



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school.

PURPOSE

The policy has been developed to ensure the ongoing safety of our students, as well as to support our parent community in sending their children to school in uniform which:

- Promotes equality amongst all students
- Allows teachers to readily identify students when taking part in activities outside of the school
- Maintains and enhances a positive image of the school in the community
- Assists families to avoid the competitive aspect of wearing fashionable clothing/other trends
- Is consistent across the school
- Is appropriate to the age and development of our students
- Allows for students to be prepared to participate in a range of activities at any time whilst at school
- Minimises the risk of injury in the school yard as much as possible (e.g. appropriate shoes and jewellery etc)
- Is in line with our Sun Smart Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

At GPS the purpose of School Uniform is:

- To ensure all students are visible and identifiable while on school grounds or in the care of teachers at Excursions/Sports Events etc.
- That students are well presented and that our uniform is worn in a manner that enhances a positive image for the school
- To provide parents with a list of, and access to, appropriate clothing for a range of activities while their child is a student at GPS

IMPLEMENTATION

- Wearing of correct school uniform at Greenhills Primary School is compulsory and is supported by School Council.
- The basic school colours are BOTTLE GREEN and GOLD Uniform pieces are supplied by 'Primary School Wear' which aim to provide durable and cost effective clothing. Orders can be placed through their website: www.psw.com.au/primary/ (The PSW order form will also be available on the school website) or in person at PSW retail outlet.
- A Second-Hand Uniform shop is run by volunteer parents. Parents can contact the office for details of when Second-Hand Uniform Shop is available.
- The Uniform Policy will be placed on the Greenhills Primary School website and in Contact, the school newsletter at the beginning of each year.
- *When students are off school grounds for events/excursions – they MUST wear uniform which has the school logo on it – for the safety and security of all students. Students not in school uniform on the day of an excursion may be excluded from attending for safety reasons.*



CLOTHING

- Students may wear garments in school colours from the clothing list provided by PSW on their website
- Garments/items may be bought in school colours from suppliers other than PSW, however they must be worn in accordance with the following:
 - Bottle green and white check gingham dress (please note: our School Uniform dress is different to that which can be bought externally)
 - Bottle green pleated Skorts or tunic
 - Bottle green long drill pants/boot leg pants
 - Bottle green track pants (regular tracksuit material)
 - Bottle green shorts – to knee length (no 3/4 or cargo pants for boys or girls)
 - Bottle green or gold polo shirt, (currently being phased out) – long or short sleeved (iron on logo available from front office)
 - Bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket
 - Bottle green Polar Fleece jacket or vest
 - Bottle green beanie
 - Bottle green or black tights (with dresses in Winter or cooler weather)
- In winter, students may wear a winter/rain coat and scarf (not in school colours) in the playground in cold or inclement weather.

FOOTWEAR

Student safety and preventing injury is of the utmost importance in regard to footwear.

- Runners (Sports Shoes) – with laces which can be and are, appropriately tied to provide proper foot support (or velcro for younger students or students who have difficulties with laces)
- Black leather school shoes (traditional school shoes or ‘T-Bars’ etc.) No ‘ballet’ slippers, slip on shoes, slip on canvas or other materials.
- Socks are to be white, bottle green or black (solid colour). Sports socks to be predominantly white or black.
- Footwear must have covered toes.

HOUSE TOPS

Students (Prep – Year 6) may purchase a Greenhills House Top for the House in which they have been allocated. (Yellow – Bunjil, Green - Bulen Bulen, Blue – Buliyong, Red – Waa). These may be worn on any day the class has a PE lesson and on special events and House Days as advertised and listed during the school year.



SPORTS UNIFORM

- Years 5 and 6 students may purchase a Greenhills Sports Top Uniform to be worn during interschool sports.
- Years 5 and 6 Students may be required to wear a specialised 'Sports Uniform' for Interschool Sport or other events when they represent they school. Where available - these will be loaned to families by the school and are to be returned clean and in good condition (e.g. Cricket whites are not supplied by the school, however Football tops are.)
- Bottle green Netball skirts may be worn by students in Years 5 and 6 only on Interschool Sports/Athletics days. Students in other year levels may wear them for Athletics/Sports carnivals only. *These items are not part of the everyday school uniform and are not for every day wear.*
- Jackets from local sporting clubs with their logo or name **ARE NOT** part of the school's sports uniform – this includes Interschool and other Sports Days/Carnivals
- It is highly recommended that Yr 5/6 students who attend Interschool Sport bring a change of uniform/shoes in case of wet weather play/mud or for hygiene reasons.

Year 5 and 6 sports uniform is only to be worn during Interschool Sports or other events when they represent the school and are not part of the everyday school uniform and are not for every day wear.

HATS

- School hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 for children to be allowed to play outdoors in accordance with being Sun Smart. This applies on out of School Uniform days as well.
- Students without hats and those with hats that do not comply with our the Sun Smart policy (e.g. those without full brims or are not 'legionnaire' style such as caps) are required to play under designated under cover areas only.
- House hat (as issued from the School Office) may be worn by students in all year levels on Sports Carnivals or designated events. They are not part of the everyday school uniform and are not for everyday wear.

JEWELLERY, MAKE-UP AND OTHER ITEMS (the following applies to ALL students)

- Sports briefs/bike shorts (no longer than dress/skirt) should be worn under all dresses/skirts to ensure modesty for girls when participating in physical activity or playing on play equipment
- If students wish to wear a long sleeved top/other t-shirt under their school shirt it must be either bottle green gold or white. Students will be required to remove tops which are showing and are not of the aforementioned colours. Student well-being will be taken into account in cold weather if they do not have a jumper on that day. (Singlets excepted – however they must be tucked in to pants/skirts.)
- On 'Out of Uniform Days', students must wear appropriate clothing including footwear with enclosed toes, to enable them to participate safely and freely in all school activities. Midriffs and shoulders are to be covered and hats are to be worn as per our Sun Smart policy.
- Hair accessories such as headbands, hair clips and ribbons are to be bottle green, gold/yellow or white where possible. Hair accessories should be for practical purposes so that hair does not get in the way of a child's eyes during class or sports times to maximise learning.
- Make-up is not to be worn at school (students found to be wearing make-up will be required to remove it while at school).



- Earrings are to be either studs or small sleepers while at school. Students wearing large, long or dangly or earrings which may be a safety issue will be required to remove them at school and place them in their school bag.
- Rings –We highly discourage students from wearing rings at school. Wearing rings can be a safety concern – e.g. if a finger is jarred and it swells. Students wearing costume jewellery will be required to remove it and place it in their school bag.
- Necklaces/Bracelets/Bangles – students are not permitted to wear necklaces, bracelets or bangles to school. Students wearing costume jewellery will be required to take it off and place it in their school bag.
- Students with MEDICAL ALERT bracelets are required to wear this at all times.
- Accessories/additions recommended by an OT or other Specialist will be considered after parent consultation with your child’s classroom teacher.

ITEMS NOT PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM: (the following applies to BOTH genders)

- Full length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length leggings of any colour
- Cargo pants or cargo shorts jackets from sporting clubs with their logo or name – this includes Interschool and other Sports Days/Carnivals. ‘Skate shoes’ or other shoes where laces are not done up (in order to prevent ankle injuries as is practicable)
- Slip on shoes of any kind (for either gender – to prevent ankle and foot injuries as is practicable) Items/articles of clothing which have company/sporting logos on them (e.g. Billabong etc)
- Items of clothing which are not the school colours (this includes tights, long sleeved shirts, leg warmers, jumpers etc.).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Our School will:

- All staff at GPS will support School Council to ensure that students adhere to the Uniform Policy and will enforce this policy, asking students to remove or change items which breach the policy as appropriate.
- At the beginning of each new school year, GPS staff will be referred to the current uniform policy.
- The school will notify parents when breaches of Uniform Policy occur at the first occasion their child is out of uniform (via a note home with the child from their classroom teacher).
- Teachers will contact parents where students are ongoing/persistently out of uniform or without a hat etc.
- School staff will educate students on why particular items are not appropriate for school due to risk of injury or other dangers, equality and fairness as situations arise.

Our Students will:

- Students are to be responsible for taking care of their uniform including their hats. Hats which have been tampered with and are no longer Sun Smart compliant cannot be worn outside and the student will have to play under cover.
- Any items of jewellery, accessories or clothing which are required to be removed are the responsibility of the students. Students are responsible for ensuring these items arrive home safely. Staff are not responsible for taking care of such belongings during school hours.



Our Parents will:

- Parents are to support School Council and ensure that their child/ren are in correct school uniform each day.
- Parents are to ensure that their child/ren adhere to all clauses of the policy.
- In situations where parents need to send their child to school out of uniform, parents need to provide the school with a written explanation. A note needs to be provided each time a child is out of uniform unless parents have an agreement with their child's classroom teacher.

REFERENCES

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/dresscode.aspx>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy will be reviewed every three years or earlier as required.

School Council approval is required.

Approval

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Consultation	School Council meeting – 7 th March 2023
Endorsed by	James Penson – Principal & School Council
Endorsed on	7 th March 2023
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