



UNIFORM POLICY

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The P & C and the school community of Runcorn State High School have consistently and strongly supported the enforcing of a dress code for students. Our school is a professional working and learning environment and the dress standards reflect our high standards for presentation and complement our high standards for work and behaviour.

EXPECTATIONS

Runcorn State High School expects high standards with regard to dress, with an emphasis on the importance of personal and school pride. The following expectations are endorsed by the P&C:

- Students wear the formal uniform at all times unless they have a sports/HPE activity.
- The only hat that can be worn at school is the regulation Runcorn SHS bucket hat.
- Students wear the uniform with pride and are neat and tidy at all times.
- If students are unable to wear the correct uniform on a particular day, they are required bring a signed note from parents/guardians providing a valid reason to obtain a uniform pass from the Student Counter (in the Administration building) **prior to the commencement of classes.**
- If students fail to bring a signed note with a valid reason when out of uniform, parents will be called to bring correct uniform to school. If this is not possible, students will be required to complete their classwork in Administration for the remainder of the day.
- Students wearing the incorrect shoes will be required to change into the school provided shoes for the day if parents cannot bring the correct shoes to school.
- The formal dress uniform is to be worn on all school excursions, functions or representative activities except when directed otherwise by a teacher in consultation with the Principal.
- The uniform policy applies at all times when the uniform is worn e.g. In public places before and after school hours.
- The uniform policy is designed to meet the appropriate workplace health & safety guidelines.
- In **extreme** circumstances, such as financial hardship, parents may discuss the issues with the Principal (interview or phone call) in order to wear a particular non-uniform article.

GENERAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Uniform

- All-white undershirts may be worn BUT are not to be visible at the neck or arms. For cultural reasons, shirts that cover the arms **MUST** be all-white only. The P & C Association is prepared to modify the lengths of skirts and arrange long sleeve shirts (for girls). This is to be done in consultation with the Uniform Shop.
- Sleeves must not be rolled up and collars to be worn down.
- Skirts not to be altered or hitched up.
- Torn shirt pockets, missing shirt/blouse buttons, sagging hems to be repaired promptly – no safety pins or staples.
- No underwear is to be visible or exposed at any time.
- Year 12 School Jerseys **must be** worn with the formal school shirt underneath.
- Boys must be clean shaven.

Jewellery

- One pair of small ear studs is acceptable. Ring style sleepers and **all visible piercings are not acceptable** due to Workplace Health and Safety concerns.
- In accordance with Workplace Health and Safety requirements and Education Queensland Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment guidelines, students are required to remove all jewellery (including studs) before participating in any physical or sporting, Science, Home Economics and Industrial Design and Technology activity.
- Any unacceptable jewellery confiscated by staff will be available for collection from office staff at the end of the school day.

Hats, Sunscreen and Sunglasses

The school supports a sun-safe policy and students are compulsorily required to protect themselves by wearing the Runcorn SHS bucket hat when participating in any curriculum-related OR other outdoor activities. **Students can only wear the regulation school bucket hat with Runcorn logo embroidery, and no other hat can be worn at school.** Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen and sunglasses whenever they are outdoors.

Physical Education (HPE) Lessons

Students are required to bring their Sports uniform on days they have HPE lessons and change to/from their formal dress uniform at lunch breaks. Students cannot wear the Sports uniform all day when Formal Dress uniform is required.

Interschool Sports / Sport Day (Wednesday)

Students will be expected to wear their **sports uniform** except where an alternative is required as directed by the Sports Coordinator in consultation with the Principal.

Girls Formal Uniform		Boys Formal Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blouse regulation white, blue trim school design • Skirt regulation navy blue skirt, worn to minimum of knee length, hems may be adjusted but basic design should not be altered • No visible undershirts are to be worn • Trousers regulation navy school design – alternatives not acceptable, hems not to be touching the ground • Hijab OPTIONAL – if worn, must be navy blue or white with no embellishments • Socks plain white, no anklets (approx. 10cm) • Stockings plain black coloured • Tie OPTIONAL - regulation school tie with school logo. Can only be worn by years 10 – 12 students. • Shoes Plain black (only black) leather or non-porous upper with black lace ups only. (Canvas, suede, ballet, mesh, Velcro, slip-on, multi-colour, boots and zippered shoes are not acceptable) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt regulation white, blue trim school design • Short regulation navy cargo style – to be worn from above hip to mid- knee • Trousers regulation navy school design – alternatives not acceptable, hems not to be touching the ground • Socks plain white, no anklets (approx. 10cm) • Tie OPTIONAL - regulation school tie with school logo. Can only be worn by years 10 – 12 students. • Shoes Plain black (only black) leather or non-porous upper with black lace ups only. (Canvas, suede, ballet, mesh, Velcro, slip-on, multi-colour, boots and zippered shoes are not acceptable) • No visible undershirts are to be worn. 	

Sports Uniform		Winter Uniform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt regulation royal blue unisex polo school design • Short regulation royal blue unisex school design – to be worn above hip with hem no lower than mid knee • Hat regulation school bucket hat with Runcorn logo embroidery (no other hat can be worn) • No visible undershirts are to be worn • Socks plain white, no anklets (approx. 10cm) • Shoes Plain black (only black) leather or non-porous upper with black lace ups only. (Canvas, suede, ballet, mesh, Velcro, slip-on, multi-colour, boots and zippered shoes are not acceptable) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumper regulation royal blue unisex fleecy school design with Runcorn logo embroidery • Trousers regulation navy school design – alternatives not acceptable, hems not to be touching the ground • Blazer OPTIONAL -regulation navy school blazer with school logo embroidery (orders only) • Track Suit regulation blue Taslon or Microfibre school design • Yr12 Jumper - Worn by year 12 students only. Dress uniform must be worn underneath. Cannot be worn for formal occasions such as Awards Night. 	

Hair	Make-Up	Jewellery
<p>Hairstyles are to be reasonable, natural in colour and appropriate to a professional working environment. Students are not permitted extreme hairstyles/colours. If students wish to dye their hair, the new colour should resemble a natural hair colour and should be of one shade only.</p>	<p>Make-up is not part of the school uniform and must not be worn. This includes any forms of artificial colouring added to the face, eyes or nails.</p> <p>NOTE: Students are encouraged to make use of clear or colourless sun protection products at all times.</p>	<p>Acceptable jewellery items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School badges • A watch • One pair of small plain stud earrings at the bottom lobe of the ear only – the other ear piercing must be taken out. • Medic alert bracelets/necklace (inside shirt/blouse) <p>Jewellery not allowed includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No coloured earrings. No plugs, stretchers or tunnels. No sleepers. No visible piercings including clear studs. • No rings, bracelets or necklaces <p>If you chose to wear devotional jewellery it is NOT to be visible.</p>

Any infringement of make-up will result in students being requested to remove offending make-up.

Any infringement of jewellery policy will result in student removing offending items and confiscation of non-approved items.

FOOTWEAR

All students are required to wear appropriate footwear as part of the uniform. The footwear expected as part of the school uniform also responds to issues of Workplace Health and Safety.

Appropriate footwear must:

- Have a full upper that covers all the foot.
- Be a full upper totally made of a non-porous material (eg leather, vinyl) and **cannot be made of canvas, mesh, woven upper or other porous material** (eg suede)
- Be plain black coloured with black laces.
- Elastic-sided boots or shoes are not acceptable.
- Shoes with platform or high heels are not acceptable.

State and Commonwealth Industrial Safety regulations as well as Education Queensland's Curriculum Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines require that students wearing inappropriate footwear (eg. thongs, open sandals, ballet slippers or canvas shoes) are to be excluded from classes in Industrial Design and Technology, Science, Home Economics, Health & Physical Education, Sport and Visual Art on the grounds of safety.

ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR EXAMPLES



UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR EXAMPLES



FORMAL DRESS UNIFORMS

Boys Dress Shirt & navy Cargo Short



Girls Dress Blouse and navy Skirt



Runcorn Fleecy Jumper (Dress & Sports uniform)



Boys Dress Shirt and navy Dress Pants



Girls Dress Blouse and navy Dress Pants



OPTIONAL Runcorn School Tie Yr10-12 only



OPTIONAL Runcorn School Blazer



SPORTS UNIFORMS

Unisex Sports Polo & Sports Short



Runcorn Jacket & Trackpant (Sports uniform only)



Runcorn Bucket Hat (only hat that can be worn at school)

