



HELENSVALE SHS UNIFORM POLICY

The Helensvale SHS Uniform Policy was endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association at a meeting on the 21/10/14. Helensvale SHS has a school uniform to support:

- the ease of identification and the safety of our students in the school and community
- social justice outcomes
- a positive school image in the community where our students are in regular contact with prospective employers, future parents and students and members of the general public.
- a culture of high expectations for personal presentation, behaviour and learning outcomes

Our school last conducted a comprehensive school uniform review and update approximately 10 years ago. In 2014, we conducted a uniform review to modernise our uniform to coincide with the move of Year 7 to High School and the creation of a distinct Junior High and Senior High in 2015.

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*In italics, are the changes to the policy instigated through our 2014 school uniform review. Some of the changes in uniform policy apply to all students at the **beginning** of 2015 with other changes implemented across 2015 with full compliance expected in 2017.*

Below is the summary of how the implementation of the new uniform impacts different year levels.

To assist in reducing costs for parents, students from all year levels are able to wear the current sport uniform until they are in a position to purchase new sport uniform.

In 2017

Year 7 – purchase new uniform

Year 8 – continue to wear new uniform purchased in 2016

Year 9 – continue to wear new uniform purchased in 2015

Year 10 – purchase new senior school uniform

Year 11 - continue to wear new uniform purchased in 2016

Year 12 - continue to wear new uniform purchased in 2015

Footwear and Socks

- Shoes must be plain black (no logos/trim in other colours), lace up, leather with a protective substantial upper shoes are to be worn with both formal and sports uniforms
- Shoes must be the smooth black leather. No suede shoes are permitted. All students will be prohibited from wearing suede shoes from the beginning of 2016.
- Boots, canvas shoes, suede shoes, high tops, thongs, ballerina style shoes and slip-on shoes are not permitted.
- Shoe laces must be black
- Socks must be Helensvale High socks (white with school name printed on sock). This will apply to all students from the beginning of 2016
- Students are able to bring sport shoes to change into for their sport lesson.

Hats

- All students who wish to wear a hat to school must wear a Helensvale SHS hat (or Sport Excellence hat)
- All students must wear a Helensvale SHS hat (or a Sport Excellence hat) when participating in HPE lessons
- All students participating in interschool sport must wear a Helensvale SHS hat (or a Sport Excellence hat), irrespective of whether they wear the hat during actual game time (e.g. Australian rules)

Bags

- In 2017 all students in Years 7 – 10 will be required to have a Helensvale SHS school bag.
- In 2018 all students are required to have a Helensvale SHS bag.

Jewellery

- No rings, wrist, neck or ankle jewellery allowed except for a watch and a medical bracelet
- No more than two pairs of earrings in the ear lobe only. They must be either studs or sleepers with a maximum diameter of 10mm for a set of sleepers
- Ear studs must be worn flat against the ear. The stud must have a post and the length of the post must be no longer than 10mm. The post must be secured to the back of the lobe with a butterfly clip. Any other ear adornment is not acceptable
- Stretchers and spikes are not permitted
- No facial piercings of any kind are permitted (including clear studs)
- In certain environments the wristwatch or medical bracelet must be removed (health/safety). This includes but is not limited to Health and Physical Education, Sport, Dance, Drama, Home Economics, Hospitality, Manual Arts subjects, Art and Science.

Ties

- Ties are a required part of both the Junior and Senior girls formal uniform. The ties are purchased with the shirt.
- Ties are a preferred option for Senior boys uniform and are optional for Junior boys
- All students in leadership positions are expected to wear a tie for leadership and representative events.

Undergarments

- Undershirts must be plain white and not show outside/through uniform
- Undergarments are to be skin coloured or white (no lace, bright colours, etc.)

Nail Polish/ Makeup

- No nail polish is permitted
- Students with acrylic nails must have clear polish
- No makeup except for light foundation
- Students will be asked to remove nail polish and makeup

Hair

- Clean, neat and tidy
- Extreme hairstyles or significant variations in hair length (e.g. Mohawks, shaved sections and rat's tails) or bright, unnatural hair colours are not acceptable. Natural toning only is permitted
- If hair is tied back for certain tasks it is with a discreet hair tie and/or school coloured ribbon
- Bandannas, beanies and large ornamental bows are not to be worn

Uniform Expectations

Formal and Sport Uniform

- Junior School students (Years 7, 8 & 9) are permitted to wear the sport uniform all day on the days that they have practical HPE lessons
- Senior School students (Years 10, 11 & 12) are only permitted to wear the sport uniform during actual HPE/Recreational lessons. Senior students are expected to change in and out of the sport uniform for these lessons.
- Junior and Senior students involved in interschool sport can wear the sport uniform all day on these days

Sports Excellence

- Students participating in a Sports Excellence subject are permitted to wear their respective Sports Excellence uniform (if purchased) or sports uniform only during practical lessons. Students are only permitted to wear the uniform during practical lessons and are required to change in and out of the specified/sport uniform prior to and at the conclusion of each lesson.

Marine Studies

- Students attending Marine Studies excursions (Years 10, 11 & 12 only) are required to wear the sport uniform on the day of the excursion.

Dance

- All Dance students are required to wear the Helensvale SHS dance uniform. Students are only permitted to wear the uniform during dance lessons and are required to change in and out of the uniform prior to and at the conclusion of each lesson

Industrial Uniform

- Senior School students (Years 10, 11 & 12) involved in industrial subjects (e.g. manufacturing, construction, horticulture, hospitality, kitchen operations) will need to purchase a 'industry appropriate clothing' to wear during these lessons. This may include footwear. This industry clothing will be available for purchase from the uniform shop.
- Senior students are expected to change in and out of the 'industry clothing' for these lessons.
- Students are also required to wear a Helensvale SHS hat when working outdoors during these lessons
- Adherence to the shoe policy is required for students to participate in any Industrial practical activities.
- Year 12 Construction students are required to supply their own hearing and eye protection. Safety glasses and earmuffs can be purchased from the Uniform shop.

Other notes

- Senior girls skirt must be worn at an appropriate length. An appropriate length is deemed to be no more than five centimetres above the knee.
- Girls and boys can wear long pants as part of the winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3 only. These pants must be ordered and bought from our school uniform shop.
- Students are not permitted to mix and match the sport and formal uniform in any version.
- The only jumper permitted to be worn at school is the school knitted jumper
- Girls are permitted to wear tights with the skirt and skort. The tights must be navy blue (not black or any other colours).

UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT

Not wearing the uniform correctly is a breach of the Uniform Policy. Students who do not wear their uniform appropriately or who wear non uniform items will be requested to change into a uniform provided by the school. Parents will be contacted when students do not comply with our Uniform Policy.

Students who refuse to follow the uniform policy will incur consequences. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Lunchtime detention
- Community service
- Afterschool detention

Procedures for Students out of Uniform with a note – Roll Mark

- Teacher sights the note
- Sends student to Year Level Dean for stamp
- Uniform swap arranged if possible

Procedures for Students out of Uniform – Lessons 1-4

- Request to sight note/stamp
- If no note or stamp produced, log uniform infringement on ID Attend
- Inform student of 20minute lunchtime detention (next day if after period 2)
- Sign and date student diary

Procedures for Students out of Uniform – Teachers on PGD

- Request to sight note/stamp and student ID
- Request student to remove non-uniform item or go to uniform shop to swap uniform
- If student refuses to comply escort them to the Deans' Office SM01/2 or call the relevant Year Level Dean for assistance

Uniform Infringement without a note

Any teacher who notices a student out of uniform during the day will:

- Send an email to relevant Year Level Dean and the student to the Deans' Office in the morning during Roll Mark
- Year Level Dean stamps diary
- Issue 20minute lunchtime detention
- Record on ID Attend
- Notify student of detention on the spot

Consequences

Failure to complete the detention:

- ID Attend automatically reissues 20minute lunchtime detention
- Teacher on lunchtime detention emails Deans with attendance summary
- Relevant Year Level Dean to monitor
- If a student fails to attend the second lunchtime detention the Dean calls home and the student may complete an after school detention
- The Dean logs the afterschool detention
- The Deans monitor the attendance at afterschool detention. Further consequences for failure to comply with the P & C mandated uniform policy will be negotiated with the parent.