



# 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](mailto: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.

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

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## 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 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.



### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and 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.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and 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. 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. 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.
- Gormandale & District Primary School's Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the principal 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/>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

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



## EXEMPTIONS TO 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/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
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request



## 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	May 2023
Consultation	Staff & School Community 31.10.2023
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2026



## 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**  
Maroon polar fleece with school logo  
Navy polar/vest fleece with school logo
- **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 without decoration or brand name
- **Socks or tights/stockings**  
Plain white or black socks  
Navy blue tights/stockings
- **Footwear**  
Flat soled boots or runners are appropriate footwear to be worn. No thongs, sandals or cowboy boots are permitted.
- **Skivvies**  
Plain navy or white skivvy
- **Hats**  
Navy broadbrim must be worn in term 1 and 4  
Beanie with school logo can be worn term 2 and 3
- **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

**Not Available for purchase at school**



Summer Dress—Bike Shorts Underneath



Black or White Socks



Shorts



Navy Skort/Skirt



GDPS Polar Fleece Vests



Navy Tunic



Navy Tights



Mid Thigh Navy Bike Shorts



Flat Sole Shoe

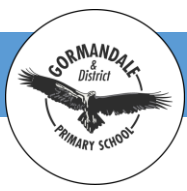


Navy Pants



White, Navy or Maroon Scrunchie





# G DPS Uniform

Available for purchase at School



Fleecy Windcheater



Grade 6 Jacket



Beanie

**Order  
Forms  
available  
at the  
Foyer**



Short Sleeve Polo T-Shirt



Broad Brimmed Hat—Free for  
Preps



Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



Button Up Fleecy Bomber  
Jacket