



# Gabbinbar State School: Parent Information Statement

## Policy: Student Dress Code

### Statement of Intent:

A student dress code consists of an agreed standard concerning items of clothing, which may be worn with the school uniform that school students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

Student dress codes cover clothing that contributes to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic/social differences

Student dress codes reflect school community standards and are consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

Student dress codes clearly explain and document standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:

- Clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear
- Other aspects of personal presentation of students

Acceptable or reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the school's student dress code. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- Offensive
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations
- Unsafe for student or others
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others

Student dress codes incorporate strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. A student's non-compliance with the school's student dress code requirements is not grounds for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school. Schools with dress codes impose sanctions on a once-only basis per episode of non-compliance. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during break periods
- Preventing from attending or participating in any activity where the student is representing the school
- Preventing from attending or participating in any activity that is not an essential educational program

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*The student dress code at Gabbinbar State School supports the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 and, in particular, promotes the Vision and Values of the school.*

Parents enrol their children at Gabbinbar State School with the understanding that the uniform, approved by the Parents and Citizens Association, will be worn at all times.

## WEARING OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Builds school spirit and promotes a positive image of the school in the community.
- Promotes belonging, fairness and equity where students are not discriminated against because of the quality of their clothes.
- Promotes the safety by meeting Sun-safety and Workplace Health and Safety requirements.
- Supports student participation in all activities.

## UNIFORMS

School uniform colours are royal blue and orange. The school uniform comprises a range of garments - all designed to give wearers and their parents the opportunity to mix and match as desired. A range of items are listed below with samples of the school uniform found in the school office. We encourage parents to make purchases through the school office on Tuesday's between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

- Girls Dresses (Check fabric)
- Girls Shorts (Royal Blue)
- Girls Blouses (Check fabric)
- Boys Shirts (Check fabric)
- Boys Shorts (Royal Blue)
- Polo Shirts (Boys / Girls Sports)
- Harlequin Polo Shirt (Boys / Girls Sports)
- Football Jersey (Long Sleeve)
- Polar Fleece Top (Boys / Girls)
- Broad-Brimmed Hat (Royal Blue with logo)

*\*It is acceptable for student to wear items such as track suit pants, pullover jumpers, basketball / long shorts or broad brimmed hats that match appropriate school colours (i.e. Royal Blue).*

## HATS

A Sun-safe hat is essential, with Royal Blue being the accepted colour. A Sun-safe hat is either a broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire cap, which is essential for students to fully participate in school curriculum programs (i.e. Physical Education). Students without a Sun-safe hat will be directed to play under school buildings during break periods.

## SHOES and SOCKS

Sports or dress shoes need to fully enclose the foot. They are to be worn with appropriate plain socks.

## JEWELLERY

For safety reasons, the following list constitutes the only permissible jewellery to be worn by students at Gabbinbar State School;

- One set of earrings (small sleepers/studs)
- Signet ring
- Watch
- Medical identification. The Principal is to be advised in writing of jewellery of religious or cultural significance.

## HAIR

Neat, traditional and contemporary hair cuts are acceptable. Extreme styles are not appropriate for school, for example, dread locks or mohawks etc. Hair ties should reflect school colours where possible.

## **OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS**

- Nail polish, hair colours and make-up are not acceptable at school.
- The dress code on **non-uniform** days must comply with Sun-safety and Workplace Health and Safety requirements, namely, no singlets, no bare midriffs or muscle shirts. Appropriate shoes and a hat must be worn.
- Swimming: A bathing cap is recommended for all students. Girls are to wear a one-piece swim suit.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

The P&C Association coordinates and operates Second Hand Uniform sales periodically throughout the school year. Information relating to sales, exchanges, collections and locations will appear through the school Newsletter.

## **INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY OR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Where there are individual cases of conflict with the student dress code, or persistent failure of a student to uphold the code, or a student is inappropriately dressed, the school will:

- Offer appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at school
- Take action that prevents risk to student or others, or action that maintains normal school operations
- Inform student's parents or carers of incidents and discuss further with parents or carers, representatives of school and student to prevent a recurrence
- Implement a process of conflict resolution or mediation if student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers

Where a student is reasonably dressed, but does not conform to student dress code, the Principal or delegate will:

- Offer appropriate item/s from bank of clothing/uniforms held at school
- Inform parents or carers of incidents and, if necessary, discuss further
- Use, together with representatives of school community, appropriate conflict-resolution or mediation if a student persistently fails to observe the student dress code.