



## Gardenvale Primary Student Dress Code

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gardenvale 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 the School Council of Gardenvale Primary School, 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 Gardenvale 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

The full list of Gardenvale Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

Gardenvale Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Dark blue checked dress with blue collar
- Dark blue skirt
- Dark blue polo shirt with GPS logo
- Dark blue rugby jumper with GPS logo
- Bomber jacket with GPS logo
- Dark blue shorts with GPS logo
- Dark blue track pants with GPS logo
- Dark blue bootleg pants
- Navy or white short socks or navy tights
- Enclosed shoes
- Gardenvale navy wide brimmed hat with GPS logo



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- The Gardenvale Primary School schoolbag and book bag are part of the school uniform.
- A dark blue raincoat is available if required.
- Optional: bike shorts to wear under uniform. Not visible under hem line.
- Year 6 students may wear the specially designed 'Year 6 Windcheater'
- All students may wear the specially designed School Musical Production Windcheater.
- 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.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Gardenvale Primary 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 is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of 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 consistent with our Sunsmart Policy and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parents/carers 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**

Uniforms can be purchased from the PWS shop or online.



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Quality second hand uniforms will be made available for sale through the Second Hand Uniform Shop and advertised via the school newsletter and COMPASS.

Parents will be encouraged to donate good quality second hand uniforms to the Second Hand Uniform Shop which is operated by the Parents' Association.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the principal or assistant 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/>

Gardenvale Primary School also has second hand uniforms available to families to buy at a minimum cost.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Gardenvale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, COMPASS, the enrolment pack and the Prep Information Evening.

We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal/assistant principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Gardenvale Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

### **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/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:



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- 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 assistant principal 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

Gardenvale 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*, available on COMPASS or our website.

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- 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 policy was last updated in March 2021 and is scheduled for review in March 2022.  
School Council approved 16 /3/21



## APPENDIX A: GARDENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS UNIFORM ITEMS

### **Rugby Jumper**

Dark blue windcheater with school logo

### **Bomber Jacket**

Dark blue polar fleece with school logo

### **Polo shirts**

Dark blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

### **Skorts**

Plain dark blue skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Dark blue or white socks

Dark blue tights/stockings

### **Footwear**

Appropriate enclosed footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

### **School Rain Coat (Optional Item)**

Dark blue coat

### **Headwear**

Navy blue, hair ribbons, 'scrunchies' or headwear may be worn. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

### **Bootleg Pants**

Dark blue bootleg pants

### **Dresses**

Dark blue checked dress with blue collar

### **Shorts**

Dark blue shorts with school logo

### **Pants**

Dark blue track pants with school logo

### **Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April**

Navy broadbrim with school logo.