



# STUDENT DRESS CODE



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Grahamvale Primary School on 03 58214219

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Grahamvale 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 Grahamvale 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 Grahamvale 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 developed 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

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

### General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform 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, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

Any student with shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside buildings.

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, The School Uniform Shop, in Corio Shepparton, Goulburn Valley School Uniforms, in High Streets or at Quality Teams, Benalla Road, Shepparton.

Second hand uniform items are available at the school for purchase. Please ask at the school office for assistance.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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**

Grahamvale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents 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
- 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

Grahamvale 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 the school's website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Grahamvale Primary School Sunsmart Policy [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Grahamvale Primary School Complaints Policy [Complaints 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	16 July 2024
Consultation	Junior School Council: July 2024 Parents Club: July 2024 School Council on: 22 July 2024
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Review 2027 Minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 -4 years.

## **APPENDIX A: GRAHAMVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

The Grahamvale Primary School Council maintains a policy of compulsory school uniform which comprises a dress code for both girls and boys in the established colours of navy and gold. The benefits have been favourably recognised by the School Community. The Grahamvale Primary School Uniform consists of:

### **Hat**

- Navy Blue School hat, broad brimmed/brushed cotton with school logo in either bucket or surf style.
- Compulsory from 1 September until the 30 April. Hats must be clean, in good repair and worn correctly.
- A Navy plain beanie can be worn through the winter months.

### **Tops with School logo**

- Navy with gold trim Bomber Jacket
- Navy Windcheater
- Navy with gold trim short Polo Shirt or Navy long sleeve Polo Shirt
- Navy Fleecy Vest
- Navy light weight Weather Jacket

### **Bottoms**

- Plain Navy Blue Cotton Drill Pants
- Plain Navy Blue Track Pants
- Navy Blue Pinafore (dress)
- Plain Navy Blue Shorts
- Navy Blue Skort (as displayed in office & uniform shop)
- Navy Blue Check Dress with Gold Lines

### **Footwear**

- All footwear (shoes and sandals) must have covered in toes and be low heeled. School shoes and sandals to be Black, Brown or Navy. Sneakers /runners are acceptable and in a neutral colour where possible.
- Socks to be Black, Navy or White in colour.

### **Hair**

- To be clean and neat. All students with long hair (below shoulder length) must tie it back. Hair colouring is not allowed with the exemption to this being the school 'Crazy Hair Days'.
- Head bands, ribbons, scrunchies and hair accessories must be Navy Blue or Gold.

### **Personal Hygiene**

- Must be always maintained.
- Fingernails to be kept short and free of any coloured nail polish.

### **Jewellery**

- Jewellery is not permitted. The only acceptable jewellery is a watch and one small plain stud or sleeper per ear. Other visible piercing is not allowed.

### **Notes**

- School logo to be worn on all tops i.e. Bomber Jacket, Windcheater, Short & Long Polo Shirt, and Weather Jacket.
- School logo can be purchased through the school supplier shops, The School Uniform Shop, Corio St, Goulburn Valley School Uniforms, High St Shepparton and Quality Teams, Benalla Road Shepparton.
- No logos to be visible on any of the bottom options i.e. Sport Brands "Nike".
- Sunglasses are allowed.
- Raincoats/Parkers are to be Navy Blue in colour.
- Scarves are allowed to be worn but must be Navy Blue in colour.
- Religious headwear to be navy blue in colour or as appropriate to the religious event
- Wearing of make-up is not permitted.
- Coloured sports T Shirts are available from the office for a minimal price, to be worn on allocated Sports and House Team days.
- The wearing of full school uniform is compulsory. School uniform must be kept in good repair and worn correctly.