



KARALEE STATE SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER

Uniform Policy

2023



Learning together at Karalee is
Respect for self, place and others,
Resilience when things get tough,
Empathy for others,
And **Connectedness** to our community.

Purpose

The Karalee State School community supports a Student Dress Code as it promotes a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

1. Promoting a sense of identity for our students and a feeling of pride in the school
2. Assisting the ready identification of our students in the school and in representing the community
3. Eliminating the distraction of competition in fashion, providing durable and relatively inexpensive clothing
4. Developing mutual respect amongst students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Expectation

Our students are expected to attend and represent our school in correct uniform. We encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride as they are representing themselves, their school, their family and their community. Our school colours of blue and red, create a composed and distinctive look. We expect all adults in our school community to support and encourage our students to wear the full correct uniform.

Considerations

Our Uniform Committee considers:

1. Availability and affordability of items,
2. Functionality, durability and practicality of items

Our school is an accredited 'Sun Smart School' with Queensland Cancer Council.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is operated through the P&C Association to provide affordable, good quality uniforms for the school and contribute to fundraising efforts by the P&C. Please refer to the school website for contact details and opening hours. Uniforms can also be purchased online through Munch Monitors.

Free Dress Days

Free dress days may be organised throughout the year to celebrate a particular event or raise funds for Student Council. These are approved by the Principal and P&C. Participation is not compulsory; however clothing worn on free dress days must meet the following criteria:

- Must be sun safe e.g. covered shoulders and midriffs
- No inappropriate logos, images, slogans or wording e.g. alcohol/tobacco
- Safe footwear – shoes must be enclosed; no thongs, high heels etc

Monitoring School Uniform

Karalee State School seeks the support of parents and carers to ensure their child is dressed every day in the correct school uniform with closed in shoes, white or black plain socks and a KSS school hat. Should a family experience financial hardship thus affecting the wearing of the school uniform, the Deputy Principal or Principal should be contacted immediately. All information shared will be kept confidential.

Regular, routine uniform checks are conducted by class teachers and leadership team. Students who do not follow the dress code will be supported through logical consequences:

- Allow loan items to be worn (administration support and parent/carer approval)
- Discreet removal of inappropriate clothing or unsafe jewellery item/s
- Private discussion about the student's non-compliance
- Contact parents/carers when required

Karalee State School Dress Code

All uniform items are available for sale from the P&C Uniform Shop. There are also second-hand alternatives available. Our uniforms are SunSmart as per Cancer Council Queensland guidelines.

Hat/Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue bucket hat with school logo and sport house colours on reverse Brim must be turned down to protect face No hat – No outside play (students may stay under cover in the shade to play) Hijab, yarmulke, turban or other head coverings are in school colours <p>NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps are not permitted and will be considered as “not hat”
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed lace up or Velcro shoes Socks are to plain white or black only <p>NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes with high heels, platforms, boots, thongs and sandals
Dress Uniform – for every day wear and for excursions and school photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSS Red polo shirt Blue shorts / skort / skirt Students may wear bike pants under their clothing Prep students are to have a yellow ribbon sewn around the sleeves to assist with identification of students in the first year of school
Sports Uniform – to be worn on HPE lesson days and for sport carnivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House polo shirt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kalara – yellow Summerville – sky blue Nowra - green Blue sports shorts / skort / skirt
Year 6 Senior Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each year the Year 6 cohort will be able to purchase a unique Year 6 shirt that is designed and organised each year by the Year 6 teachers and incoming Year 5 students.
Winter Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSS blue jumper or bottle blue jumper/tracksuit top Bottle blue tracksuit pants Girls may wear blue footed tights under their clothing
Music Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSS music shirt or a white polo shirt Black pants
Swimming Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate swimmers (one piece only for girls) Rashie (swim shirt), towel, in separate swim bag Swim cap encouraged for students with long hair, goggles (optional) Sunscreen
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch (<i>smart watches or similar devices must be set to school mode when worn to school. These items are discouraged due to potential loss or damage</i>). Earrings – small plain sleepers or studs, max 1 pair Medical bracelets or necklaces following notification to the principal <p>NOT permitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necklace, bracelets, or rings (unless approved by the principal for cultural, religious or medical reasons).
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair longer than the collar must be tied back, plaited or braided to reduce the transfer of headlice Minimal hair accessories, must be school colours only <p>NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term dyed hair or offensive hairstyles
Cosmetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No makeup is permitted Clear nail polish only Temporary tattoos or drawing on skin not permitted