



Rasmussen State School Uniform Policy

Updated as per <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Student-Dress-Code.aspx>

The Rasmussen State School Dress Code Policy has been developed in consultation with parents and caregivers, school staff, and students. The Rasmussen State School community endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform.

A uniform is an important part of the development of our school as we agree it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about our school and its students. The Rasmussen State School Dress Code assists our school community by:

- allowing for the easy identification of our students on school premises and during regional sporting and cultural events and excursions, critical incidents, safety drills or evacuations.
- alerting our school staff to people who may not belong on our school grounds.
- reducing the pressure of buying name brands and following the latest trends and fads, which minimises any visible economic or social differences between students.
- promoting a sense of common purpose and belonging, consistency and unity in the daily activities of students.
- reflecting the Rasmussen State School's community expectations of student safety and is consistent with the Department of Education and Training's Occupational Health and Safety and Anti-discrimination Legislation and Sun Safe Strategy.

Dress and personal appearance expectations

Students wearing items that do not comply with the requirements set out below will be asked to remove the offending item and to store it out of sight for the remainder of the school day. A refusal to comply will be dealt with in accordance with managing compliance set out below. Rasmussen State School requires students to wear items related to safety, such as safe footwear and eye protection, which may be necessary in order to participate in certain school activities.

Dress

Rasmussen State School requires all students to be in full school uniform when:

- attending or representing the school,
- travelling to and from school; and,
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

'Boys' Uniform

Shorts – black, no longer than the knees

Shirt - green, gold and black polo shirt with collar and school badge

Girls' Uniform

Shirt - green, gold and black polo shirt with collar and school badge

Shorts, skirt, skort – black

House Sports Shirts

Each Sport House has their own identifying house shirt designed with student input. The shirts are available for order or purchase at the office. Students can wear their shirts at school sporting events and every Friday to school.



Foot protection

Closed-in shoes with white ankle socks are required. Preferred shoe colour is black. Thongs and sandals of any type are not appropriate for school due to safety factors. No closed-in footwear – no play (Workplace Health and Safety).

Wet Days

On days that are wet students may wear thongs or gum boots to school with closed in shoes and socks in their bags to put on during the day if needed.

Hats

Rasmussen is an accredited SUNSMART school. Students must have a slouch hat, legionnaire's hat or bucket hat for use in outdoor activities and play time. Preferred hat colour is black, green or yellow. Rasmussen bucket hats are available for sale at the tuckshop. NO HAT – NO OUTDOORS PLAY Children who do not have a hat will be permitted to play under a roofed area, only.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permissible at school are the following items: wristwatch, sleepers, small stud in earlobes only, and medical identification if required. All jewellery must be removed during formal sporting activities e.g. netball, swimming, football, soccer, hockey etc. (This has been mandated by Workplace Health and Safety regulations). Students wearing jewellery other than permissible items will be required to remove it immediately or have clear accessories put in their place. This will include facial piercings like nose and lip. Supporter bands and wristbands are not permissible accessories for school.

Sunglasses

Labelled sunglasses provided by parents are acceptable.

Dress Standard

It is expected that all students will have a neat and tidy appearance at all times. Undershirts (with the exception of winter months) or shorts which are visible while the uniform is being worn will be required to be removed. Hairstyles should be tidy and appropriate for primary school children. Brightly coloured hair is not appropriate for school and is not an accepted part of the dress code. Make-up and nail polish are not permissible as part of the dress code. Inappropriate and unsafe garments include singlets, tank tops, sleeveless tops, and imprinted items including logos or slogans.

Uniform modification and exemptions - Special needs/individual circumstances modification Individual circumstances modification

Rasmussen State School recognises that in some situations students may require modifications to the requirements of the school dress code. These modifications are designed to permit a student to attend the school with maximum compliance with the dress code, recognising that the student may not be able to fully comply (for example, if a student gets permission from the school to colour or shave their head in order to participate in a charitable activity or if a student with a disability finds the present uniform unsatisfactory for their disability).

Requests for exemption

The exceptional circumstances of some students or families may require parent/s to request an exemption. Financial hardship Personal financial circumstances may make purchasing school uniform items seem unrealistic for some families. Parents should note that Rasmussen State School can provide relevant assistance to families for uniform items where financial stress is genuine;

- Loan uniforms are available from a bank of clothing which may be borrowed by students until uniforms are able to be purchased.

The exemption or modification allows the student to attend school without receiving a disciplinary consequence applied for the uniform non-compliance, but these students may however be prevented from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school (this can include school excursions, extra-curricular activities where the student is associated with the school) and / or be prevented from attending, or participating in, any school activity for which the student would have been representing the school.

Managing non-compliance

The following non-compliance process should be undertaken during the student's free time, not during lessons which are part of the essential educational program of the school. Schools with dress codes impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- imposing a detention for a student during lunch or after school (if after school, inform parents before detention occurs)
- preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school, or
- preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

Schools provide their Student Dress Code policy to parents at the time of enrolment as part of the Enrolment Agreement.

Rasmussen school uniforms are available from: Lowes (Willows); School Locker (Domain). Tropic T-Shirt (Kirwan)

If you have any concerns regarding the school uniform policy please make an appointment to see one of the Administration Staff.