



Gowrie St Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers



If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the office on (03)58213100

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gowrie St 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 Gowrie St Primary School 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 Gowrie St 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.

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

Gowrie St Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

CLOTHING

Purchased only from school	Can be purchased elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gowrie St Polo Shirt – short or long sleeved • Gowrie St jacket • Gowrie St PS broad brimmed hat/ bucket hat (Terms 1 and 4) <p>OPTIONAL ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gowrie St PS Summer Dress • Grade 6 T-shirts (Will be made by special order) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black track pants or leggings • Black shorts/ skorts <p>APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black school shoes or runners.



General appearance

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

- Uniforms should 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 hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Students may decorate their own nails but for safety reasons nails are to be kept short and students will be asked to remove any long nails attached to their own.

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 and Term 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. 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

Compulsory uniform items can be purchased from the office at school. School uniform price list can be found [HERE](#)

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the office 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

Gowrie Street PS will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletters and on our Facebook page. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school to be returned to the school at the end of the day.



If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, families will be contacted. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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

Gowrie St PS 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*, available on our website- <https://tinyurl.com/55m6xd65>

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and Facebook page
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums



- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Gowrie St PS [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Gowrie St PS [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Gowrie St PS [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

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