Introduction

The Department of Education and Training’s policy on school dress code allows schools to make the wearing of a school uniform, a requirement. It has been found that the wearing of school uniform brings with it many benefits such as:

- the promotion of the school’s public image and enhanced school spirit
- reinforcing the concept of “team” and “community” - of students, staff and parents working together for the benefit of all
- removing the distraction and competition that dress can cause for adolescents
- providing an economical means of clothing students over the high school years
- ensuring basic health and safety requirements for work in schools and preparation for work environments which have dress and safety codes.
- acting as a safety mechanism to protect students on our premises

Noosa District SHS is a “uniform school”. A Uniform Policy has been established after much consultation with all stakeholders. The policy has been formulated to meet the needs of students, their families and the school. The P&C fully supports the policy and it has been endorsed by the School Council.

This brochure is intended to provide information for parents and students about our school uniform. Students attending Noosa District State High School are required to wear the correct school uniform at all times. All uniforms (except shoes) are available through the Uniform Shop.

BOYS Uniform

Boys

Upper half:
- Navy/green polo shirt
- Green polycotton jumper with school logo
- Green/blue/white bomber jacket with embroidered school logo
- White shirt (Year 10-12 only)
- School hat

Lower half:
- Navy shorts (elastic and fitted waist) as sold by the Uniform Shop with embroidered school logo with no modifications
- Navy long pants: as sold from the Uniform Shop
- White or black ankle or short socks
GIRLS Uniform

Girls

Upper half:
- Navy/green polo shirt
- Green polycotton jumper with school logo
- Green/blue/white bomber jacket with embroidered school logo
- White blouse (Year 10-12 only)
- School hat

Lower half:
- Green skirt – Skirts should be of modest length just above the knee and not be so tight as to restrict comfortable movement
- Navy shorts (elastic unisex) as sold by the Uniform Shop with embroidered school logo with no modifications
- Navy long pants: as sold from the Uniform Shop
- Black tights as sold by the Uniform Shop
- White or black ankle or short socks

WINTER JUMPERS

POLYCOTTON JUMPER

BOMBER JACKET

Senior jersey to be worn by current Year 11 and 12 students only

ACCESSORIES

School Hats

White or black short socks

Ties optional for all students
Due to Workplace Health and Safety considerations, students’ footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. All students must wear totally black leather or vinyl shoes. Canvas shoes, boots above ankle and slip-ons are not acceptable. Shoe laces are to be black with no coloured markings on the shoes.

To assist in selecting shoes, a range of examples are illustrated. This is not a comprehensive list, but it is intended to provide a clear guidance about suitable and unsuitable shoe types.
OTHER features of the Dress Code

Jewellery
The wearing of jewellery is discouraged but students are asked to be discreet in what they wear to school. Students may wear:
- a watch
- a chain around their neck as long as the chain is kept to the inside of the shirt to avoid danger or damage to the student and/or school equipment
- no more than 2 pierced holes per earlobe with either simple stud earrings or sleeper earrings. Students needing stretchers should wear clear plugs.
  Stretching tapers, spirals, claws and tunnels are not allowed.
Whilst the school does not encourage facial piercing those students with facial piercings are allowed a singular small discreet stud (1.5mm). Students may have to remove these in some practical classes. Any additional piercings must have clear stud retainers. All other jewellery is considered a danger to students’ safety and should not be worn. Medical bracelets are exempt.

Appearance
Natural appearance is encouraged. Make up should be minimal at school with exemptions for students who have specific skin conditions. Students wearing excess make up or nail polish will be asked to remove it. Students are encouraged to protect their skin through use of sun screen and a hat.
Hair should be neat, clean and tidy, so as to not interfere with learning, and to reduce the transfer of head lice. Long hair may be required to be tied back in the interests of Workplace Health and Safety, for certain activities.
Students with visible tattoos are to negotiate with the Principal. Above all students are encouraged to take pride in their appearance.

Availability of Uniform
All items of the school uniform are available at reasonable cost through the P&C Association’s Uniform Shop. The school Uniform Shop is located adjacent to the first school gate under E Block at the Cooroy Campus.
Operating times for the Uniform Shop are:
**Cooroy Campus:**
- Monday 8.00am – 11am
- Wednesday 8.00am – 10.00am

Out of these hours by appointment can be made with Sue Robertson at Cooroy Canteen (07 54722229). Lay-by, cash, eftpos and cheque facilities are available.

Assistance
If a family has difficulty meeting uniform requirements they can contact Junior School HOD (07 5472 2251) to discuss assistance options.