Friday, 23 January 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

At Southport State High School we are committed to providing the best opportunities for students as we prepare them for the future. One of the school’s responsibilities is the academic performance, health and welfare of all students.

As an Independent Public School we have done a thorough review and audit of all systems, policies and procedures of our school. We have employed outside agencies, have had teacher, parent, student and local business input on improving the teaching and learning at Southport State High School in our commitment in providing the best outcomes for students.

Our findings have been very important and as a result of this review there will be some changes and improvements to our school in 2015 in order for us to ensure the success of all students.

I would like to thank the parents who attended our forums and meetings 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 of these changes will come into effect on the first day of school in 2015.

Student Resource Scheme Fee

With the cost of resources increasing we have investigated at length our Student Resource Scheme fee. These resources are needed where the core curriculum is extended through provision of practical learning experiences and materials, in excess of what is provided by school grants.

- Years 7-9 payment is $295 (Does not include iPad)
- Year 10 – payment is $380 (Does not include laptop)
- Years 11 & 12 payment is $380 (Includes take-home laptop program)

If the Student Resource Scheme payment is paid in full by Friday 13th February 2015 or an active payment plan has been arranged with our Finance Department and maintained, there will be a significant discount of $30 per student.

Please note:

- There are no other subject levies except for students choosing Hospitality in Years 8-12.
- All students will need to have paid a minimum of $100 in order to receive their ID card.

Uniform

- All students are required to have a day uniform and a sports uniform.

Skirt

All junior girls’ skirts MUST be worn on or just above the knee; no mini-skirts will be allowed. All senior girls’ skirts MUST be worn to cover the knee.

Hat

All students who wear a hat must be in the Southport State High School official peak or bucket hat. No other hats will be permitted.

Footwear

Our Uniform Policy in accordance with Workplace Health & Safety requirements stipulates that all students must wear black leather or leatherette shoes (No suede shoes). All canvas, cotton, material shoes or coloured leather including white will not be permitted.
Plain white socks are the only socks permitted for junior students. Senior students in Years 10 & 11 must wear the school logo white socks.

**Year 10 & 11 Students**

All 2015 Year 10 & 11 students will need to be in the new senior school formal uniform for the commencement of the 2015 school year. Formal uniform is to be worn on all days (except Friday where sports uniform is required). If students have timetabled HPE/Sports classes (during Monday – Thursday) they must wear their formal uniform and then change into their sport uniform at class. At the completion of HPE/Sport classes they will then return to formal uniform, including black shoes.

**Year 12 Students Only**

All 2015 Year 12 students may wear either their formal day uniform or sport uniform on any day as part of the final transition of the old uniform.

**Please note:**

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.
2. The school can enforce the standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear.

*Our school policies and procedures will be enforced from the first day of school, so please ensure that you visit our school website [www.southportshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.southportshs.eq.edu.au) for more information.*

**Please note: Due to supplier error some uniforms may not be available until April.**

**School Commencement Dates for 2015**

- Monday 26th January – Australia Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Year 7, 8 & 12 students commence
  - **Year 7 & 8 students** to meet in the **Sports Centre**
    - [Year 7 & 8 students will be dismissed from the Sports Centre at 2:45pm on this day only. Recommended parking in Lionel Ave]
  - **Year 12 students** to meet in the **Creative Arts Theatre**
- **Wednesday 28th January** - All year levels are required to be in attendance. This will be the first day back for Years 9, 10 and 11 students.
  - **Year 7, 8 & 12 students** meet at their **Roll Mark classroom**
  - **Year 9 & 10 students** to meet in the **Sports Centre**
  - **Year 11 students** to meet in the **Creative Arts Theatre**
- **School times are 8:50am – 2:55pm**

We know that these new school improvements will help us provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for all students at Southport State High School. We thank you for continued support of our great school.

Regards

Greg Morgan
Principal