



Pallara State School

Uniform Policy



At Pallara State School, we actively encourage our students to take pride in themselves and their school. One way in which this is achieved is through adherence to the school's dress standards. Pallara State School is a 'Uniform School' where students are expected to present in full school uniform every day. A consistent presence of full uniform is a very powerful way to create a sense of pride and school community. High expectations around uniform lead to a greater focus on learning and positive student interactions. As the parent/carer and provider for your child, we seek your support to ensure your child is dressed everyday in the appropriate school uniform in line with this policy.

Clothing or items that are '**offensive or likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal operation of the school**' are not permitted. Students not wearing the uniform are required to bring an explanatory letter from their parents. Students wearing inappropriate clothing or apparel will be asked to dress appropriately and their parents/carers will be notified. Students not wearing school uniform will be ineligible to represent the school away from the campus, including excursions and sporting events.

Uniform Range

Our range of school uniforms can be purchased from *The School Locker* Oxley store. It is open Monday to Friday 8:30am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm. Online orders can be made at <https://theschoollocker.com.au>.

Our school colours of **bottle green** and **gold** combine to create a modern, composed and distinctive look. Your child will require the following items, which are explained below. It is important **all items are named** so they can be returned to their owner if lost. The school has a lost property section which students and parents are encouraged to check if items are misplaced.

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| Formal Uniform | White socks (not low-cut) | Pallara Library bag |
| Sports Uniform | Full black closed-in shoes | School bag of your choice |
| Sports House Polo Shirt | School bottle green wide-brimmed hat (reversible house colour) | |

Formal Uniform

Students are to wear the formal uniform on all days except the day your child has their HPE lesson (and Fridays), when they may wear the sports uniform. It is expected that all students wear their formal uniform for school photos. The formal uniform is as follows.

Girls – Green, gold and white checked dress or checked blouse with green skirt or shorts.

Boys – Green, gold and white checked shirt and green shorts.

Shoes and socks

All students are required to wear white socks (not low-cut) with full black, closed-in shoes at all times, unless directed otherwise by the teacher for a specific activity. There are to be no other colours on shoes (e.g. no white soles, stripes or ticks). We recommend sports shoes as students are active during the day. Shoes can be either Velcro or lace up. Shoes with heels or platforms, thongs and sandals are not suitable. Non-wearing of shoes could be '*unsafe for the student or others*'. A student will be asked to replace their shoes and will be excluded from all outdoor activities until suitably attired.

Sports Uniform





Students are required to wear the sports uniform on the day of their HPE lesson, as well as sporting events. The sports uniform is as follows.

Girls - Green and gold sports polo shirt with school logo and green shorts, skirt or skort.

Boys - Green and gold sports polo shirt with school logo and green shorts.

Sports House Shark Shirt

Pallara State School has four sporting houses related to four sharks. Coloured polo shirts for each sporting house are available at The School Locker store. Students are permitted to wear this polo shirt each Friday and for sports carnivals when represent their sports house.

Mascot	House Name	House Colour	Mascot	House Name	House Colour
	Makos	Blue		Hammerheads	Orange
	Threshers	Purple		Tigersharks	White

School Hat

Pallara State School follows the Sun-Safe guidelines of the Queensland Cancer Society; therefore, it is school policy that children wear the **Pallara bottle green, wide-brimmed school hat** for all outdoor activities in the sun including break times. This hat is reversible with the house colours inside to be worn for sports carnivals where students are representing their house. Please take note of your child's house colour before purchasing. Non-wearing of a hat is *'likely to result in a risk to the health of the student'*. Students without a hat must remain in shaded / under-covered areas during breaks and will be excluded from sporting activities or other activities that involve being out in direct sunlight. Caps are not permitted.

Winter Uniform and Other Clothing

In the colder months, students are encouraged to wear the Pallara green and gold zip-up sports jacket or green Pallara logo jumper; however, any form of bottle green under or outerwear is acceptable (e.g. jumpers, tights, stockings, long pants, long sleeve shirts etc). No other colours are permitted. Religious clothing such as hijabs or turbans must be bottle green. All items listed above can be purchased from other stores.

Hair

To reduce the transfer of head lice, long hair is to be tied back, plaited or braided with suitable hair accessories to match the school colours (bottle green, gold, black, white). Long hair that is not tied back could be 'unsafe for the student'. Dyed hair and inappropriate hairstyles such as mohawks and tracks are not permitted as they do not reflect the values of the school are *'likely to disrupt, or negatively influence the normal operation of the school'*. Parents/carers will be notified if this is the case.

Library Bag

The Pallara Library bag is required to transport Library books, homework and letters to and from school. All Prep students whose parents pay the School Resource Scheme (SRS) fee will be gifted a Library bag from the school.

School Bag

The only part of the Uniform Policy that is not actively enforced is the school bag. A Pallara school bag is available for purchase from the uniform shop; however, this is not compulsory.

Jewellery

Students may wear a watch and small plain earrings, such as studs or sleepers. Children who wear watches or jewellery to school are responsible for their safety and protection from damage or loss. Smart watches or similar devices are not permitted. A student may wear a medical bracelet or medical necklace. Please notify administration if this is the case and submit a medical plan. Any other jewellery may be *'unsafe for the student or others'* as it could become caught in equipment or come into contact with another student causing injury. For safety purposes, jewellery items may need to be removed for some activities (e.g. sports). The wearing of necklaces, bracelets and keys on lanyards is not appropriate. Parents may negotiate with the Principal the wearing of a religious items of significance, stating their recognition of possible injury and indemnifying the school. A student wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary, it will be taken to the office for safekeeping for the remainder of the day.

Nail polish

Nail polish is not part of the school uniform. Only clear nail polish is to be worn. Students wearing coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it by the next day and their parents/carers will be notified.

Valuables

Students are not permitted to bring valuable items to school unless accompanied by a parent/carer and for a specific purpose (e.g. show and tell). Valuables such as electronic games, toys, jewellery etc. are not permitted at school. Mobile phones must be handed in at the office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.

Parent Consensus

I _____ (Parent Name) agree to and understand the Pallara State School Uniform Policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Consensus

Signature: _____ Date: _____

