

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is an expectation of the Caravonica School Community – the Parents' & Citizens Association (P & C), the Principal and staff – that all students abide by the School Dress Code Policy. A parent / caregiver application to enrol at Caravonica State School is taken as acceptance of this policy.

Rationale

Our School Community believes that the Dress Code requirement is important in developing a sense of identity and pride for our students. It aligns with the general expectation in today's workforce where, in most instances, there is an established Dress Code at the work site. For students, this school is their work site.

Our uniform:

- Caters for all students in the school community in a manner sensitive to gender and local cultural and social issues;
- Meets requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation;
- Promotes the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities eg items for sun protection;
- Provides girls and boys with equal access to the full range of school activities

The Caravonica State School student uniform will be worn by students when:

- Attending school on a day to day basis;
- Representing their school;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours.

Purpose

The wearing of school uniforms by students of Caravonica State School will assist the school community to:

- Define an identity for the school within its community;
- Develop students' sense of belonging to the school community;
- Provide an opportunity to build school spirit;
- Enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities;
- Promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity;
- Reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment;
- Increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school;
- Make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothes.

Healthy and Safety Legislation

The school must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health & safety and must take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks.

Our School Community:

- Requires students to wear appropriate footwear or other protective clothing as to avoid injury;
- Requires students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate;
- Requires that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn.

Non-Compliance

The school may impose a sanction in the event of non-compliance:

- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch or after school;
- Preventing a student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational programme;
- Preventing a student from attending or participating in, any activity for which the student is representing the school.

- Parents will be informed of a student's non-compliance through the normal channels of home school communication.

Uniform details

School uniform items can be purchased through the school Uniform and Stationery shop weekly 8:00am – 9.00am.

Girls: Black skort/skirt/shorts mid-thigh length
(Short beach length shorts are inappropriate for school wear at any time;
Longer lengths acceptable)
Red Caravonica school polo shirt

Boys: Black shorts mid-thigh length
(Short beach length shorts are inappropriate for school wear at any time;
Longer lengths acceptable)
Red Caravonica school polo shirt

Performance Uniform: Students who participate in Music programmes, Choir Senior only, Concert Band and String Ensemble will require a performance uniform shirt and performance footwear. Music teachers will confirm auditioned and or signed parent participation in these programs. Parents will be responsible for the provision of the appropriate performance uniforms for student involved in these extra curricula programs.

Girls: Black skort/skirt/shorts mid-thigh length
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Red Caravonica school polo shirt
Black school shoes

Boys: Black shorts mid-thigh length
(Short beach length shorts are inappropriate for school wear at any time;
Longer lengths acceptable)
Red Caravonica school polo shirt
Black school shoes
Black ankle socks

Hats / Sunscreen / Swim Shirts- essential

Broad-brimmed hats are an essential component of the uniform. The school's Sun Protection Policy, endorsed by P & C, indicates that children must be wearing a hat during all outdoor lessons and playtimes. If children are not wearing hats, the teacher on duty will require that they stay in the covered play areas only. Our school is a 'Sun Smart' school. Sunscreen is available in every classroom.

- Hats and sunscreen must be worn while students are participating in lessons, coaching or recreational activities outside the classroom;
- Swim shirts must be worn by Prep-Year 7 students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons. The wearing of swim shirts will also be enforced on camps and excursions where water-based activities are involved;
- If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, the wearing of a T-shirt is permitted.

Jewellery – permitted items

Due to Workplace Health and Safety issues, jewellery is to be limited to:

- One watch or bracelet or bangle
- One small discreet necklace worn for religious purposes only inside the school shirt
- Earrings - Small sleepers or studs only

Beads, shells, chains and/or facial adornment are not suitable for school. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate jewellery. This jewellery will be held for parent collection.

Footwear

Fully enclosed shoes or sandals must be worn for health and safety purposes. Thongs are not acceptable.

Make-up

The wearing of make-up is not appropriate for school.

Hair

- ✓ Hair accessories are to be minimal
- ✓ Hair should be worn clean, neatly groomed in a conservative style.
- ✓ Shoulder length or longer hair to be tied back for all practical lessons and activities and hair kept out of eyes
- ✓ Hair **tones are to be one natural shade**. Fluoro or brightly coloured hair colours are not permitted.

FREE DRESS DAYS:

On free dress days, students may wear non-uniform items, provided:

1. The clothing is sun-safe
2. Shirts free of obscene language and symbols
3. Shoulders and upper arms are covered by clothing to the same extent as the usual uniform
4. The length of shorts/ skirt/ dress is at least the equivalent of the regular uniform i.e. at least mid-thigh
5. A hat only, not cap, that affords the same amount of sun protection as the uniform hat

SPORTS DAY DRESS

On school inter-house sports days, students may wear non-uniform items, provided:

1. The house coloured shirts red, blue or green with sleeves and a collar where possible
2. Hair is temporarily coloured in house colours on this day only

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM

If a student does not attend school or school related activities in the correct uniform, Education Queensland policy (March 1999) fully supports the Principal or nominees in the following actions.

1. Requesting an explanation note from the parent that states why the student is out of uniform.
2. If the occurrence is repeated, reminding parents about the policy through a letter. Discussing the issues further if necessary.
3. *Students who do not have a hat are restricted to covered areas during play periods.*
“No hat, no play”

The Caravonica State School and Parents and Citizens Association obviously prefer that ALL parents will fully support this policy in the current and future interests of ALL students for the reasons explained in the Rationale.

EXEMPTIONS

The only exceptions to this policy are students whose physical impairments prevent their ability to conform to the dress code or students whose families have religious or cultural grounds for conscientious objection. They must, however, wear clothing and footwear conforming to WHS requirements.

NOTE

If parents have any objection or suggestions regarding this policy or procedures, they should contact the School Principal or P&C President to arrange a time to present their point of view to the school community through the P&C Association meetings.