

Gilgai Plains Primary School

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Gilgai Plains Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gilgai Plains Primary School 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 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 Gilgai Plains 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 endorsed 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

It is compulsory for students to wear the school uniform. The full list of Gilgai Plains Primary School's school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

Parents and students may select uniform from the full list provided. The school hat is compulsory for all students.

In 2022, the school bag is not compulsory for Year 5 & 6 students. In 2023, the school bag is not compulsory for Year 6 students. The school bag is compulsory for all other students.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Gilgai Plains Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the student's name

Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the polo or dress 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 (without wifi or cellular connectivity), are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Face piercings must be removed or covered with tape.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Other than clear nail polish, makeup may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Extreme hair colours and offensive hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair accessories to be line with the school uniform colours.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside during term 1 and term 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent 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

Uniform items can be purchased from Academy Uniforms in Thomastown, or parents may order it online .

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Gilgai Plains Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website or Compass. 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 phone call will be made to the student by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the 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.

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 or 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:

- 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 delegate 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

Gilgai Plains Primary 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*.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Will be available publicly on our school's website once completed
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Gilgai Plains Primary Sunsmart Policy
- Gilgai Plains Primary Parent Complaint Policy
- Gilgai Plains Primary Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	18/02/22
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	18/02/25

APPENDIX A: Gilgai Plains Primary School - UNIFORM ITEMS

Parents and students may choose from the following.



- There is also a long sleeve polo shirt available for purchase
- Students are required to wear either black or white socks
- Students are required to wear sturdy enclosed black shoes. They can be school shoes or black runners
- Students may wear any coloured runners on the day they have PE.

Headwear

Blue, black or orange head bands, ribbons, scrunchies, bows or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs