

HERCULES ROAD STATE SCHOOL DRESS CODE - Uniform Policy & Jewellery / Presentation Policy

Uniform Policy

Our school Parents and Citizens Association endorse that we wear an approved uniform at Hercules Road as it:

- Creates a sense of identity with and for our school
- Promotes pride within our students and school community
- Establishes a standard of dress which includes gender neutral options and addresses sun protection
- Is cost effective and affordable
- Allows easy identification of enrolled students in our school and when out of school
- Addresses the issues of peer pressure due to appearance and/or state of wealth

All of the following items must be the same style, fabric and colour as those sold from the school uniform shop.

IF UNSURE, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO PURCHASE.

Special circumstances need to be discussed with the Principal.

The Hercules Road State School uniform consists of:

- Light green and dark green panel HRSS polo shirt or Seniors Shirt worn out, with collar worn down.
- Bottle green shorts (ruggers or unisex style)/ skirt/ skorts – should not be excessively longer or shorter than the school uniform version and must be at least mid-thigh in length. Baggy/ long style shorts that extend beyond the knee, shiny soccer style, basketball style with holes in the fabric, army or cargo shorts are unacceptable.
- Plain wide-brimmed bottle green hat or bucket hat with or without logo – no caps, legionnaires or beanies are permitted
The hat is an essential items for students to participate in P.E. and sport, which are generally in the sun.
- Shoes must be predominantly black, lace-up (black laces), velcro or buckled footwear (joggers/ sandals or black leather shoes), with minimal colour on visible surfaces. Exceptions must be approved by the Principal prior to purchase.
- Footwear is not to have excessively thick soles, raised heels or be high cut (unless medically prescribed).
- Slip on shoes, sandals and thongs are not permitted without doctor or Principal's permission.
- Socks should be totally white on visible surface, or with the approved school logo, short socks/ anklets worn down.
- Plain bottle green tracksuit or bottle green jumper with/without school emblem – no stripes or hoods. White, dark green or black long sleeve shirts or tights maybe worn under the school uniform in winter.
- Check green dress, as per the standard available in the school uniform shop.
- Hair accessories are to be minimal
 - ✓ Any adornments are to be green, black and/ or white
 - ✓ No bandanas or scarves
 - ✓ Shoulder length or longer hair to be tied back and hair kept out of eyes
 - ✓ Hair tones are to be of students natural colour - not dyed
 - ✓ Fluorescent or brightly coloured hair colours are not permitted apart from wash out spray-on colours for approved designated sport carnivals/ events.

The Wearing of The Uniform:

It is expected that while children are in uniform, they will wear the complete uniform, including when coming to or going from school.

- Uniform shirts are to be worn out, not tucked in
- No non-uniform clothing should be visible e.g. t-shirts, different coloured clothing
- Hats are to be worn when away from covered areas.
- Shoes are required to be worn at all times.
- Uniform is to be worn for the entire school year

Free Dress Days:

On free dress days, approved by the school, students may wear non-uniform items, provided:

1. The clothing is sun-safe.
2. No inappropriate printing is visible on the clothing.
3. Shoulders and upper arms are covered by clothing to the same extent as the usual school uniform.
4. The length of shorts/ skirt/ dress is at least the equivalent of the regular uniform.
5. Wide-brimmed hats or bucket hats are worn – no caps.

Jewellery / Presentation Policy

Establishing and expecting accepted jewellery and presentation standards ensures the school maintains pride in all students' appearance, limits items which may be lost / stolen, removes distractions in class and ensures workplace safety for students and staff. Guidelines include:

- A maximum of 2 sets of small, plain sleepers or studs earrings are permitted.
- Spacers are not permitted.
- 'Dangly' earrings or visible piercings must be removed during the school day or covered with tape.
- One signet ring permitted (must not be sharp or raised).
- Necklaces are not to be visible.
- One watch (smart watches not permitted).
- Medical bracelets permitted.
- No face adornments e.g. stickers, temporary tattoos
- Hair accessory items to be minimal and green, white or black. N.B. Hair ties or bands are not to be worn on wrists.
- No hoodies, beanies, bandanas or scarves
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back and hair is to be kept out of eyes
- Hair to be student's natural colour.
- Fluorescent or brightly coloured hair colours are not permitted apart from wash out spray on colours for approved designated carnivals/ events.
- No make-up except for medical reasons which require a doctor's letter
- Clear fingernail polish only.
- Fake nails and anklets are not permitted.

Any exceptions e.g. religious, medical or cultural factors, need to be discussed with the Principal. Students may be directed to remove inappropriate items e.g. bandana, piercing, nail polish or be given one day in which to comply, unless otherwise arranged with the Principal.

Non-Compliance:

Parents agree to meeting the school uniform code on enrolment and should a parent have bona fide reason for their child not be in the approved uniform they must advise the school prior to sending their child to school or by providing their child a note to take to school advising of the reason.

Students, who are non-compliant without appropriate parent approval, may be subject to the following:

- Student may be provided an orange 'Incorrect Uniform Card' to remind them and ask parents to rectify the concern.
- Class teacher will monitor frequency of non-compliance and will contact the parent/carer if prolonged non-compliance occurs. School may send home a non-compliance to uniform letter highlighting concern.
- Student may be prevented from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school.
- Student may be prevented from attending, or participating in events like: school excursions, interschool sport and extra-curricular activities where wearing the incorrect uniform is a safety concern.

