



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact GDPS on 5197 7444 or gormandale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gormandale & District Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance, and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Gormandale & District Primary School's School Council in consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- Support Gormandale & District Primary 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.

SCOPE

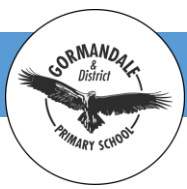
Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms should 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 or are navy or white.



Health and Safety

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and small sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 & 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school (dependent on UV level). School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.
- Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities in Term 1 & 4. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

- Uniform items with logo can be purchased at school by ordering directly from the office
- Gormandale & District Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Gormandale & District Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code, a note will be provided to the parents via compass and an alternate option will be provided. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.



EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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/carers.
- 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

Gormandale & District 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,
- Reminders in our school newsletter/via Compass
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request
- Included in transition and enrolment packs



FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Gormandale & District Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Gormandale & District Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Gormandale & District Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	March 2026
Consultation	Staff & School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2030



APPENDIX A: GORMAN DALE & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round:

- **Polo shirts**

Long and short sleeved navy polo with school logo.

- **Jumpers/Jackets**

Maroon polar fleece with school logo

Navy polar/vest fleece with school logo

Plain navy puffer jacket without decoration or brand name

- **Shorts**

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

- **Skirts/Skorts**

Plain navy skirts/skorts without decoration or brand name and can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

- **Dresses**

Summer blue and white checked dress – it is recommended students wear black or navy blue sports shorts or something similar underneath.

- **Pants**

Plain, navy blue track pants, leggings or flares without decoration or brand name

- **Socks or tights/stockings**

Plain white or black socks – no longer than crew length

Navy blue tights/stockings

- **Footwear**

Flat soled runners are appropriate footwear to be worn. No thongs, sandals, boots or cowboy boots are permitted.

- **Skivvies**

Plain navy or white skivvy

- **Hats**

Navy broadbrim or bucket hat must be worn in term 1 and 4

Beanie with school logo

- **Headwear**

Navy blue, maroon or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies"

Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs must be in school colours.



GDPS Uniform

Available for purchase at School



Fleecy Windcheater



Grade 6 Jacket



Beanie

**Order
Forms
available at
the
Foyer**



Short Sleeve Polo T-Shirt



Navy Broad Brimmed or Bucket Hat

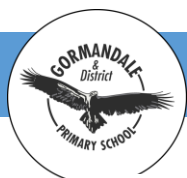
—Free for Preps & new students



Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



Button Up Fleecy Bomber Jacket



GDPS Uniform

Not Available for purchase at school



Black or White Socks

—no longer than crew length



Flat Sole Shoe



White, Navy or Maroon Scrunchie,
Ribbon or Bow



Summer Dress—Bike
Shorts Underneath



Navy
Tunic



Navy
Stockings



Navy school-style knitted
cardigan with a traditional
button-front design, hip-
length fit purchased from
the school uniform section



Navy Pants

—Track pants, leggings, flares



Shorts



Navy/White long
sleeve shirt to be
worn under polos



GDPS Polar Fleece
Vests



Navy Skort/Skirt



Mid Thigh
Navy Bike Shorts



Navy puffer jacket
—for outside wear only