



# MALANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## OUR UNIFORM

Our school is a uniform school and has very high expectations in terms of student dress. The great majority of our students come to school appropriately dressed in the school uniform. The uniform is collaborated by our Parents & Citizens Association and the school Leadership team.

It is always timely to reflect in an ongoing way why a uniform is so important to our school. First, a uniform is **cost-effective** for parents. Having a couple of uniforms means your child is completely attired to attend school every day. There is no need for a wide range of clothes, no room for fashion trends to make those clothes out of date over time. Uniforms are designed to wear and to last well.

New students to the school are helped to settle in more quickly because they look like the rest of the student body in their uniforms. **A sense of belonging** is more rapidly achieved. The wearing of uniforms also helps with the detection of truancy. Any students leaving the school at unusual times are quickly detected by staff, neighbours, shopkeepers and police who ring us if they notice anything unusual.

Student's **safety** is enhanced by both the wearing of uniforms and "bans" on certain clothing items which students often wear outside of school. We insist on shoes that fully cover the feet to minimise tripping and to protect the feet from spillage of hot and dangerous substances or sharp implements in kitchens or workshops. Excessive jewellery is not acceptable because of possible injury in sport, physical education, lunch-time activity or around machinery.

In today's schools, protection against outsiders entering the school is a very real consideration. There are people who would like to come into our grounds during school time for the wrong reasons. Our students must always be in uniform, and legitimate visitors wear visitors' badges. Outsiders are immediately identified in a school with a high standard of uniform.

There are strong **equity** reasons supporting the wearing of a uniform. Regardless of family income, students look the same when they walk through the gate; there is no competition or disadvantage in terms of how they are dressed. One of our roles is to prepare the students for the world of work and so wearing a uniform and having a clean and tidy appearance is part of this preparation. Many students will work for companies or government agencies that require employees to wear a uniform.

The **self-awareness and body image** issues adolescents deal with are real and inhibiting. It is very important a dress code allows for students to feel comfortable and safe in their appearance. This also raises the need to ensure our clothing length and fit is appropriate for purpose. The wearing of extremely short or tight fitting clothing is inappropriate and makes other students and staff feel uncomfortable. Mid-thigh length shorts are our minimum requirement.

The **image** of our school is enhanced when our student body is well turned out. Many parents and community members assess the quality of a school by the standard of student dress – and certainly our school always seeks to project itself as a school that is always focussed on quality structures and cultures. We at Malanda High believe that such a focus inevitably guarantees better outcomes and results for all our students.

Finally, the reasons for having a school uniform and requiring it to be worn are based on common sense. It has nothing to do with social engineering, restricting human rights or individuality. Thank you to all those parents who support us with the uniform every day – your support and co-operation are greatly appreciated.

Principal

Gary Toshach

# Malanda SHS Dress Code

Malanda High is a 'uniform school'. The school uniform has been devised and endorsed by parents, students and teachers. The wearing of the correct school uniform is regarded very highly as it determines the perception of the school held by many members of the community and reflects school pride and discipline. All students and parents are encouraged to cooperate in ensuring that the correct school uniform is worn in the correct way.

The requirements of the school's Dress Code are as follows:

## Clothing

<b>Tops</b>	School Polo Shirt Undershirt (Plain Royal Blue, Red, Yellow, White) Senior Polo Shirt (year 12 only)
<b>Bottoms</b>	Royal blue skirt, skorts or shorts (Mid-thigh minimum length) Royal blue track pants (worn over) or Royal Blue tights (worn under) Uniform shorts. Jeans of any description are not part of the approved school dress code
<b>Headwear</b>	School bucket hat or broad brimmed hat without inappropriate symbology Only plain royal blue headbands are permitted Beanies and bandanas are not part of the approved school dress code
<b>Footwear</b>	Shoes with impervious uppers and laces preferred and mandated for WPHS reasons in some subjects. This will be outlined at the time of selecting subjects at the beginning of each year/semester/term Ankle length socks to be worn with the shoes at all times Alternative footwear and socks are permitted for authorised medical reasons or specific practical subjects Thongs, sandals and knee-high boots are not part of the approved school dress code
<b>Winter Additions</b>	School jacket, plain royal blue jumper, scarf as per undershirt colours Winter jackets may have student name embroidered on the opposite side to the school emblem. The name must be a first <b>or</b> second name as it appears on OneSchool. No nicknames are permitted and the embroidered letters must be no more than 2 cm in height in the school gold colour Year 12 students design their own winter jersey for Administration approval This garment must reflect official school colours
<b>WPHS</b>	To minimise sun damage to skin, students are to wear adequate protective head coverings and sunscreen during sport, physical education lessons and when playing outside for extended periods. Students who wish to wear additional non-uniform protective clothing during sport, HPE and sports carnivals (ie. long sleeved shirts) are encouraged to do so.
<b>Additional Notes</b>	Jackets, jumpers and shorts are to be a solid royal blue colour with no other colours, piping etc.

Students who represent the school either at Regional, State or National level in sporting events can wear this uniform for their year of representation, plus one year (due to the significant parental cost involved). Curriculum or other officially recognised events such as School Musicals, STEM, Agricultural teams are permitted to wear their team T-shirt, jacket or track suit for the year of issue only.

If, on a particular day, students cannot wear the full correct uniform, a note from parents/guardian explaining the reason for incorrect uniform must be presented to the Office before school and replacement clothing will be issued by the office. The student's clothing will be retained by the office

and will be returned at 3pm in exchange for the borrowed uniform. Any unreturned items of borrowed uniform will be invoiced to parent.

On Free Dress Days, students have a choice to dress in school uniform or casual clothing. However the casual clothing must be clean, safe, and modest, in good condition and must not advertise inappropriate slogans, words or illustrations. All clothing including footwear must conform to the safety requirements of the school. (Refer to Free Dress Day Policy)

## Appearance

<b>Hair</b>	Hairstyles and colours must be neat and tidy and not draw unnecessary attention to the student. Our school encourages hair colours to be in natural tones
<b>Makeup</b>	Discrete and modest amounts. Heavy eye makeup or lipstick is not permitted and will need to be removed
<b>Nail Polish</b>	Nail polish is permitted in natural/muted colours or neutral tones only Acrylic nails are not part of the approved school dress code
<b>Jewellery</b>	The wearing of jewellery is limited to discrete ear sleepers/studs, clear nose stud, watch, ring, or simple fine chain below button line of shirt. These cannot pose a safety, security, health or morality issue for the school. Students will be asked to remove excessive/inappropriate/unsafe jewellery including ear spacers

The staff of the school have been delegated the responsibility by the P & C to ensure the correct wearing of the uniform.

### Student Leader uniform expectations

Student leaders holding the positions below require a formal uniform and are expected to wear the correct attire in a neat, clean and tidy manner when required. Student leaders are permitted to wear the formal uniform to school on a daily basis.

- Senior School Captains
- Student Council Executive
- Junior School Captains (Yr 9)

GIRLS	BOYS
<p><b>Purchase from P&amp;C Uniform Shop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal Uniform Skirt</li> <li>• Formal Uniform Shirt</li> <li>• Girls School Tie</li> </ul> <p><b>Purchase from Retail Shop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black fully enclosed shoes (low/no trims or embellishment)</li> </ul> <p>A blazer and a sun safe hat can be borrowed from the school for certain events.</p>	<p><b>Purchase from P&amp;C Uniform Shop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal Uniform Long Trousers</li> <li>• Formal Uniform Shirt</li> <li>• Royal Blue School Tie</li> </ul> <p><b>Purchase from Retail Shop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black fully enclosed leather/vinyl lace-up shoes</li> <li>• Black socks</li> <li>• Black belt</li> </ul> <p>A blazer and a sun safe hat can be borrowed from the school for certain events.</p>