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Dear Parents/Guardians

Southport State High Independent Public School is committed to providing the best opportunities, resources and support for students as we prepare them for the future. One of the school’s responsibilities towards this is to ensure that in accordance with the Parents and Citizens Association and the School Council that we have a modern, respectable and affordable school uniform.

The current senior school day uniform has been in operation since 1999. As such, it was decided towards the end of last year that a review be undertaken and a new and improved senior school day uniform be designed for full implementation in 2015.

Throughout this year we have done a thorough review and audit of the senior school day uniform including input from teachers, parents, students and local business.

Our findings have been very important and as a result of this review there will be a new senior school day uniform for all Year 10 and 11 students, to be fully enforced from the start of the 2015 school year.

I would like to thank all the parents/guardians who attended our forums and meeting that we advertised in our school newsletter. Your time and input was very much appreciated.

I understand that with these improved changes there will need to be adjustments made by all school community members and we will do all that we can to support our families in ensuring the success of all students.

All changes will come into effect on the first day of school in 2015. This will give all school community members time to make the necessary adjustments for a smooth transition.

The following are the significant changes for all Year 10 and 11 students for 2015.

**Girls Uniform**
- A new day skirt
- A new blouse, including compulsory tie
- School socks

**Boys Uniform**
- New day shorts and/or pants (grey)
- New shirt, including compulsory tie
- School socks

**Still to continue**
- Black polishable leather or leatherette shoes
- School jumper and jacket
- School cap or bucket hat
All students in the senior school will be required to wear the official senior school day uniform each and every day of the school year. The only exception will be that students can wear their official school sports uniform only on full days of interschool sport which will be Fridays.

Students who are in Health and Physical Education or Recreation Studies will need to wear their full senior school day uniform and change into their sports uniform for their prac lesson. They will then need to change back into their official day uniform once their lesson is over.

The costing and prices of the uniform will be released at a later date. Please be assured that the P&C will be significantly discounting the new uniform to support all students and their families at the start of the new roll out. We will be sending more information out at the end of the term.

The Educational General Provision Act (2006) under section Dress code 360 states; 
(1) A state school may develop a dress code for the school’s students that is to apply when the students are attending, or representing, the school.
(a) The school can enforce the standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear.

Pictures of the new uniform can be seen on the school’s website www.southportshs.eq.edu.au

We know that this new modern and updated senior school uniform will ensure that our students are recognised in our community and will look smart and professional. We thank you for your continued support of our great school.

Yours sincerely

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