

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Help for non-English speakers



If you need help to understand this policy, please contact our School Welfare Officer or a member of our front office administration team.

Purpose

A Student Dress Code Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Student Dress Code Policy.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Example School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

The Uniform Policy has been developed in a considered way to provide choice for the student, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Uniform and appearance

While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Hats -students must wear suitable Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy when outdoors in Terms 1 & 4. Students are encouraged to wear protective headwear such as beanies in Terms 2 & 3 when outdoors. Hats are not to be worn inside. The school hat is a bucket style hat in grey.

Headscarves & Turbans -must be in school colours only- red, grey or white

Hair Accessories – must be in school colours only – red, grey or white. Long hair should be tied back (to avoid head lice)

Jewellery – no decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers are okay. Watches are permitted.

Socks – must be in school colours only (grey or white)

Shoes – black shoes must be worn, black runners are acceptable.

Dresses and Skirt– Knee High or short socks in school colours must be worn with dresses or grey or white tights – no long pants are to be worn under the dress except in the case of cultural reasons (leggings are acceptable, no track pants)

Pants/Trousers – can be worn with tops and jackets only – not with dresses, skirts except in the case of cultural reasons

Jumper/ Vest/ Soft Shell Jacket -can be worn with dresses, skirts, shorts and trousers.

Sports Uniform -may be worn on the days students are doing sport or physical education classes. These may be top, shorts, skirt or tracksuit pants.

Purchase of uniforms

The Uniform Policy including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be included in the enrolment pack and published on the school website.

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Exemptions of student dress code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request

- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carer
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

Concerns about this student dress code

Garrang Wilam Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction process
- Discussed at staff briefings/ meetings as required
- Discussed at student forums/ through communication tools
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Appendix A

Preferred branded items from uniform supplier	Items (can be purchased elsewhere)
Dress or Skirt	Beanie
Shirt - long-sleeve and / or short sleeve	Scarf
Jumper and/ or vest	Black Shoes – black runners are acceptable
Shorts and/ or trousers	Grey or white tights
Soft Shell Jacket	Grey or white socks - knee high and regular length
Bucket hat	Grey shorts and/ or trousers