



Uniform at Port Hacking High School April 2024

The department supports the wearing of a school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community. Schools expect students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

<https://prod65.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0025>

Communication to parents

Uniform Policy at Port Hacking High School

The wearing of an official school uniform is *compulsory* for all students at Port Hacking High. This has been supported by the P & C. Our uniform identifies and connects the student with this school and gives the student a sense of belonging to the school population. Parents of new students are advised to provide their children with the school uniform as quickly as possible, so that they too can share this pride in the uniform and in the school for which it stands.

If there is an acceptable reason for a student to be out of uniform, a note should be brought from home stating the reason and the length of time involved. The student should report this to their Period 1 teacher to obtain an out-of-uniform pass for that day. This will be added to Sentral as an official record. **Adherence to the uniform policy is monitored by the school and follow up on students who are consistently out of uniform will be consistent and appropriate.**

- Students must wear all black leather shoes (synthetic or genuine leather), as per information on following pages.
- The striped school socks are compulsory. Students are permitted to wear black stockings/tights.
- Students are permitted to wear the Port Hacking High hat, cap or beanie that is either plain black or navy blue.
- Trousers and shorts should be at waist height and of neat appearance.
- Scarfs that are black or blue are acceptable.
- Students should not wear excessive make-up or jewellery. Hair should be clean and tidy. Extreme styles and colours which detract from the Port Hacking uniform appearance are not acceptable. The Senior Executive will determine what is deemed unacceptable.
- Most high school students are not of a legal age to obtain a tattoo. Students with a tattoo will need to cover it up and not have it visible. The Senior Executive will decide what is acceptable and what is not.
- **Hoodies are never acceptable, nor are visible long-sleeved undershirts.**
- **Sports track suit pants are only acceptable on Thursdays.**
- All articles of clothing and personal possessions should be labelled clearly, including shoes.

When directed to wear full school uniform (including correct shoes and socks) for all excursions, incursions, school events etc, students are required to comply. Students who present to these instances without the correct uniform will not be permitted to attend the activity.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 participate in mandatory Industrial Arts lessons. When working in specialist rooms, students must observe strict safety and hygiene practices by wearing a protective apron and appropriate shoes. **(Please see page 2 on acceptable shoes for these practical lessons.)**

Department of Education regulations state:

“Where a student’s hair is of such length as to create a hazard in the practical workshop, the hair must be confined by a hair net or snood while the student is in the workshop.”

The school supplies safety eye protection which must be worn when operating machines. Safety issues regarding use of equipment are addressed in class. Students are expected to conform to safety standards.

SCIENCE

Students are provided with safety goggles which must be worn during all practical activities. Fully enclosed leather (or imitation leather) shoes, as per school uniform, must be worn to enter a working laboratory.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

On the next pages are details of the school uniform for students.

New items of uniform may only be purchased from Lowes (Westfield Shopping town, Miranda). Lowes supports the school each year with a donation based on sales. If financial assistance is required in order to purchase uniform items, parents are encouraged to contact the school for confidential support.

Navigate this site to purchase school uniform items <https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/port-hacking-high-school>

A school Clothing Pool operates where used items of uniform can be purchased at reduced prices. The Clothing Pool is available on request and funds support the P & C. Students with items of school uniform they no longer require and wish to donate to the school are asked to hand these items to the office so they may be added to the Clothing Pool.

Port Hacking High School requires students to wear appropriate and acceptable footwear in-line with Work Health and Safety requirements and legislation according to NSW Department of Education Policy.

<p><u>Acceptable School Shoes</u> <u>(Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)</u></p> 	<p><u>Acceptable School Shoes</u> These shoe examples meet uniform standards and Work Health & Safety regulations.</p> <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully black leather (synthetic or genuine)• No Mesh visible.• Lace up only.• Upper foot protection• Stepped heel (no higher than 3cm)• Worn with Port Hacking striped socks only.
<p><u>Acceptable Sports Shoes</u> <u>(Thursday Sport & PE lessons only.</u> <u>NOT suitable for practical classes)</u></p> 	<p><u>Acceptable Sports Shoes</u> These shoe types meet uniform standards although will NOT be appropriate for practical subjects where leather shoes must be worn by students.</p> <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lace up (no slips on)• Cover all the top of the foot.• Provides arch support.• Ankle support & sole protection
 	<p><u>Unacceptable Shoes</u> These examples DO NOT meet uniform code.</p> <p>Unacceptable features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most of the upper foot is unprotected.• Smooth sole with little or no grip• Thin, soft leather offering little protection.• Canvas upper e.g. Converse, Vans, Rubens• Large leather boots_