

## Dress Code

Student presentation builds esteem and belonging as equals. Crestmead State School has a strict dress code. All children are expected to adhere to the dress code. Parents/carers are advised of this requirement when committing to the school's Enrolment Agreement. Support and assistance is offered and provided by the school and P&C to families where appropriate. All matters are dealt with confidentiality.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children comply with the dress code before they leave for school each day. The dress code has been approved by the P&C Association.

A copy of the dress code is available on the school website ([www.crestmeadss.eq.edu.au](http://www.crestmeadss.eq.edu.au)), on enrolment and on request. **Please refer to 'Uniforms' for specific details about the school uniform and place of purchase.**

The dress code involves maintaining appropriate dress standards and includes **wearing the school uniform at all times**. This includes when:

- Attending or representing the school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

Student dress codes provide clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging, and
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

## Wearing of Uniform

Our school is a uniform school and committing to this forms part of the Enrolment Agreement. Students are expected to wear a school uniform at all times. A child in school uniform readily identifies with his/her school and establishes a school identity in the local community. The school uniform includes:

- Everyday school uniform
- Everyday uniform alternative
- Sporting uniforms
- Instrumental/Music uniform

The correct school uniform must be worn for specific activities. For example, sporting uniforms are not to be worn at times/days when students are not involved in school sports.

Assistance is available to avoid any hardship that may arise.

## Standards

All students are expected to adhere to the following standards.

### *Sun Safe Policy*

- Crestmead has a "NO HAT ...NO PLAY IN THE SUN" policy which is enforced by all staff on playground duty. A bucket hat or wide brim hat is required if children are going to be outside playing or working. NO sun visors or caps are allowed as they do not provide adequate sun protection.

- Headwear promoting alcohol or cigarettes is not permitted as it does not meet school dress code standards.
- Singlets/sleeveless shirts are not permitted as they do not provide adequate sun protection and do not meet the school dress code standards.
- Sunglasses are acceptable for outdoor activities. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage.

### ***Personal Appearance***

Just as standards of conduct and speech are considered important, so are standards of personal neatness, tidiness and grooming. Health and Safety are also issues considered. Hair should always be clean, neat and tidy, and preferably tied back. All aspects of personal hygiene should receive appropriate attention. The following is deemed unacceptable:

- Tattoos
- Make up
- Nail polish/lacquer and false nails
- Hair colours must be natural. (Exemptions are made for Sports Days or special fund raisers when children are permitted to use washable colours)
- Dreadlocks
- Multiple or extreme hair adornments or cuts/styles (including but not limited to dreadlocks, rats tails, tracks and mohawks)
- Wrist bands
- Clothing that promotes alcohol, cigarette products or drug use (including caps and hats)
- Non uniform accessories

### ***Jewellery***

Jewellery other than a wristwatch should not be worn. Exceptions to this are when a child:

- Has pierced ears – only small discreet sleepers or studs may be worn (maximum of two piercings per ear).
- Wears a religious necklet or a culturally significant item - children must have a supporting letter from home. There is an expectation that the item will be mainly, if not completely, covered by the uniform.
- Wears a Medical Alert Bracelet
- Prescription glasses

Rings, necklaces, eyebrow/nose/tongue/belly studs are not to be worn and this applies to boys and girls.

### ***Multicultural Days/Free Dress Days/Any Occasion When School Uniform Is Not Worn***

Any clothing is considered **INAPPROPRIATE** attire for school at any time if it:

- Promotes or glorifies war, violence or any other acts of aggression
- Features inappropriate writing/illustrations
- Shows excessive skin (e.g. muscle shirts, crop tops)

### **Exemption Procedures**

- Students may be exempt from wearing the school uniform in special circumstances, e.g. when new to the school, special fundraisers.
- Exemption will be for a set period of time, upon written request and explanation from a parent to an Administrator. Set period of time will be a maximum of two weeks.

- Students who have an exemption must comply with school colours and standards (see above), except on approved days, e.g. Free Dress Days.
- Class teachers will be informed that a student is exempted for a limited period of time as requested by the parent to an Administrator.

### **Infringement of School Dress Code**

- Students will not be permitted to represent the school in any official capacity if they are not in the relevant school uniform:
  - Music and instrumental concerts and performances – music uniform;
  - Leadership – school uniform, including embroidered school name on shirt collar;
  - Sporting – school uniform or team uniform where specified.
- Students will not be permitted to participate in essential school education programs where their dress would pose a safety risk. In these instances, students will participate in alternative education activities provided by the school.
- Students not wearing the school uniform may be sent to the relevant Administrator.
- Students not complying with other aspects of the dress code will be asked to rectify this by a teaching staff member and/or Administrator at the time, e.g. remove dangly earrings/nose studs and put them in their school bag until the end of the school day, when they are to take them home. NOTE: The school will take no responsibility for these items.
- Parents who send children to school wearing clothes and / or presented in a manner contrary to the school dress code may be telephoned and requested to collect their children or bring a change of appropriate clothing and/or assist their child/ren to comply with the school dress code.
- If parents cannot be contacted or are unable to provide appropriate clothing, students may be given the opportunity to change into appropriate items from a bank of clothing held at school. Students will need to change out of these clothes at the end of the school day. Parents will be informed of this and/or dress code infringements through a school letter and may be asked to contact the school to discuss the issue and develop alternative strategies.
- Students may be given a detention for not complying with the school dress code. This may be a lunchtime detention or an after school detention. Parents will be informed 24 hours before and after school detention occurs.