



## UNIFORM DRESS CODE

### **Rationale:**

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To enhance individual student safety and group security.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions and when the student represent the school at external events.
- Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Year 6 students may wear the specially designed 'Year 6 Windcheater' and all students may wear the specially designed School Production Windcheater. Both are considered part of the school's uniform. Students travelling to Japan may wear the Japanese tour jackets for one month prior to the tour. Gardenvale Primary School sports' uniform may be worn by interschool sports teams and the school choir may wear the choir windcheater.
- Earrings are not permitted except for stud earrings and sleepers. Hair colours and hair styles deemed extreme by the Principal or Assistant Principal are not permitted.
- Hair longer than shoulder length hair should be tied up or back to reduce the spread of lice.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only hat that is acceptable is the school issued wide brimmed hats (Sun Smart approved) consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from the beginning of September through to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- All students are expected to wear school uniform in a neat and tidy fashion at all times.
- Parents' co-operation will be sought to ensure correct uniform is worn.
- Prospective families are shown the school uniform and are given a uniform price list in the Enrolment Information Pack and at the Prep Parents Information Evening in November.
- Parents will be encouraged to donate good quality second hand uniforms to the Uniform Shop which is operated by the Parents' Association.
- Quality second hand uniforms will be made available for sale through the Uniform Shop.
- Maximum effort will be made to keep uniform costs to a minimum.

- Arrangements can be made via the Principal to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Details of uniform items are contained in the Student Diaries and are on the schools' website.
- No changes to the uniform will be implemented unless extensive consultation has occurred with parents/guardians, teachers and students and the proposed changes have been approved by School Council with no less than six months lead time.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Teachers will encourage students to wear correct uniform at all times.
- Uniforms can be ordered through both Campus Offices, the Uniform Shop or online.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal. The Principal will consider what exemption or modification of the dress requirements may be needed. A summary report of the application for exemption and the decisions should be made at the following School Council meeting. A written record of the applications and the decision should be kept in case the decision is questioned subsequently.

The uniform consists of the following options -

**Girls:**

**Summer**      Dark blue checked dress with blue collar  
Pale blue polo shirt with GPS logo  
Dark blue shorts with GPS logo  
Dark blue skort  
Navy or short sports socks  
Enclosed shoes  
Gardenvale navy wide brimmed hat with GPS logo

**Winter**      Dark blue skort  
Dark blue track pants with GPS logo  
Dark blue bootleg pants  
Dark blue shorts with GPS logo  
Dark blue rugby jumper with GPS logo  
Pale blue polo shirt with GPS logo  
Bomber jacket with GPS logo  
Navy or short sports socks or navy tights  
Enclosed shoes

**Boys:**

**Summer**      Pale blue polo shirt with GPS logo  
Dark blue shorts with GPS logo  
Navy or short sports socks  
Enclosed shoes  
Gardenvale navy wide brimmed hat with GPS logo

**Winter**      Pale blue polo shirt with GPS logo  
Dark blue shorts with GPS logo  
Dark blue track pants with GPS logo  
Dark blue rugby jumper with GPS logo  
Bomber jacket with GPS logo  
Navy or short sports socks  
Enclosed shoes

- The Gardenvale Primary School schoolbag and book bag are part of the school uniform.
- A dark blue raincoat is available if required.
- Optional: Girls' bike shorts to wear under uniform. Not visible under hem line.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

**Approved by School Council: September 2013**