

## Appendix E – YEPPOON STATE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Yeppoon State High School (YSHS) is a full-uniform school. The school is committed to building a proud reputation and the uniform is regarded by the school community as being important in encouraging a sense of self-esteem, belonging and self-discipline in our students. All students are expected to observe the details of the correct attire and appearance, always presenting in a neat and tidy manner. This includes, but is not limited to, whilst travelling to and from school, or whenever a student is in the community wearing the school uniform. This high standard ensures students represent themselves and our school in an outstanding way.

The uniform has been designed in consultation with the Parents and Citizen Association (P & C), and with the elements of safety, comfort, climate, modesty, cost, efficiency, social equity, community values and activity taken into account. This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363) [“The Act”] and the Department of Education and Training policy SMS-PR-022: *Student Dress Code* in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State schools.

### Expectations of students

YSHS and the Parents and Citizens’ Association (P and C) have endorsed the following expectations of students with regard to uniform and personal appearance:

- All uniform items, with the exception of socks and shoes, are to be purchased from the uniform shop.
- YSHS uniforms are not to be altered in any fashion, including but not limited to:
  - Cutting and shortening hem lines
  - Rolling up of sleeves and shorts, or the rolling down of skirt tops
  - Re-embroidering, replicating or reproducing the school logo/badges. To do so is contravening copyright laws will be pursued by the school.
  - Visible undershirts are not to be worn.
  - All students are to wear the day or formal uniform as standard dress. For formal occasions, students will be advised if they are required to wear the formal uniform. The school provides formal uniform items (ie. blazers) in specific circumstances eg. Investiture.
- The uniform routine includes wearing the uniform daily and only changing for specialist lessons if required ie. Sport/HPE/drama, changing back into the day/formal uniform at end of the lesson.
- Hats are to be worn outside.
- Students out of uniform must have a letter from a parent or carer explaining the reason. These may be accepted for specified and temporary reason, but are not long-term waivers of the uniform expectations. Students out of uniform must report to the Student Services counter in the administration building before the start of Care Class – 8:50 am.

Whilst this policy seeks to assist students and parents by identifying appearance expectations, it should be noted that it is at the school’s discretion to make a determination on any student’s appearance and/or dress in keeping with the spirit of this policy and the community’s expectations. Body art (eg. tattoo) is **not** accepted in our school and students are expected to ensure such items are covered and not visible.

| DAY UNIFORM  |  |   |  |  |
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| Can be worn by all year levels   | TOP  | BOTTOM  | SOCKS  | SHOES  |
|  | <b>SHIRT:</b><br>YSHS polo shirt or YSHS white button up shirt.<br><b>JUMPER:</b><br>New YSHS blue stripe zip-up jacket OR YSHS black zip up jumper OR plain black jumper (no hoodies) | <b>SHORTS:</b><br>YSHS black school shorts<br><b>SKIRT:</b><br>YSHS black school skirt<br><b>TRACK PANTS:</b><br>YSHS black track pants                               | Plain white or plain black ankle and short socks (known as “crew” and “quarter crew”.) | Fully compliant plain black footwear (upper & lower) |
| FORMAL UNIFORM   |  |   |  |  |
| Can be worn by all year levels every day and when representing the school. | <b>SHIRT:</b><br>YSHS white button up shirt.<br><b>TIE:</b><br>YSHS school tie.<br><b>BLAZER:</b><br>YSHS school blazer  | <b>SKIRT:</b><br>YSHS black school skirt.<br>*Black opaque stockings.<br><b>PANTS:</b><br>Black dress trousers<br><b>BELT:</b><br>Plain black belt with plain buckle. | Plain white or plain black ankle and short socks (known as “crew” and “quarter crew”.) | <b>As above.</b>                                     |

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| <b>HATS</b>      | As part of the Department of Education's Sun Safe Policy, students must have a hat on while playing sport or participating in outdoor activities including excursions. The reversible wide brimmed school hat is available through the Uniform Shop. The wearing of sun-screen is highly recommended and is available at all HPE classes. |
| <b>JEWELLERY</b> | No facial piercings (metal or plastic) are permitted. YSHS is a work place and only a minimum amount of jewellery is acceptable. Students will be asked to remove excessive jewellery. If the jewellery cannot be removed, it must be taped over.   |
| <b>MAKE-UP</b>   | Students may wear light foundation only. Students with excessive make-up will be asked to remove it.  |
| <b>HAIR</b>      | Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained. Long hair must be tied back in practical subjects as this is a workplace, health and safety requirement. Hair nets will be provided to students.  |

### Consequences for non-compliance with the dress code

- Students that present to school, not wearing the correct uniform will be given the option of:
  - Removing the incorrect item, which is retained for collection by the student at the end of the day.
  - Parents contacted to bring the appropriate item to the school for the student to wear for the day.
  - Students may borrow the item of clothing. Students present to the library before 8:50 am.
  - The incorrect uniform will be stored in the library in a labelled bag. If the student has a note explaining the reason for inappropriate uniform, they are to take it to the library where they will be issued with an item from the Uniform Bank, with the exception of shoes.
  - Return the borrowed uniform to the library before 3.15 pm and collect their own items.
- Failure to return a loan item will result in the family being invoiced after a period of 4 weeks.
- Families who are experiencing genuine hardship may contact the relevant Dean to discuss this.

The school priority is to work with all families and where there is a valid reason for not wearing the YSHS uniform, provide appropriate options, which include parent and school communication as the first step. If a student does not comply with the school's student Dress Code, the principal or delegated officer, may impose one of the following sanctions:

- Detention of the student for a period mentioned in the section 283 (3) of The Act
- Prevent the student from any activities for which the student would have represented the school that, in the opinion of the principal/delegate, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

**SHOES:** Please note that black shoes are not able to be borrowed. White stripes, white ticks and white soles are not acceptable. Parents will need to provide communication to a Dean of School, if there is a valid reason for not having correct footwear. A uniform pass may be provided depending on circumstances.

