



Southport State High

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



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School Uniform Policy

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(as of February 2026)

At Southport State High School, we have worked tirelessly to develop high standards for all students. This is one of the key reasons we have such a great reputation in the community and are a school of choice on the Gold Coast. Our unrelenting focus on academic excellence, student conduct, community involvement and appearance are key factors in influencing students to be successful in their lives.

The student uniform is one of the ways that our students can demonstrate their commitment to the school. School uniforms are designed to create belonging to a community, a community that supports every individual to nurture their potential.

The wearing of the uniform fosters pride in our community and the crest on the uniform represents the school's vision. The circular designs provide a metaphor for ongoing creativity and never-ending ideas and innovation. The graphic trees represent growth and the way Southport State High nurtures young, brilliant minds and potential throughout the schooling journey. The waves provide a reference to our coastal location and history as well as representing energy and momentum. The waves also provide a link to water, power and technology. Lastly, the words *Respice Finem* represent our school motto - Look to the end result.

A high standard of personal appearance helps students to develop their self-confidence and research tells us that uniforms also help us to reduce the potential for bullying, improve study ethic, remove distractions from the classroom and improve student safety. Finally, it also standardises the dress code in order to remove peer pressure and instil in our students a sense of professionalism in order to prepare them for the outside world.

This student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing that Southport State High Independent Public School students wear when:

- attending or representing their school
- travelling to and from school
- engaging in school activities out of school hours

It is the affirmed policy of the school's Parents & Citizens Association as approved by the School Council that all students attending Southport State High Independent Public School are expected to wear the school uniform. Students are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and to keep their uniform clean, neat and tidy. Students are not permitted to alter their uniform or substitute their uniform in any way. Students are not permitted to mix items from different uniform sets (for example the dress shirt with sports shorts is not permitted). Students may choose from the existing uniform options in a way that aligns with their gender identity and expression, as long as it is within the existing uniform options, and provided students maintain a neat and tidy appearance. Students who fail to comply with the Uniform Policy will receive appropriate consequences in line with the Student Code of Conduct (<https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Rulesandpolicies>).



Junior and Senior Formal Uniform

Junior Formal Uniform

In Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8, 9) all students must wear the Southport uniform:



- Blue blouse with navy skirt or shorts
- Blue shirt with navy shorts or long navy pants
- SSHIPS navy blue woollen jumper or SSHIPS navy jacket
- Black leather or leather imitation polishable shoes (Mary Jane style shoes are not permitted)
- White Southport High socks
- SSHIPS navy blue bucket hat/cap (mandatory)
- Skirts must be knee length with logo on the hemline
- Navy stockings worn with skirt only (no socks)

Senior Formal Uniform

In Senior Secondary (Years 10, 11, 12) all students must wear the Southport uniform:



- White cotton senior blouse with blue checked skirt, blue shorts or navy slacks
- White cotton senior shirt with grey shorts or grey long pants
- Blue checked tie
- SSHIPS navy blue woollen jumper or SSHIPS navy jacket or SSHIPS navy blazer
- Senior jersey (Year 12 only)
- Black leather or leather imitation polishable shoes
- White Southport High socks
- SSHIPS navy blue bucket hat/cap (mandatory)
- Skirts must be knee length with logo on the hemline
- Navy stockings worn with skirt only (no socks)



Please note: cultural and/or religious options of undershirts and headwear must be in school colours of white / navy and must be approved by the School Administration.

No other undershirts are allowed to be worn with the school uniform.

Sport Uniform

In both Junior and Senior Secondary:

- Blue Southport State High polo shirt with Southport high logo
- Blue sport shorts with Southport High logo
- White Southport High socks
- Black leather or leather imitation polishable shoes
- SSHIPS navy blue bucket hat/cap (mandatory)

Please note students may change into sports shoes only when they have arrived at their sporting destination (venue or class). Specialised sports uniforms (including specialised sport hats) are available, however they may only be worn while students are playing their designated sport. The regular sports uniform must be worn to and from games. Students must change back into their black polishable shoes at the close of each sporting activity/lesson.

On designated whole school sport days, such as Southport Sport carnivals and Gold Coast Sport (GCS) days, students are permitted to wear fully enclosed running shoes that conform to school safety standards (for example no thongs, open-toed sandals, crocs). Students who are not wearing enclosed footwear will not be permitted to attend due to safety concerns.

Arts Excellence Uniform

The Arts Excellence uniform can only be worn during Arts Excellence classes or at specified events under the direction of the Arts Head of Department.

Hair

Hair styles and colours are to be appropriate to a professional work environment (for example, no 'tracks', undercuts, mullets or extreme styles). They are to be of natural tones. Hair accessories should be navy or white. No patterned scarves, headbands or bandanas are permitted. Shoulder length hair should be tied back as instructed by teacher for all practical subjects. Facial hair is to be kept neat and tidy at all times.

Make-up

No visible make-up or nail polish is to be worn (including noticeable fake nails, fake eyelashes and / or eyelash extensions). Sunscreen of a natural tone is encouraged.

Sport Excellence Uniform

- Sport Excellence shirt

Please note that the Sport Excellence uniform can only be worn during Sport Excellence classes.

Jewellery

Jewellery must be restricted to a wristwatch and a maximum of two earrings in each ear only. Earrings must be discreet sleepers or studs. Piercings (including tongue, eyebrow, nose, etc.) are strictly prohibited. No facial piercings of any kind are permitted including clear studs. Students are not permitted to cover facial piercings. Images on the school website and Facebook indicate what is acceptable.

Other jewellery and/or tattoos must not be visible. Non-school badges, wristbands, other paraphernalia, promotional items or the like are strictly prohibited.

Hats

A key element of our sun safety program is the requirement to wear the Southport hat as part of the school uniform. SSHIPS hats, (bucket or cap style) must be worn at all times when outside the classroom.

Sport uniform is approved in the following elective subjects: Dance, Musical Theatre, Physical Education, Sport Excellence and Sport Specialisation.

Students studying an approved sport uniform elective are required to wear the formal uniform and change into the sport uniform/sport excellence uniform at the beginning of the elective lesson and return to formal uniform at the conclusion of the lesson.

Once students have entered the school grounds, those with an approved sport uniform elective (see above) in Period 1, are permitted to change into their sport attire from **8:30am**. Students who have approved sport uniform elective subjects in Period 3 or 4 are permitted to change into the sport attire in the lunch break prior to their elective.

The formal uniform must be worn by students every day of the week except for the dates outlined by the school as sports days. Tracksuit pants cannot be worn with the formal uniform. White undergarments (such as singlet or v neck undergarment must not be visible.

Shoes

Black leather or leather imitation polishable shoes.

Shoes must comply with Workplace Health and Safety legislation. Shoes must be fully enclosed, lace up or velcro with a protective substantial upper. Canvas shoes, suede shoes, mesh, ballerina style shoes, boot style/high tops, **Mary Jane style** and slip on shoes are not permitted.

Southport State High socks must be clearly visible at or above ankle height.

Students can bring sport shoes to change into for their sport lesson.

At all times students will enter and exit the school in formal uniform including shoes.

The sports uniform is not permitted to be worn underneath the formal uniform.

				
Leather jogger	Leather jogger	Leather jogger	Leather lace up	Leather lace up
				

School bags

Southport State High school bags are mandatory items for Years 7 – 9 students enrolling from 2026.

Inclusion

Customisation to the uniform to support individual needs requires a written submission and must be in school colours to the respective Junior School (Year 7-9) or Senior School (Year 10-12) Head of School.

Approved nonstandard uniform items

For students who need special adjustments regarding the uniform policy, modifications can be made after consulting with the Head of Junior School (Years 7 – 9) or the Head of Senior School (Years 10 – 12). It is important to note that the school may ask for further documentation from a medical professional.

Religious or cultural jewellery may be worn on a long chain under formal or sport uniform but must not be visible above the school uniform neckline.

Parent Responsibility

Upon enrolling at Southport State High School, both parents and students have willingly signed a confirmation of enrolment agreement pertaining to the Student Code of Conduct and Appearance Policy. This signifies that both students and parents have acknowledged the Appearance Policy and their commitment to uphold it.

- Commit to upholding the dress code as part of the enrolment agreement.
- Support their child in adhering to the dress code.
- Work with the school to resolve any issues related to student compliance with the school's Appearance Policy.

Uniform Routines

The school uniform must not be altered or modified to change its appearance in any way. Failure to observe the Appearance Policy may result in the following consequences:

- Request to remove the item/s
- Request to change the item/s with clothing in the Uniform Shop / Student Services
- Parents are contacted and they are requested to supply suitable clothing
- In cases where the student has repeatedly not complied with the Appearance Policy parents are contacted to request their support in achieving adherence with the Appearance Policy.
- Lunch time / after school or Saturday detention issued

Relevant Legislations and policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (QLD) Chapter 12, part 9 ss360-363 and the Department of Education and Training Policy Student Dress code in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State School.

- Anti-Discrimination act 1991 (QLD) Chapter 2, Part 1 – 3, Part 4 Division 3 -4, Part 4 Division 10 Part 5
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cwlth) Part 1, Part 2 Division 2, Part 2 Division 5
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cwlth) Part 1 s9
- Sex Discrimination act 1984 (Cwlth) Part I, Part II Division 2, Part II Division 4
- Work, Health and Safety Act 2011 (QLD)
- Human Rights Commission

