


<h1>Uniform and Dress Code Policy</h1>		
Date: July 2019	Owner/s: Samantha Fleming (Policy Leader)	

Purpose

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Glengala Primary School. We believe that:

- It is good for children to be proud of their school and to be proud to show that they belong to it
- School uniform adds to the atmosphere, prestige, tone and spirit of a school
- School uniform prevents unhealthy competition with expensive fashions
- School uniform, worn regularly, assists home routines and avoids last minute decisions about “what to wear.”

School uniform is available for purchase whenever the front office is open (usually 8.40am to 4pm Mon-Fri). We provide our uniform at the lowest possible price to cover costs while still providing quality products. A display with all items of our uniform is located at the front office.

All student dress codes must:

- meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements
- include an exemption process
- include health and safety considerations
- explain requirements relating to uniform supply arrangements
- be communicated clearly to students and parents/carers.

Scope

A uniform dress code reinforces students 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.

Implementation

After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe 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
- Uniform includes navy blue pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, tights, a blue gingham school dress and a light blue polo shirt (school branded or not) and a school branded sports t-shirt
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn

- Sports uniforms (house coloured school branded t-shirts) are to be worn on days when Health and Physical Education is timetabled, and on days when other sporting and school events deemed appropriate by the school are scheduled
- If a student wishes to wear a long sleeved shirt under the school polo shirt it must be of light blue in colour
- Students who require an adjusted uniform to meet health care needs can seek an exemption from the principal
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- If necklaces are worn for cultural purposes, they must be tucked into clothing at all times for safety reasons
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- A school branded SunSmart hat consistent with our SunSmart policy must be worn when outside between September and April each year between the hours of 9am and 3.15pm
- Hats are not to be worn inside
- Wet/cold weather jackets, beanie or scarf that are to be worn whilst at school must be the school branded items or of navy blue in colour
- Yr 6 graduation uniform is acceptable at all times for current year 6 students. If only the jumper is purchased than the student will continue to wear the standard school polo shirt or sports t-shirt
- Students out of uniform require a note from their parent or guardian explaining the reason for not wearing the school uniform or the provision of a substituted item
- Students wearing non-uniform items will;
 - Be asked to remove the item that is not uniform whilst they are at school either through taking the item off or tucking the item into other clothing
 - Have a note sent home either via the student or via COMPASS to inform the family of the non-uniform item
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, will be made available in the office to all families at enrolment and published in the newsletter at regular intervals throughout the year
- Families will regularly be informed of the support to provide uniforms through State Schools Relief
- Shoes must be closed toe and firmly secured to meet the needs of the various activities students may undertake during a school day. Shoes can be of runner/sneaker type or school dress shoe style
- Staff will make timely contact with families of students who seem to require support to attain appropriate uniform, and may refer families to the Wellbeing Team for further support.

School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

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.

[Related Policies and Guidelines](#)

[Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#)

[SunSmart Policy](#)

[Duty of Care Policy](#)

[Health Care Needs Policy](#)

[Review of this Uniform and Dress Code Policy](#)

History of Updates to Policy

Date	Comment (e.g. major review, minor review)
June 2000	Last policy identified

July 2019	Policy adapted from the School Policy Templates portal - Dress Code Policy (may 2019)
August 2019	Presented to School Council for approval

Review Date

This policy approved by School Council in August 2019.
This policy is required by the Department of Education.

Date of next review: 2023 or earlier.