



# Gormandale & District Primary School

38 Main Street, Gormandale 3873

Ph: (03) 5197 7444

ABN: 30 448 262 346

Email: [gormandale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gormandale.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Web: [www.gormandale.vic.edu.au](http://www.gormandale.vic.edu.au)

Principal: Ms. Tamara Halket

## Student Dress Code

School councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the School Policy and Advisory Guide, available at the following link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

### 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 close 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 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 should be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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 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/>

Gormandale & District Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Ueducatus. 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*.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

## REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2024.