

Student Dress Code

The Ripley Valley State School community is committed to maintaining a culture of high standards in all that we do. As such our school has a Student Dress Code Policy that ensures our students represent themselves and our school to the highest standards each and every day. Consistent dress standards establish a positive and united school community identity. The Student Dress Code Policy is supported by our school community and aligned with section 364 & 365 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

It is an expectation that upon student enrolment at Ripley Valley State School that parents' consent to uphold our Student Dress Code by way of signing the ***Enrolment Agreement Form***.

The Student Dress Code Policy provides for the following:

- Standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear;
- Standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

Our student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing. This includes a school uniform that all students will wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
- travelling to and from school; and
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

Ripley Valley State School Student Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- incorporating recommendations of the Queensland Cancer Council Sun Safe clothing guidelines
- identification of students at school and on excursions
- fostering a sense of belonging
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school.

At Ripley Valley State School the expectation is that each day students will wear one of the agreed Ripley Valley State School uniforms as outlined below.

All Students:

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, student's footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Students attending this school must wear black leather or vinyl joggers/shoes that are fully enclosed. Joggers are preferable as regular physical activity is part of the curriculum. Shoelaces must be black. Velcro fasteners are recommended for Prep students.

Uniform Options

SCHOOL UNIFORM	
Shirt	School polo
Shorts/ Skorts	Black with school emblem
Jacket	School Jumper with emblems (no hood)
Pants	Black shorts or p with emblem
Socks	White
Shoes	Black leather or vinyl shoes or athletics style sports shoes (velcro or laced)
Hat	Bucket
Hair	Hair ties to match school colours Hair shoulder length tied up, NO TRACKS or colouring

In line with Education Queensland's Sun Safety Strategy children are required to wear swim shirts for all water activities. If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, we will allow students to wear a t-shirt instead.

If you are unable to purchase a school jacket, jumper or tracksuit pants we ask that your child wear a plain black jumper without any patterns, logos or hoods.

Jewellery:

Students are permitted to wear only the following items:

- A watch
- One small plain stud or small plain sleeper of silver or gold in the lower lobe of each ear
- Medical alert bracelets
- Religious or culturally significant pendants *by written request of parent and with Principal permission*

Body piercing or tattoos are not permitted at school, with the exception of those items previously stated in this policy.

Hair:

In the interests of health and safety, long hair (beyond shoulder length) must be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal and in keeping with the colour scheme of the school uniform. Hair must be naturally coloured and **without** embellishments (tracks, highlights, etc). Radical hairstyles are discouraged and parents or carers are requested to consider whether a particular hairstyle is appropriate for school before the child has it done. Hairstyle, as does certain inappropriate dress, can negatively influence student attitudes and behaviour.

Makeup:

No makeup is to be worn to school. Coloured nail polish is not acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE:

The school dress code policy **DOES NOT** include any other item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items.

- No denim or surf shorts are allowed.
- No thongs, sandals or slip on shoes can be worn.
- No brightly coloured shoe laces.
- No visible mid-riffs, waist bands or sweat bands.
- No footless stockings, patterned stockings or leggings are acceptable.
- No make-up.
- No coloured nail polish.

Monitoring the School Uniform:

Regular routine and random uniform checks will occur. The Principal should be contacted immediately and confidentially if a family is in difficult financial circumstances.

Any students with inappropriate items (e.g. jewellery) will have them removed for the day for the first offence.

The School Staff may apply the following sanctions on any student who does not comply with our schools Dress Code:

- No hat, no play (under cover play only).
- Not sun safe, no play/ no water activity.

Non-compliance with Student Dress Code Policy: Students unable to wear their uniform for good reason are required to bring a note from their parent/caregiver indicating when the student will be able to wear their uniform.

A number of strategies may be employed by the school staff in the event students are non-compliant with the school's mandatory Student Dress Code. These strategies will be compliant with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Strategies include:

- Seeking parental support for compliance e.g. letter or telephone call.
- Requesting correct uniform be brought to school for the student.
- Assisting students with genuine economic hardship to acquire uniform e.g. uniform loan.
- Imposing a penalty, e.g. reflection/detention time. Continued breaches will incur a stronger penalty.
- Preventing the student from taking part in a school event outside the school.
- Preventing the student taking part in a school activity that is not part of the essential education program of the school.

Whatever the strategy implemented it is the intention of the school Administration to ensure every student complies with the Student Dress Code Policy every day.

The Ripley Valley School community thanks you for supporting our high standards culture.