



SPRING MOUNTAIN

STATE SCHOOL

Spring Mountain State School is a Full-uniform school. Students must wear the complete uniform in accordance with the school routines and this policy.

A Student Dress Code promotes a **safe** and **supportive** teaching and learning environment by

- Establishing a culture of school **pride & high expectations** along with a strong sense of **belonging**.
- Fostering a **mutual respect** within the school by promoting **social equality** amongst all students.
- Improving **student safety** by enabling ready identification of students & non-students at school.

We expect all students in our school community to support the accepted standard of dress when:

- Attending or representing their school;
- Travelling to and from school; and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours, including school excursions

The 'Student Dress Code' guidelines below, outline standards of acceptable dress and also aspects of the personal presentation of students. This policy has been developed in accordance with the **Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363)** and the **Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code**.

DRESS CODE AT SPRING MOUNTAIN STATE SCHOOL

Uniform

All uniform items (except white ankle socks and shoes) are to be purchased from the school. Look alike items are not acceptable.

Please note

- Visible undershirts or open toed leggings are not permitted to be worn.
- In alignment with sun safe practices our school has a bucket hat for all students. Students must wear the Spring Mountain State School hat during outdoors activity. For easy identification of Prep students, their bucket hat is to be worn with the reversible teal colour showing.

School Bags/Library Bag:

During the development and design of the school uniform by the Spring Mountain reference group it was decided that an appropriate, highly quality backpack school bag would be part of the Dress Code. The school bag and library bags needed to be identified as ergonomically safe for our students back and shoulders, contain a purpose built internal pocket for safe ipad storage (to and from school) and have clearly marked Spring Mountain Logo on the front. Spartan Bags were determined by the reference group to meet this criterion and additionally come with a life time (appropriate use) warranty.





Spartan also provide the lime green high quality, waterproof library/homework/reading folders with school logo. Making them easily identifiable and offering excellent protection from the weather for our reading resources, student work and other important documents.

The reference group agreed that these items also needed to be part of the Full Student Dress Code for all Spring Mountain SS to ensure that student upheld the values of belongingness and school pride.

Special Considerations:

- Our school understands and accepts that some cultures, religions and medical conditions have specific dress requirements. Modifications to the uniform that comply with recognised cultures, religious values or medical conditions may be negotiated with the Principal.

Relaxation of the Code:

- Relaxation of the Code will occur occasionally in circumstances such as free dress days, camps, discos and other functions. The school will clearly communicate when this relaxation is applicable.
- On school 'Sport Day' students may wear 'running shoes' that may not comply with our day to day shoe attire expectations, after making direct contact with the administration.

Spring Mountain State School uniform is unisex. The students can wear our unisex designed school shirt or grey shorts and we have a skort option available, both with the school's logo embossed.



From Prep to Year 6, **all black, fully enclosed shoes** (including black laces and black soles) are to be worn with both the day and sports uniform. Only black formal school shoes or black joggers are acceptable. Velcro shoes may be worn. An all-black jogger may be worn with the Formal Uniform and the Sports Uniform.

Please note:

- *Basketball boots, high tops or ankle boots are not to be worn*
- *No slip-ons, ballet flats, heels, coloured laces, canvas or suede shoes are permitted*
- *Coloured joggers or trimmings are not permitted*

Examples of acceptable shoes



Examples of unacceptable shoes



Jewellery

- One wrist watch
- One earring (plain sleeper or plain flat stud) per ear lobe. No other body piercings are permitted.
- No bracelets, necklaces, ankle bracelets or rings.
- Items required for identification of medical conditions are permitted
 - *Note: Any item of approved jewellery may still be required to be removed in activities for safety reasons under Workplace Health and Safety legislation.*
 - *Consultation with the Principal is required for jewellery of cultural or religious significance*

Hair and Accessories

- Hairstyles to be neat, clean, tidy and well maintained
- Long hair (hair that is longer than collar length) is to be tied back
- Hair must be a natural colour
- Students may wear hair clips, hair ties and hair ribbons in school colours
- Hair styles, such as Mohawks, tracks and shaved undercuts, are not permitted

Make up and Body Markings

- Make up is not permitted
- Coloured nail polish, nail patterns/art, nail jewellery or false nails are not permitted
- Tattoos or body markings are not permitted

NON COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS CODE

Consequences for students not in correct uniform may include the following:

- Contact home to parents
- Students will be provided with the correct uniform to change into for the day
- No Hat, No Play
- Prevention from attending or participating in school activities that are not deemed essential curriculum activities, unless necessary for reasons of safety (in which case, alternative educational activities will be provided)
- Prevention from any activity for which the student would have been representing the school

Persistent failure of a student to uphold the code may result in more serious consequences (as outlined in the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code).

We understand that on rare occasions, due to circumstances beyond the control of the student and/or the student's parent some dress code items cannot be worn. In this instance, students must report to the class teacher or office and provide a note from home explaining the uniform breach and the period for which this will exist.

COMMUNITY ENDORSEMENT OF THE CODE

The Spring Mountain State School P&C supports this Full Student Dress Code.

The group believes that the Code promotes the objectives of Education Queensland (General Provisions) Act 2006 through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

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