

Clover Hill State Student Dress Code (reviewed 2022)



Rationale

The Clover Hill State School P&C has determined that our school is a full uniform school. The school uniform is regarded by the school community as being important in its role in encouraging a sense of identity and pride; strengthening school community cohesion; enhancing student safety, health and wellbeing and preparing students for the expectations of some workplaces. The school uniform of Clover Hill State School is designed to give students a sense of purpose that lends itself to the process of education. The wearing of school uniform also ensures that outsiders who wish to intrude into our school grounds are readily identifiable.

The uniform has been designed with elements of comfort, climate, cost, efficiency, social equity and activity considered.

Clover Hill State School Uniform Expectations

YEAR 1 - 6		
Description of compulsory uniform items (see images below)		
<p>Formal Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-issue formal blouse • School-issue formal shirt • School-issue navy skort • School-issue navy shorts • Checked dress • Clover Hill State School white sports socks. Alternatively, plain white ankle to quarter crew socks can be purchased externally. • All black leather or leather-like shoes 		
<p>Sports Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports or house polo shirt • Unisex sport shorts • Clover Hill State School white sports socks. Alternatively, plain white ankle to quarter crew socks can be purchased externally. • Runners (black or predominantly white only). NB Black joggers can be worn with formal and sports uniform. • School-issue wide brim hat (navy with house colour on the inside of the hat). 		
<p>Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy-blue full-length stockings/tights. • School-issue jumper or jacket • School-issue navy blue track suit pants <p><i>NB The new Clover Hill State School logo (2020) will gradually replace the old logo on uniform items as items with the old logo are restocked.</i></p>		
PREP YEAR		
<p>As above with the exception of Clover Hill State School <i>blue</i> sports socks (these are compulsory).</p>		
Additional Items available (not compulsory)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair ties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water-proof library bag
Free Dress Days		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any items of clothing worn on free dress days must meet health and safety requirements, e.g. enclosed flat-soled shoes, shirts with sleeves, etc. Additionally, clothing items must not carry any offensive or inappropriate slogans or language. 		
Year 6 Specialty Shirt		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior shirts may only be worn on designated days. Days on which the shirt will be allowed will be determined and communicated by the sector deputy each year. 		
Excellence Program and Club Shirts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in excellence programs and the chess club may wear their program shirt on the day that they engage in their specific excellence program and during competitions. 		

APPEARANCE

- ◆ Children are expected to come to school each day presented neatly and tidily in correct school uniform.
- ◆ Safety requirements necessitate the wearing of closed shoes/sneakers. Also for safety reasons, if hair touches the collar then it must be tied up with either a blue, green or black hair-tie.
- ◆ A watch and one pair of earrings (sleepers or studs) are the only jewellery items permitted to be worn to school. No other jewellery is acceptable, except for cultural or religious necklaces which can be worn concealed beneath the blouse or shirt as long as the Principal's written approval has been given. Medical bracelets or necklaces are exempt from this policy.
- ◆ Children must wear a hat in the playground or move to an under covered area during play time.
- ◆ Nail polish and make-up is not be worn to school.
- ◆ Hairstyles must be neat, clean and tidy, and of natural toning and style. 'Tracks' are not considered to be a natural style and, therefore, are not allowed at school.

Procedure for Addressing Dress Code Breaches

1. If a student is not adhering to the school dress code, teachers will send the student to the office where one of our office staff will record the breach on ID attend system and students will receive a uniform slip. Where possible the office staff will also arrange for the student to exchange their inappropriate clothing item for one that is more appropriate from our store of second-hand uniforms.
2. Fortnightly reports of breaches will be run by the office staff and students who have had 3 or more breaches in that period will have an email sent to their parents requesting compliance to the school's dress code (sample below).
3. If a student persists in not wearing the appropriate uniform or hair/dress requirements then the sector deputy will contact parents to explain the inappropriate nature of the dress and offer assistance to help parents to adhere to the policy, i.e. access to second-hand clothing store. Parents should be informed that wearing school uniform with pride is a Clover Hill State School PBL expectation and; therefore, repeated breaches of the school uniform expectations may result in a behaviour consequence being given.
4. At this stage DP may give a consequence for breaches or agree to continue monitoring dress code adherence. N.B. Students may not be able to attend or participate in certain events where uniform is required, such as; school excursions, interschool events, student leadership selection process, etc.

When resolving matters concerning the student dress code, flexibility and common sense should prevail, especially in relation to the following circumstances:

- Families experiencing economic hardship should be offered special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase new items of dress (at the discretion of the Principal). Students with physical impairments should be permitted considerable flexibility in the interpretation of the dress code.
- Objections raised on any reasonable grounds will be considered by the principal.

EXAMPLE LETTER FOR REPEATED DRESS CODE BREACHES (to be emailed to parents on school letterhead)

Dear Parent / Caregiver

I am writing to request your support in relation to adherence to our student dress code. It has been identified that your child has been in breach of the Clover Hill State School Student Dress Code on several occasions recently.

The P&C of Clover Hill State School has resolved that it supports a student dress code for Clover Hill State School because it believes that a student dress code is important in its role in encouraging a sense of identity and pride; strengthening school community cohesion; enhancing student safety, health and wellbeing and preparing students for the expectations of some workplaces. The school uniform of Clover Hill State School is designed to give students a sense of purpose that lends itself to the process of education. The wearing of school uniform also ensures that outsiders who wish to intrude into our school grounds are readily identifiable.

The dress code as endorsed by the Clover Hill P&C Association is as follows:

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Specific items of uniform are detailed in the policy itself, which can be accessed on our school website or by contacting the office.

Where families are experiencing financial difficulties in purchasing uniform items, we encourage parents to contact the school administration so that we can make arrangements to support dress code adherence. We also have a second-hand clothing pool which students can borrow to wear for the day. All uniforms are clean and in good repair.

If, for any reason, you are unable to address the breaches in the Clover Hill State School Student Dress Code, I would request that you contact your child's sector Deputy Principal.

I look forward to your cooperation and support in this matter.

Kind regards,

Martine Gill
Principal – Clover Hill State School

Images of school uniform items

Formal Uniform		
		
School-issue navy shorts	School-issue formal shirt	Checked dress
		
School-issue navy skirt	School-issue formal blouse	
Sports Uniform		
		
Sports polo shirt	Unisex shorts	House polo shirt

Winter Uniform Items



School-issue jumper



School-issue navy blue track suit pants



Navy-blue full-length leggings

Hat



School-issue wide brim hat (navy with house colour on the inside of the hat).



Socks



Clover Hill State School **blue** sports socks (compulsory for prep students)



Clover Hill State School white sports socks.



Plain white quarter crew socks

Shoes

Shoes for Formal Uniform



All black leather or leather-like shoes

Shoes for Sports Uniform



Runners (black or predominantly white only). NB Black joggers can be worn with formal and sports uniform.

NB These types of shoes are **not** endorsed as a part of the Clover Hill State School Dress Code. Parents are asked not to purchase these styles of shoes for their children:

