

Gisborne Primary School Student Dress Code



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gisborne 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 Gisborne Primary School's School Council 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 Gisborne 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.

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

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

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety. Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Navy broad brimmed hats must be worn outside from mid-August to the end of April, when UV levels are 3 or higher. Navy broad brimmed hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza Uniforms, or the school has second hand uniform available through the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) at school.

Contact details are: Gisborne PFA gisborneprimarypfa@gmail.com

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Gisborne Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. 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 reminder email will be given to the parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal/s 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Gisborne 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 our school website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Gisborne Primary School Sunsmart Policy](#)
- [Gisborne Primary School Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- [Gisborne Primary School 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	14/03/2026
Consultation	School Council – March 2026 School Community – April 2026
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	14/03/2030 – noting that the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years

APPENDIX A: Gisborne Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper or Vest

Navy Blue polar fleece with school logo
Navy Blue polar/vest fleece with school logo
Navy blue bomber jacket with school logo
Year 6 jacket (as purchased through school provider)
Navy Blue school windcheater with school logo

Polo shirts

Blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

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

Shorts/Bike shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name. These should be a reasonable length (around mid-thigh) to ensure comfort, modesty and suitability for school.

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses

Summer dress – blue, teal and white checked
Winter tunic – navy

Skivvies

Plain blue or white skivvy

Broad Brimmed Hats – to be worn mid-August to the end of May

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name
Navy beanie

Sports uniform

We do not have a specific sports uniform.

If there needs to be a specific uniform requirement for students participating in interschool sports these are provided by the school for the duration of the sports day. If there is a specific uniform item that the school does not provide, this will be communicated with families.