



Toowoomba SHS: School Uniform Policy

Our school values the highest standard of student behaviour and appearance. The accurate wearing of the school uniform conveys a significant message to our community about the expectations we have of our students, and helps to create a positive perception of our school. A clean, neat and tidy uniform helps students develop a sense of belonging and enhances student pride in their school. Personal hygiene, uniform cleanliness and a neat general presentation assist students to develop self-worth and confidence in their appearance.

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 states the following:

1. A state school's Principal may develop a dress code for the school's students.
2. The dress code may provide for:
 - a. Standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear.
 - b. Standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

Toowoomba State High School's Dress Code is endorsed by the Parents & Citizens' Association. This Dress Code outlines the expectations of students with regard to uniforms and personal appearance. These expectations are explained during the enrolment process and are agreed to by parents/carers and students. Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the uniform code are required to make an appointment with the Principal (or delegate) for further discussion.

All school staff have a responsibility to ensure students adhere to the above. Teachers should contribute to endorsing these guidelines by:

- reminding students of the school's expectations,
- articulating students' responsibilities regarding uniform and appearance,
- reinforcing the importance of portraying a positive image of the school,
- taking appropriate action with students who regularly disregard these guidelines.

The policy on school dress standards for students has been determined by the Toowoomba State High School P&C Association in consultation with the community and the school principal. It is designed to contribute to a healthy and safe learning environment which allows students to participate in all school activities.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the formal uniform must be worn.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, students have the option of wearing their sports uniform. Sports and formal uniforms cannot be mixed (e.g. formal shirt with sports shorts).

Combinations of the male and female formal uniform are permitted (e.g. skirt and male shirt).

Casual clothing is not to be worn with the uniform.

Any clothing with explicit, racist or derogatory language, symbols or images is expressly forbidden.

The correct school uniform must be worn to and from school.

If a HPE lesson falls on a formal uniform day, students must wear their formal uniform to school and change into the sports uniform at the start of the HPE lesson.

Jewellery

Students may wear:

- 4 studs or small sleepers, e.g. 2 in each ear, 3 in one ear / 1 in the other
- a wristwatch,
- a medical alert bracelet.

Facial piercings are discouraged; however, students are permitted to wear one small (of no more than 3mm in diameter); silver, gold or clear nose stud.

No other jewellery or facial piercings are permitted.

Students who have multiple ear piercings or other facial piercings may wear clear spacers

Nails and Make-up

Due to safety regulations, false nails are not permitted unless prior approval has been given for exceptional circumstances (weddings, school formal etc).

Nails must be clear or painted in a pale/ neutral colour.

Students may wear foundation and/ or mascara.

No other makeup is to be worn.

False eyelashes, including semi-permanent lashes / lash extensions are not permitted.

Tattoos

If a student does get a tattoo it must not be visible when wearing the school uniform.

For example, a student with a forearm tattoo will be expected to wear a long-sleeve shirt at all times.

Jumpers, Jackets and Undershirts

Students should plan to purchase at least one of the school options; woollen jumper, spray jacket or polar fleece pullover.

On very cold days students can wear other plain navy pullovers or coats.

Hoodies are not permitted under any circumstance.

The school honours jacket is also permitted to be worn by eligible students.

The dance jacket is permitted to be worn by eligible students on sports days.

Junior students are permitted to wear a plain, pale-blue, long-sleeve or short-sleeve undershirt underneath the formal shirt.

Senior students are permitted to wear a plain, white, long-sleeve or short-sleeve undershirt underneath the formal shirt.

No other colours or types of shirts are permitted.

Hats

It is expected that hats are to be worn for all outdoor activities.

Plain navy or black beanies may be worn on colder days.

Senior Jerseys

Eligible Year 12 students may wear the approved Senior jacket and/or jersey.

Performing Arts Academy Shirts

Eligible students may wear the Performing Arts Academy shirt:

- to school if they begin Period 1 with a performing arts class or wear it home from school if their class is in Period 4.
- on days they have performing arts class until they are able to change.

- at other times as approved by the Principal

Shoes

Formal shoes are to be enclosed black leather shoes with laces or velcro fastenings e.g. formal shoes. Black leather joggers with laces or velcro fastenings are also permitted.

Boots are not permitted.

Sports shoes must be fully enclosed, lace-up or velcro fastened joggers that provide full-foot protection and support.

Due to safety regulations, slip on shoes or canvas volley-type shoes are not permitted.

Socks and Stockings

Boys formal socks are to be worn with the formal uniform.

Girls may wear either short white socks or, plain black or navy stockings / tights with their formal uniform.

Plain white socks or plain black socks are to be worn on sports days.

Leggings of any kind are not permitted.

Safety Regulations Note

Should the dress of students not comply with the safety regulations set down for certain subjects, those students will be refused entry to work in those areas

School Bag

Bags should be of an appropriate size to carry necessary school equipment.

Bags should be of appropriate design and material to ensure they can be sealed in order to protect school equipment and students' belongings.

Bags must not display any inappropriate offensive words or images **(this includes pencil cases)**.

PROCEDURES

All students are required to wear the complete and correct school uniform and take pride in it.

If the circumstances are such that a student cannot wear the uniform on a particular day, a note from parents/ caregivers giving the reasons must be supplied. If there is no note, the school will presume that the student is deliberately resisting the uniform policy without parental permission.

In these circumstances, even if a note has been supplied, the school reserves the right to provide the student with a uniform for the day from the school's emergency uniform pool. If the student refuses to change into the correct uniform, they can expect consequences.

Uniform Exemption Pass

In exceptional circumstances, where a student is unable to wear the approved uniform, a uniform exemption pass may be issued for a negotiated period of time by the Junior / Senior Secondary HODs or a Deputy Principal.

Excursions and Official School Functions

In most cases, students will wear the formal school uniform on excursions. Students should check with the teacher organising the excursion to clarify requirements.

Students must wear the formal school uniform to official functions. School blazers may also be a requirement. School blazers can be purchased through the Uniform Shop. A number of school blazers are also available for student borrowing from text book hire. School Captains will wear the School Captain's blazer with full formal uniform and school leaders' (prefect) tie.

Procedures for Non-Compliance with Dress Code

- Students who are in breach of the Dress Code will report to the uniform room between 8.30 and 9.00 am to change into the correct uniform.
- Students must present a note to explain why they are out of uniform.
- Students who receive a uniform item for the day will be written a **Uniform Supplied** slip. This will be signed by either the HOD of Junior or Senior Secondary. The item loaned will be recorded on Daymap and must be returned that afternoon to the student centre (unless the item loaned is clothing – in that case, it must be laundered and returned to the student centre the next school morning).
- If the uniform item to be replaced is unavailable or out of stock a **Uniform Unavailable** slip will be written and signed by either the HOD of Junior or Senior Secondary. The student's name will then be entered into Daymap.

Consequences of Non-compliance with Dress Code

- Students who refuse to change into the uniform provided will be sent to a deputy and may be suspended.
- If a student presents a second time within a two-week period and does not have an explanatory note, parents/carers will be contacted and students may be withdrawn from school excursions and school related activities. A OneSchool incident will be recorded.
- If a student presents a third time without an explanatory note, the student will be suspended.

Male Formal Uniform

- Shorts - plain navy, poly/viscose
- Trousers - plain navy, poly/viscose (optional plain black belt)
- Shirts (Junior) - mid blue, poly/cotton with embroidered school logo (short and long-sleeved)
- Optional plain, pale blue, long/short-sleeve, round-necked undershirt
- Shirts (Senior) - white, poly/cotton with embroidered school logo (short and long-sleeved)
- Optional plain, white, long/short-sleeve, round-necked undershirt
- Socks - navy with double red stripes, knee length
- Woollen Pullover - navy with embroidered school crest
- Polar Fleece Jumper - navy with embroidered school crest
- Spray Jacket - navy and red with embroidered school crest
- Blazer - navy, wool-blend with embroidered school crest
- Vest - plain navy, knitted with embroidered school crest
- Tie - navy with diagonal red stripe (Junior - optional, Senior - compulsory)
- Prefect Tie - navy with diagonal red and white stripes, embroidered school crest (school leaders only)
- Shoes - black leather formal shoes with laces or velcro fastenings. Black leather joggers with laces or velcro fastenings are also permitted (please refer to pictures for acceptable shoes)
- Scarf - TSHS navy and red striped or plain navy/black knitted.

Female Formal Uniform

- “ Skirt - navy, poly/viscose rayon, drop-waisted with two inverted front pleats. To be worn at knee length
- “ Trousers - plain navy, poly/viscose, tailored
- “ Shorts - plain navy, poly/viscose, tailored
- “ Blouse (Junior) - mid blue, poly/viscose rayon, over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo (short-sleeved)
- “ Blouse (Junior) - mid blue, poly/viscose rayon, tuck-in-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo (long-sleeved)
- “ Optional plain, pale blue, long/short-sleeve, round-necked undershirt
- “ Blouse (Senior) - white, poly/viscose rayon, over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo (short sleeved)
- “ Blouse (Senior) - white, poly/viscose rayon, tuck-in blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo (short and long-sleeved)
- “ Optional plain, white, long/short-sleeve, round-necked undershirt
- “ Socks - white, crew length, turn down (not anklets)
- “ Stockings/Tights - plain black or plain navy
- “ Woollen Pullover - navy with embroidered school crest
- “ Polar Fleece Jumper - navy with embroidered school crest
- “ Spray Jacket - navy and red with embroidered school crest
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SPORTS UNIFORM

- Shorts – navy, microfibre with embroidered school logo
- Shorts – Canterbury, plain navy, microfibre (navy logo)
- Skorts – navy, poly/viscose, drop-waisted with inverted pleats and embroidered school logo
- Track pants – navy, taslon / microfibre
- Polo Shirt – red with navy side-panels and navy and red collar. Screen-printed navy and white stars and school crest on front. Centenary Polo shirt, with centenary logo.
- Socks – plain white or plain black, crew length
- Shoes – sports shoes/ joggers, fully enclosed, lace-up or with velcro fastenings that provide full-foot protection and support (please refer to pictures below for acceptable shoes)
- Hat – TSHS bucket hat, TSHS cap, School Captains may wear the Captains’ Formal Hat.

NB: “Junior” refers to students in years’ 7, 8 & 9. “Senior” refers to students in years’ 10, 11 & 12.

Uniforms items are available from the school uniform shop or Hanna’s Department Store on Ruthven Street.

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