

Gawler Primary School Dress Code – Uniform Policy



Belief statement

We believe that wearing a school uniform:

- Promotes pride in our school and enhances our public image.
- Reduces peer pressure and promotes opportunity for equal participation.
- Encourages appropriate clothing for school activities.

Aim

- All students attending Gawler Primary School will wear clothing consistent with the dress code.
- To identify students as members of the Gawler Primary School community and increase their sense of belonging.
- To contribute to a positive impact on school behaviour.
- To be practical, serviceable, readily available, comfortable, reasonably priced and acceptable to the majority.
- To provide some sufficient options to suit financial circumstances, tastes, shapes and a full range of weather conditions.

Uniform

All students are expected to wear

- Gawler Primary School short sleeve polo top with school logo.
- Navy blue windcheater, jumper or jacket (no hoodies).
- Navy blue pants/skirt/shorts or skorts (no denim, stripes, logos or brand names).
- Navy long sleeve top can be worn under the school shirt.
- Students have the option of wearing a navy blue and white school dress in place of the polo and pants (not with).
- There are no restrictions on jackets. However jackets will not be worn in place of described windcheater or jumper and will only be permitted before and after the school day. Navy jackets are preferred.
- Students are provided with a school hat when enrolling at Gawler Primary School. This is to be replaced with a school hat at the cost to the student when in an unacceptable condition (graffitied, torn or bent). The school has a “No hat, No play” rule as per the schools Sun Smart Policy.



- Students are expected to wear school uniform to and from school. While wearing the uniform students are representing our school and are expected to behave appropriately.
- Full school uniform (including school hat as required) is expected to be worn on all excursions (unless advised otherwise).
- For special events such as choir performances, sporting events and school photos, school dress code is mandatory (unless advised otherwise) and students not in full uniform will be excluded (parents will be notified in advance of such events).

Footwear

- Closed shoes or runners are acceptable for most school activities. School type sandals are also approved as suitable footwear. Thongs and slip on style footwear are not approved as they pose a significant safety risk to students.

Jewellery/makeup and hair

- Jewellery is not appropriate for school due to safety reasons.
- Wrist watches (none with internet or photo capability), medic alert, small stud earrings and sleeper earrings are the only jewellery permitted. Facial piercings are required to be covered at all times.
- Any make up, coloured nail polish and nail extensions are not permitted.
- Hair should be kept in a clean, neat and tidy manner at all times. All students with hair below shoulder length, are encouraged to wear it tied back to prevent the spread of head lice. Any hair ties or ribbons should be discreet and in school colours. No extreme haircuts or colours are permitted.

Damaged and unsightly clothing

The school recognises that student clothing will get damaged, torn and stained. Parents should, where possible, replace clothing that becomes unsightly through natural wear and tear. Clothing that is damaged purposefully by students is not suitable. This includes tearing, bending hats and writing logos, pictures and comments on clothing.

Labelling clothing

All clothing should be labelled with the students' name.

Implementation

- New students will be given one week to meet dress code.
- Staff will support and promote wearing of uniform through positive reinforcement, discussion in assemblies and reminders.
- Governing Council actively supports and promotes the wearing of the school uniform.
- By giving our year 6s an identity through organising year 6 polo shirts and jumpers/jackets.

- By the principal or staff speaking to students who are not complying with the dress code. Asking students why, and seeking a commitment to comply by a specified time.
- By the principal or a staff member contacting parents and seeking a commitment to rectify the problem.
- By providing a pre-loved dress code appropriate service, and assisting parents to obtain second hand dress code items cheaply.
- By providing a range of payment methods for uniform purchase.
- Non-compliance of uniform, which may lead to safety issues, may result in intervention by school leadership.

Exemptions

The Department for Education has made provisions for exemptions from wearing the uniform. Grounds on which parents/caregivers may seek written permission from the principal are:

- Religious, cultural and/or ethical reasons.
- Genuine medical or sickness reasons.

Purchasing uniforms

- New school uniform items can be purchased from the front office or ordered online via the Qkr app.
- Most uniform items available for purchase are on display in the front office area with prices marked.
- All uniforms must be paid for before leaving the office during the times of 8.30 to 9am and 2.30 to 3.15pm on days the school is open.
- Pre-loved dress code appropriate items are available in the front office at a cost of \$2 each.
- The school would appreciate and encourage parents who have dress code appropriate clothing, which are not needed anymore and are in good condition, to donate it to the school to sell.

Lost property

- Lost uniform items are kept together in a blue basket between HB2 and HB3.
- Items labelled will be returned to students.
- At the end of the last day of school, a member of staff will take all lost, unlabelled uniform items home to be sorted and washed and brought back to the school to be included with the other pre-loved clothing.