



# **Gulfview Heights Primary School**

*Endorsed by Governing Council 2018*

## **School Dress Code Policy**

### **Overview**

The School Dress Code Policy is essentially to create a sense of community, identity and safety for all students.

It represents a commitment to our school values Respect, Excellence, Empathy, Integrity and Collaboration which underpin the teaching and learning at Gulfview Heights Primary School.

Our aim is to provide a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of school dress code enhances school pride and a positive image of our school. It identifies our students ensuring their safety throughout the school day and whilst on excursions.

It is intended to reduce peer pressure for students and families by alleviating issues of competition and purchasing of expensive brand name clothing.

The School Dress Code Policy will involve consultation with the wider school community, including consultation with the Student Voice. The policy is endorsed by the Governing Council and any review or future changes will need to be ratified by Governing Council.

### **Aims of Policy**

- Students have the right to wear clothing which allows for freedom of movement and level of comfort, and provide safety for students.
- The values of students and parents/caregivers of different nationalities is acknowledged.
- Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code.
- Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of navy blue and white.

### **Gulfview Heights Primary School Dress Code**

- The School Dress Code colours are navy blue and white (straight colours only – no patterning or shades).
- No brand names or logos larger than 50mm in diameter.
- Navy (only) trackpants, trousers or shorts that cover the majority of the thigh.
- Navy (only) skirts or skorts that cover the majority of the thigh.
- Predominantly navy polo tops, optional white trim.
- White or navy long sleeve shirts may be worn under polo shirts.
- Blue and white checked school dresses.
- Navy tights/leggings only may be worn under dresses or skirts.
- Navy blue legionnaires, wide brimmed or bucket hats must be worn at recess and lunchtime and for all outdoor activities in accordance with our Sunsmart policy (Terms 1, 3 and 4).
- Sunglasses may be worn during recess and lunchtime at the discretion of families in accordance with our Sunsmart policy.

### **School Dress Code does not include the following items. As such they should NOT be worn to school:**

- Denim (including jeans) and jeggings.
- Brand names or logos (larger than 50mm in diameter).
- Sleeveless tops and singlet tops (in accordance with our Sunsmart policy).
- T-shirts without collars (in accordance with our Sunsmart policy).
- Draw cords on wide brimmed hats and hoodies must be removed for safety.



## Footwear must be appropriate for all school activities

Enclosed lace up shoes or sturdy school sandals must be suitable for daily outdoor activities e.g. sneakers /sports shoes.

No thongs or thong style sandals, except on medical grounds accompanied by a written note to class teacher from parent/caregiver.

No high heels, platform shoes, boots or ballet shoes.

No artificial hair colours e.g. pink, blue green or excessive hair adornments which impact hat wearing.

Studs, sleepers or small discreet earrings only.

For safety reasons, other visible body piercings are not permitted.

No excessive jewellery for safety and security reasons.

## Sports Clothing

Students representing our school at sporting carnivals and SAPSASA activities are encouraged to wear our SAPSASA sports jackets and school team uniform where necessary e.g. soccer/football guernsey, netball bibs etc.

## Casual Days

Termly casual days are held to support community fundraising activities. Students are expected to wear casual clothing in accordance with our Sunsmart policy and safety requirements allowing them to fully participate in the daily educational activities e.g. enclosed sports shoes, no sleeveless tops/dresses.

## Outdoor Wear/Excursions

Navy blue parkas, jackets and appropriate rainwear are acceptable for outside wear at recess and lunchtime only (no brand names or logos larger than 50mm).

If attending a school excursion, all students are expected to wear approved school uniform. Students arriving at school without the approved uniform will be expected to wear items of clean clothing provided by the school or remain at school and not participate in the excursion.

## Purchasing School Dress Code Items

Some School Dress Code items may be purchased through the front office. Polo shirts, jackets, polar fleece jumpers and hats are available for immediate purchase (when in stock) and via our uniform order process. These items are of good quality and reasonably priced. Please see the front office for a copy of our uniform price list/order form.

Parents may choose to purchase generic brand polo shirts, jumpers etc from department stores. Iron on school logos are available for purchase from the front office if required.

## Senior Year 7 Students

Each year the senior students have an opportunity to purchase Year 7 tops/jackets which are personalised and list the names of all graduating students in that year. The year 7 class teacher will negotiate with students and the Principal on the annual design which will adhere to our school dress code and colours.

## Responsibility

Parents: All parents will receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents will be expected to supply a suitable hat and clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship may be discussed with the Principal.

Governing Council: Governing Council supports and endorses this policy as a formal school policy.

Student Voice: Student Voice representatives with appropriate training will conduct uniform checks in classrooms and students wearing non-compliant items will have a note sent home.

Leadership Staff: Will support the dress code and will take appropriate action in relation to any wilful and persistent breach of the Dress Code. Leadership Staff will identify students not wearing appropriate clothing and



will contact parents either by phone, letter or diary note. Leadership staff will keep a record of communication and action taken to ensure compliance with the policy.

Teachers: Will give out letters of non-compliance (see attached) signed by the Principal if students do not follow the Dress Code and if there is no exemption from the parent.

## School Dress Compliance

When students arrive for school in clothing that does not comply with the School Dress Code:

1. **Contact** will be made with the parent/caregiver, by phone and/or by letter by a member of leadership staff.
2. The student will then be offered a **spare school top** which they will be expected to wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon.
3. If the student does not comply with school dress code expectations then they will be supervised in the shaded amphitheatre area which allows for close supervision and protection from the sun for safety.
  - Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with the Principal.
  - Families will be provided with assistance and support by the school where necessary.
4. Student voice representatives with appropriate training will conduct uniform checks and issue non-compliance notes where appropriate.

## Guidelines for the safe wearing of Hair/Jewellery/Make Up

It is recommended that the following be used as a guide only.

Item	Guidelines
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neat &amp; tidy</li> <li>• Off the face</li> <li>• Natural in tone</li> <li>• Discreet highlights (in some situations safety and hygiene constraints require hair to be tied back)</li> <li>• Hair accessories must be navy or white and fit safely under a hat.</li> </ul>
Earrings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two earrings in one or both ear lobes only</li> <li>• Students may wear small sleepers (no large hoops)</li> <li>• No larger than a 5 cent piece in diameter or studs no larger than 5mm</li> <li>• No decorative jewellery, stretchers in ears or earrings that protrude from the back or front of the ear.</li> <li>• No visible body or facial piercings.</li> </ul>
Bracelets/Bangles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One simple bracelet/bangle.</li> </ul>
Rings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One simple ring on each hand</li> </ul>
Necklaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple thin chain. Small pendant worn under shirt or dress.</li> </ul>
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural tones only. No mascara, eyeliner, blush or lipsticks.</li> <li>• Temporary/Permanent Tattoos must not be visible.</li> </ul>
Nail Polish/Nail Stickers/Artificial Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear or neutral tones only.</li> <li>• Artificial nails (e.g. acrylics) must be a safe length and shape for participation in all school activities (no pointed nail tips).</li> </ul>
Tattoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No visible temporary tattoos</li> </ul>

N.B: Depending upon activities undertaken students may be required to remove jewellery during the duration of an activity. The safe keeping of these items remains the responsibility of the student.

