



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 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

Our Uniform

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 is listed below with samples of the school uniform found in the school office. We encourage parents to make purchases through the school office in the mornings between 9:00am and 11.00am.

- Dress (Blue chequered fabric)
- Shorts (Royal blue)
- Blouse (Blue chequered fabric)
- Shirt (Blue chequered fabric)
- Shorts (Royal blue)
- Polo shirts (Royal blue, orange)
- Polar fleece pullover
- Broad-Brimmed Hat (Royal Blue with logo) and Bucket Hat (reversible with house colours)

*It is acceptable for students to wear items such as tracksuit 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's 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 in the undercover areas during break periods.

Shoes and Socks

Sports or dress shoes need to fully enclose the foot. They are to be worn with appropriate plain white or royal blue 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 haircuts 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 Uniform Information

- 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. Please ensure the writing/logos on clothes are appropriate also.

Individual 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.