**TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

UNIFORM POLICY

**RATIONALE**

Toolooa State High School is a "uniform school" because the Parents’ and Citizens' Association, consulting with the parents of this school, decided at the outset to support the wearing of school uniforms.

The Minister for Education has stated that the advantages of wearing school uniforms include, "developing a sense of belonging to a group, pride in membership of that group and identification of students travelling to and from school". He also stated that "where uniforms are supported by the majority of parents, he would expect all parents to ensure their children wear the school uniform."

This is our expectation and we require all parents to support the accepted standard of dress as detailed below, by ensuring that their students wear the correct and appropriate Toolooa High School uniform at all times.

**GENERAL UNIFORM UNFORMATION**

The school uniform is advocated by the school and the P & C Association for the following reasons:-

1. It gives all students a sense of personal pride in their own appearance.
2. Provided students change into other clothes after school, it should prove long-wearing and economical.
3. It encourages identification with the school and promotes school spirit.
4. Distractions caused by variations of dress and grooming are avoided.
5. Visitors to the school are easily identified.

**FOOTWEAR:** Education Department instructions on safety procedures to be adopted by schools clearly state that students’ footwear must provide adequate protection which means ***footwear must cover the entire foot.*** Footwear such as thongs, open-heeled sandals and openwork shoes shall not be worn by the students. This regulation will be enforced. Students who do not comply will be withdrawn from classes to work at the office. More stringent rules apply in Workshop/Laboratory areas and during physical activities.

**NOTES ON GENERAL APPEARANCE OF STUDENTS**

1. Shoes should be cleaned regularly.
2. Hair must be neat and clean. In the interest of safety and good health, students will be required to tie long hair back when working in some curriculum areas.
3. Safety, security and other reasons demand that only plain sleepers and studs may be worn for pierced body parts. Neck chains or religious medals must be worn against the skin out of sight. Watches may be worn.
4. Jeans or jeggings (no matter what the colour) are not to be worn at any time.

**UNIFORM OUTLINE**

**THE EVERYDAY SCHOOL UNIFORM IS AS FOLLOWS:**

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| **COLOURS** | Maroon, Black and Grey. |
| **POLO SHIRT (BOYS AND GIRLS)** | These are available at the School Uniform Shop. |
| **SHORTS (BOYS AND GIRLS)** | Plain black shorts with logo available at the uniform shop. Appropriate length needs to be considered. Our guide is that the bottom of the shorts is not higher than 3 inches (approx.. 7-8am) above the top of the knee. |
| **SKIRT (GIRLS)** | Plain black skirt with logo available at the School Uniform Shop |
| **SOCKS (BOYS AND GIRLS)** | White or black plain short length socks |
| **SHOES (BOYS AND GIRLS)** | Laced joggers |

**WINTER UNIFORM (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

**Slacks and Tracksuit Pants**

* Plain black slacks or tracksuit pants of fade resistant material may be worn in winter.

**Pullover and Jacket**

* A school jacket is available for purchase through the office. Alternatively a ***plain black pullover or zip-up jacket*** may be worn in winter. ***No hoods are to be worn at any time***. The CQ representative or Queensland sporting jackets (obtained through school sporting teams) are also acceptable.
* Girls are allowed to wear plain black stockings under a skirt during winter. ***The wearing of Tights at school is not acceptable even under a skirt or shorts.***

**HEADWEAR**

* Baseball/bucket hat styles are acceptable. Students must have a hat on if out in the sun. No hat - no play. Dispensers of sunscreen are available at the office and tuckshop for use if sunscreen is needed. Hats showing bad taste (language/signs) are not acceptable.

**UNIFORM – SUN SAFETY**

* In the interests of sun safety, students must wear a hat to play on the oval or hard courts. It is expected that students will wear sunscreen for outdoor activities. Shelter in the form of pergolas, shades, trees, and the multi-purpose shelter are supplied around the school. Where it is possible, outdoor lessons are scheduled for the cooler parts of the day.

**UNIFORM INFRINGMENT PROCEDURES**

If a student is unable to follow the above requirements then he/she must present a signed note from a caregiver explaining the reason for being out of uniform on each occasion. The form teacher will then issue a uniform pass for that day. For repeated uniform breaches that are explained with a note, administration will be informed and a decision in consultation with caregivers will be made.

For student who cannot supply their form teacher with a note explaining the reason for being out of uniform, a detention at first break on that day will be issued.

For those students who arrive late the school, a compulsory meeting with a member of administration will be held before they go to class. In this time, uniform infringements and reasons for being late will be addressed.

Uniform detentions occur in the allocated area and require students to report with their uniform infridgement notice to the staff member on duty. Failure to attend uniform detention will result in referral to year coordinator and possibly administration.

**FORMAL UNIFORM**

The Formal Uniform of the school is distinctive and can be worn by any student irrespective of their year level as an alternative to their everyday uniform. The Formal Uniform of Toolooa State High School is as follows:

* + Maroon Toolooa State High School Uniform buttoned shirt/blouse (male or female) available from our School Uniform shop.
  + Approved black trousers **or** shorts/skirt with logo available from our School Uniform shop.
  + White socks/black stockings
  + Black shoes (any sort of black shoe). ***Footwear must cover the entire foot***.

Examples of acceptable shoes



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Shoes such as ballet flats are not acceptable wear at school.

* A school tie may be worn with the formal uniform but is optional.

**SENIOR JERSEY (Year 12, Term 2)**

As this is an optional part of the uniform there is an expectation that students will wear the uniform IN FULL.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR PERSISTENT DISREGARD FOR THE UNIFORM**

After following the school’s supportive procedures in regards to the uniform, there may still be situations where a student has daily access to clean and dry items of the school uniform and yet wilfully chooses to persistently disregard the school’s uniform policy in favour of other items of clothing. In this instance, the school will not restrict the student’s access to the curriculum and their course of study. However, the school may elect to withdraw some or all of that student’s privileges in terms of:

1. Eligibility for student leadership positions
2. Attending school excursions, with alternatives arranged where these are linked to the curriculum
3. Participation in the schools awards ceremonies
4. Eligibility for school subject and achievement awards
5. Participating in school sporting teams and events
6. Use of school facilities for recreational purposes before school, during lunch breaks and after school
7. Access to those areas of the school visible to the public (i.e. basketball courts)

**JEWELLERY & COSMETICS**

At the beginning of all lessons, including form, teachers will be enforcing the jewellery policy and asking students to remove jewellery that does not conform.

ACCEPTABLE JEWELLERY / COSMETICS:

* Sleepers or studs only. Ear cuffs, spikes and the like are unacceptable.
* Watch and/or bracelet (only one each)
* ***A maximum of 2 flat rings with no protrusions***
* Neck chains/religious medals ***worn against the skin and not visible***. ***Any chains are to be of fine silver or gold only, no leather.***
* No choker type neck ornaments (for safety reasons)
* **NB** ***No Cosmetic Makeup is to be worn***, with the exception of ‘foundation’.

Heads of Department and teachers will do risk assessments for activities where they believe the wearing of jewellery, the amount and position of jewellery worn could increase the level of risk of injury to the person or others, for example manual arts, sewing or cooking, physical education, science labs, to an unacceptable level. If the risk level is assessed as unacceptable, students will be asked to remove the jewellery, or teachers may choose to supply masking tape to cover up or to hold the jewellery in a fixed position for the duration of the activity.

**PENALTIES**

At this present stage, students will only be asked to remove the jewellery that does not conform. Failing to do so and consistently breaching this policy will result in the student being referred to a member of administration with appropriate action to be taken.

**UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT PROCEDURES**

Student is out of uniform *with a note*:

The form teacher will then issue a uniform pass for that day. For persistent uniform breaches that are explained with a note, administration will be informed and a decision in consultation with caregivers will be made.

Student is out of uniform *without a note*:

The form teacher marks a ‘U’ on the form roll and issues a detention at first break.

For those students who arrive late to school, a compulsory meeting with a member of administration will be held before they go to class. In this time, uniform infringements and reasons for being late will be addressed.

Uniform detentions occur in the Detention Room in the tuckshop zone. Failure to attend uniform detention will result in referral to year coordinator and possibly administration.