

# Boonah State High School

## Student Presentation Policy 2023



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### Why do we have a Student Presentation Policy?

The Boonah State High School Student Presentation Policy provides an outline to students, families and community as to the expected high standard of student presentation at school. The policy is endorsed by the Boonah State High School P&C and its objective is to promote **equity, safety and pride** among the student body.

The policy acknowledges that our community is a diverse one with young people coming to us from a range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. School uniform of a consistent and high standard is designed to promote belonging and connection to the community, establishing a level playing ground for all students and discouraging the social pressures that come with fashion labels and sub-cultural groups. In this manner, the policy promotes **equity** among the student body.

Students at Boonah State High School engage in a range of educational activities that range from the traditional classroom, through to industrial kitchens, playing fields and practical workshops. The dynamic nature of the learning environment as well as the understanding that we operate in a relatively rural environment means that health and safety is of paramount importance. The school uniform and the associated Student Presentation Policy places health and safety at the centre of its rationale. Every student's **safety** is important at Boonah State High School.

Finally, there is a strong correlation between the wearing of a student uniform and a student's mental preparedness for learning and engagement at school. It is well established that the process or act of getting ready for school in the morning is an important behaviour or action that prepares the mind for learning. Further to this, the **proud** wearing of a uniform that looks and feels purposeful promotes belonging and connectedness to the community which we know is a factor that promotes student mental health.

In the end, many of our students will work or study in an environment that also promotes a presentation policy and the development of positive habits in this area supports our young people into the future.

In terms of the Student Presentation Policy, there will always exist scope for extenuating and/or unforeseen circumstances. Such matters are addressed on an individual basis and addressed through either the Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Coordinator.

The Student Presentation Policy is not a behavioural or disciplinary guideline but rather an opportunity for the whole community to celebrate and acknowledge the important role that school and community plays in the lives of our young people.

I thank you in anticipation of your support of our young people and I look forward to working with you as your child/ren grow and develop with us here at Boonah State High School.

Sincerely



Dan Marrone  
Principal

**Year 10-12 sports and everyday {except Wednesday}**

**Year 7-9 everyday**

- Blue Micro-Fibre Shorts – school design
- Polo Shirt – school design (*Different coloured collars to phase out*)
- Plain white socks, ankle to calf height, must be visible
- Navy Fleecy Zip Jacket, Track Top, sweater or knitted jumper - **no hoodies (beanies and scarves are in place for cold weather)**
- Navy Fleecy Pants, Track Pants
- A plain white undershirt is permitted however should not be visible at the sleeve or hem



**All Jumpers, Track Pants, Trousers, Jackets must be plain navy without markings or brand name/logos.**

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## Hat / Cap

- A uniform hat must be worn for all outdoor activities as per the Sun Safety Policy
- Cap or coloured house hat – school design
- School beanie (Term 2 and 3 only)

## Footwear

All black, leather or synthetic leather, solid panelling, lace up (maximum 8 hole) or Velcro, no mesh or colours, no steel caps, no suede (see images below)

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
	

## Year 9 Leaders, 10, 11 & 12

### Formal (Wednesday) Uniform

#### Bottom Options

- Navy Skirt – school design
- Navy Dress Shorts – school design
- Grey Tailored Shorts – school design
- Grey Tailored Trousers (optional for 2023 – phase in for 2024)
- Navy Fleecy Pants, Track Pants

#### Top Options

- Blue Blouse – school design
- Blue Dress Shirt– school design
- Navy Fleecy Zip Jacket, Track Top, sweater or knitted jumper - **no hoodies (beanies and scarves are in place for cold weather)**

#### Other

- School Tie (compulsory for dress uniform)
- Shoes – see next page
- Plain white socks or flesh coloured pantyhose or navy tights
- Grey Socks - school design
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### Jewellery

One wrist watch

Ear piercings are to adhere to the following:

- Up to 2 piercings in each ear lobe not to exceed 5 mm diameter
- Maximum of 1 upper ear (helix - cartilage) piercing in each ear not to exceed 5mm diameter



Facial piercings are not permitted as they pose an unnecessary safety risk and are so broad in application and scope that to promote one version or type and not another is not practical

Neck laces, neck chains or neck chokers are not permitted – A necklace of religious or cultural significance (ie a Christian Cross or a New Zealand Green Stone) should be approved by the Principal or Deputy Principal and once approved must be worn under the shirt and not visible

Bangles and bracelets are not permitted from a workplace health and safety perspective

Medical bracelets are acceptable

## **Hair & Eye Lashes**

Hair should be maintained in a neat and tidy fashion

Hair will be maintained in a naturally occurring colour or shade

Hair below shoulder length for all students should be held off the shoulders and tied back during practical/physical lessons

Eye lashes should be of a natural colour and length

Eyelash extensions are not permitted

## **Makeup**

Excessive or heavy makeup is not permitted

Eyeliner, lipstick or mascara are not permitted

Tinted moisturiser or neutral tone light foundation is acceptable

## **Nails and Polish**

Acrylic and gel nails are not permitted

Finger nails should be of a safe and naturally occurring length that do not pose a concern for sport or practical activities, no more than 3mm above the finger tip

Polish, while discouraged, must be of a neutral or clear colour

## **Tattoos**

Tattoos are not permitted and where a student enrolls in the school with a pre-existing tattoo, this will be covered at all times

## **Relevant Legislation and Policy**

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363) [“The Act”] and the Department of Education and Training policy SMS-PR-022: Student Dress Code in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State schools. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress in Queensland State Schools.

As schools are registered work sites, they are subject to the Workplace Health and Safety Act. The Student Presentation Policy is aligned to this Act.

The Boonah State High School Student Presentation Policy is endorsed by the Boonah State High School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C).



## **Non-compliance with Presentation Policy**

Non-compliance with the Student Presentation Policy is **not** a behaviour or disciplinary matter.

Meeting and promoting a standard of presentation, reflecting broader society, is a learning experience for our young people who will one day, apply for jobs, work in industries with workplace health and safety requirements, work in areas that require a uniform and are client facing. The Boonah State High School Student Presentation Policy seeks to reflect these same high standards.

Students not meeting the standard of Presentation Policy will be referred to their Year Coordinator or Deputy Principal for clarification and support.

Where parent/carer communication is provided a student may access a uniform slip for the non-uniform item, for a given period of time as negotiated between the parent/carer and school administration staff.

Where parent/carer communication is not provided, the following will occur:

- Student will be asked whether or not they can address the uniform issue themselves, if they cannot, parent/carer will be contacted
- Parents/carers will have an opportunity to provide a rationale and timeframe for the uniform issue and a uniform slip will be issued
- Parents/carers will have an opportunity to bring correct uniform items to school
- Parents/carers will have an option to purchase uniform items from the uniform shop
- Parents/carers will have an opportunity for their student to loan an item of uniform as applicable

In the instance of persistent or deliberate non compliance with the Student Presentation Policy, despite the support outlined above, the Principal or the Principal's delegate may choose to act according to the following:

- Detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3) of The Act;
- Prevent the student from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing Boonah State High School;
- Prevent the student from attending or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the Principal or delegate, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

Where a student is identified as wearing items that are outside of the Student Presentation Policy, they will be asked to remove these. Where a student refuses a first time instruction to remove these, they may be referred to a Year Coordinator or Deputy Principal. In the instance that a student further refuses to remove the inappropriate item, they will be asked to hand these in for safe keeping at the Student Services Office. They will be provided a receipt for these items and the items will be kept in a safe/strong room.

For students who may have been required to leave items with the Student Services Office (ie: necklaces, rings, excess piercings, airpods etc) for the first time, they will have these items held in Student Services for collection by the student from 3:00pm on the day they were handed in.

On the instance of a second occurrence of the same, the items will be held for collection at 3:05pm on the Friday of the week the item/s was/were handed in.

Any further jewellery or accessory offences will mean the item will be held either until a parent/carer picks the item up or the last day of the term in which the item was handed in.

In all instances, items will be held in a safe/strong room and students will be issued a receipt for their items.