a neat and tidy manner. Hair below shoulder length needs to be tied back for boys and girls. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted eg Mohawks, undercuts/tracks, rat's tail, dreadlocks, non-natural hair colour, multi-colouring of hair. Hair cut style and colour should be conservative in nature.
- Girls may wear plain headbands or ribbons in school colours (royal blue or green)
- Any student who leaves the school grounds on an excursion or as part of a sporting, social or cultural event must wear the complete school uniform as specified. Students participating in official photographs must also wear the complete school uniform as specified.

Shoes

Leather or leather-look shoes, predominantly black in colour, lace up school shoes provides reasonable protection for students in classroom and learning activities. The chosen school shoe must provide adequate foot protection. Most parents chose to buy one pair of leather or leather-look shoes, in a sports style, which accommodates both classroom and sports activities. To satisfy our standards of appearance ankle boots are inappropriate for school use. To satisfy our safety requirements mesh, canvas, or fabric shoes are unsuitable for school use. Coloured shoes or shoelaces are unacceptable.

**Please note that students are required to wear white socks.*

Acceptable School Shoes



Unacceptable School Shoes



Implementation of School Dress Code

In the event of a student temporarily being unable to comply with the school dress code, a note of explanation must be presented to the Deputy Principal or Principal before school and a uniform pass will be issued for the day.

The student dress code has been developed in consultation with parents and carers of children enrolled at Miami, school staff and students. The dress code is consistent with relevant legislation and incorporates issues of availability, affordability and functionality of items of clothing.

The code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. Parents may request permission for students to not wear the school uniform. Arrangements can be made for the student to wear acceptable clothing in place of the school uniform. Acceptable or reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the school's student dress code. Students must at all times wear reasonable dress. Students wearing inappropriate dress will be withdrawn from class and work on an individual education program until reasonable dress can be obtained. Parents/carers of students attending school wearing inappropriate dress will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school or collect the child and return them wearing reasonable dress.

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.
- Economic hardship issues are dealt with through a Community Support application or direct debit from Centre Link resulting in the necessary items being supplied in advance of the receipt of payment.
- Should a student who does not have an approved exemption be repeatedly out of uniform, then the parent is requested to provide an explanation, either in writing or in person. The school will contact parents of students who are repeatedly out of uniform and without a note of satisfactory explanation.
- The school will maintain a small bank of donated uniform items for donation to students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience. Individual circumstances will be considered.
- Where the parent or the school has provided uniform items for a child but the child refuses to wear them, then it will be considered a refusal to comply with a policy decision of the school community. (This will not apply in cases of exemption.) Such non-compliance will be subject to sanctions as outlined in our School's Responsible Behaviour Plan in accordance with Part 10 Section 362 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. These sanctions will not include exclusion, suspension or cancellation of enrolment.
- Miami may impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of noncompliance with the school dress code. 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 or after school (if after school, inform parents prior to detention);
 - 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.

Loan Uniforms- Loan uniforms are available for students whose uniforms become unwearable during the day as well as to those who do not comply with the uniform requirements. We request students return these to the office washed within 2 days of wear.

Administration of the policy- There will be a two-week period of grace at the beginning of the school year to allow for any late purchase of uniforms. Students who are out of school uniform for any legitimate reason should bring a note to their classroom teacher when they arrive in the morning. If students are out of uniform, a note will be sent home advising of the school policy and requesting the student come in uniform.

POLICY REFERENCES: -including legislation and/or regulations

- *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* Part 2, Division 7(1); Division 3, 39; Chapter 3, Part 1, 117(1)(2); Part 2, 118

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/A/AntiDiscrimA91.pdf>

- *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* Sections 360-363, section 283

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/E/EducGenPrA06.pdf>

- *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* Division 2, 28; Division 3, 36

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/W/WorkplHSaA95.pdf>

- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* Part 2 Division 2, 22 and Division 3, 37-38

[http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/ActCompilation1.nsf/0%2f31452800B62A28B7CA256FC00020014A/\\$file/DisabilityDiscrimination1992_WD02.pdf](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/ActCompilation1.nsf/0%2f31452800B62A28B7CA256FC00020014A/$file/DisabilityDiscrimination1992_WD02.pdf)

- *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* Part II, 9 (1), (1A)

[http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/ActCompilation1.nsf/0%2f29DCCB9139D4CCD8CA256F71004E4063/\\$file/RDA1975.pdf](http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/ActCompilation1.nsf/0%2f29DCCB9139D4CCD8CA256F71004E4063/$file/RDA1975.pdf)

- *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* Division 2, Section 21

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• *Miami State School - Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*