



## **2024 School Uniform Policy (as at August 9, 2024)**

At Southport State High, 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 each and 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 Respite 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 mismatch any items of the uniform (for example the dress shirt with the sports shorts is not permitted). Students can dress in a manner consistent 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 Plan (<https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Rulesandpolicies>).



### Junior Formal Uniform

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

- 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 SSHS 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 SHIPS:

- 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 (Mary Jane style shoes are not permitted)
- White SSHS 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)



### **Sports Uniform**

In both Junior and Senior Secondary:

- Blue Southport State High polo shirt with SSHIPS logo
- Blue sport shorts with SSHIPS logo
- White SSHIPS socks
- Black leather or leather imitation polishable shoes (Mary Jane style shoes are not permitted)
- SSHIPS navy blue bucket hat/cap (mandatory)

*Please note students are allowed to change into sport shoes only when they have arrived at their sporting destination (venue or class). Specialised sports uniforms (including specialised sport hats) are available, however 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.*

### **Sport Excellence Uniform**

- Sport Excellence shirt

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

### **Arts Excellence Uniform**

- Arts Excellence shirt with blue sport shorts can be worn for Excellence classes or curriculum activities / events associated with Excellence classes.

*Please note that 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.*

### **Further Additions**

The following optional additions are available to all students:

- SSHIPS navy blue school bag
- Navy Stockings (not to be worn with socks)

### **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 & eyelash extensions). Sunscreen of a natural tone is encouraged.



### **Jewellery**

Jewellery must be restricted to a wrist watch 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. 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.

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.

SSHIPS hats (bucket and cap) are compulsory to wear at all times outside of a classroom.

**Sport uniform is approved to be worn for 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.

Non-visible white undergarments are acceptable.

### **Inclusion**

**Customisation** to the uniform to support individual needs requires a written submission to the respective Principal of Junior School (Year 7-9) or Principal of Senior School (Year 10-12).

### **Approved Non-Standard Uniform Items**

For students requiring special consideration in relation to the uniform policy, amendments are available upon consultation with the Principal of Junior School (Year 7 – 9) or Principal of Senior School (Year 10 – 12).