

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

The school uniform has been determined by the P&C Association with input from staff and parents. Our school community values the wearing of full school uniform at all times, and this expectation is made clear to all students who enrol at Fitzgerald State School. It is expected that all students will wear the uniform with pride and modesty. The school's administration team reserves the right to enforce the school's uniform policy under these guidelines. The school strongly recommends the wearing of hats/caps for all outdoor activities.

Fitzgerald State School has the support of our Parents' and Citizens' Association, School Council and teachers to promote 100% adherence to the school uniform. Our student dress code consists of an agreed standard which includes a school uniform that Fitzgerald State School students must wear when:

- attending school
- travelling to and from school
- engaging in school activities out of school hours
- representing Fitzgerald School.

**It is expected that all students will comply with Dress Code requirements while enrolled at Fitzgerald State School.** Students dressed inappropriately may be provided with items of school uniform to wear while at school.

### **Underlying Assumptions**

- **Fitzgerald State School's core business is teaching and learning.**
- **The wearing of correct school uniform is considered to be a reflection of the pride students have in their school and in themselves.**
- **Safety requirements have a direct influence upon the Dress Code.**
- **The agreed Dress Code will reduce the potential for students to 'compete' with each other in regard to what they wear and how they look.**
- **The agreed Dress Code will make our students readily identifiable.**

Parents of students who have genuine religious or cultural reasons for the wearing of items not included in this agreed Dress Code will need to **apply in writing to the principal for permission to vary the agreed expectations.** It will be assumed that the agreed modified dress will be worn consistently and with due respect given to the culture of other families within the school (i.e., Permission will not be given for students to wear items that are considered offensive by another cultural group.)

Clothing that is offensive or likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal school operations is not permitted.

- Students wearing inappropriate clothing or apparel will be asked to dress appropriately.
- Students not wearing school uniform will be ineligible to represent the school away from the campus.
- A broad brimmed hat must be brought to school every day for use during physical education, sports and play sessions. Non-wearing of the correct hat is likely to result in a risk to the health of the student. Fitzgerald follows the Sun-Safe guidelines of the Cancer Council Queensland. Regular caps are not permitted and will be considered as 'no hat'. Students who do not have a sun-safe hat will be excluded from activities in the sun during play breaks.
- Non-wearing of closed in shoes could be unsafe for the student or others. Shoes with high heels or platforms, thongs, slip-ons and sandals are not suitable. A student will be asked to replace his/her shoes and will be excluded from outdoor activities until suitably attired.
- Students are able to wear school, district/state/regional, sports and cultural uniforms on days designated by the Principal.

**Jewellery permitted:**

Watch, flat signet ring, small plain sleepers or stud earrings, medical alert bracelet or necklace or items of significant religious belief with notification to administration may be worn. Other jewellery may be unsafe for the student or others as such items could become caught in play equipment or could come into contact with another student causing injury. Students will be requested to remove or tape jewellery during some sporting activities or be asked to remove the item and if necessary, give it to the teacher for safe-keeping for the remainder of the day.

**Hair:**

Collar length and long hair is to be plaited, braided or tied back. Long hair not tied up could be unsafe for the student and likely to result in a risk to health (head lice) and safety of students and others. Unnatural hair dyes/colouring is not considered appropriate while at school. Hair should not have words, numbers or symbols 'cut into' the hair.

**Other Accessories:**

The wearing of any fingernail polish is considered unacceptable. Students wearing nail polish will be asked to remove it by the next day. Tattoos (even temporary tattoos) are discouraged and if present should be covered at all times.

Sunglasses are permitted while outside, not inside.

**Helmets:**

Students riding bikes are legally required to wear helmets. Helmets must be securely fastened. Non-wearing of helmets is against the law. If necessary, the police will be contacted.

**WHERE UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED**

- **LOWES – Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre** (Polo, Shorts and hats only)

**FREE DRESS DAY CODE**

Free Dress Days are scheduled periodically to assist in raising money. Parents are made aware of such special occasions in advance.

**Hats / Jewellery / Hair / Footwear**

As specified in School Dress Code

Fitzgerald's school uniform consists of an everyday polo shirt and either unisex shorts or skirts, embroidered with FSS.

**SPORTS UNIFORM** – To be worn on days, students participate in PE or school sporting events.

**WINTER UNIFORM** – Royal blue jacket, tracksuit or windcheater (with or without school logo).

**HATS** - A royal blue hat (with or without logo) with broad brim (must be 7cm) or legionnaire hat (**no caps**).

**SHOES** - Fully enclosed shoes preferably black or mainly white sports shoes.

**SOCKS** – White socks



## UNISEX EVERY DAY POLO



**BROLGA SPORTS UNIFORM** -To be worn only on PE or Sports days



**EAGLE SPORTS UNIFORM** - To be worn only on PE or Sports days



**KINGFISHER SPORTS UNIFORM** – To be worn only on PE or Sports days



**JABIRU SPORTS UNIFORM** – To be worn only on PE or Sports days



Multi-coloured long pants will not be accepted



Multi-coloured shorts will not be accepted



Multi-coloured bucket hats will not be accepted



White socks only to be worn



Caps are not accepted at school – wide brimmed hat only



Dangling earrings are not accepted -small plain sleepers or stud earrings.



Multi-coloured jumpers will not be accepted