



GLADSTONE SOUTH STATE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE

RATIONALE:

Appropriate dress standards are required for students attending our school, travelling to and from our school and engaging in school activities out of our school hours. The school's Dress Code is related to issues of health and safety, functionality, affordability and anti-discrimination as articulated through the Education General Provisions Act of 2006 and its regulations and relevant EQ policy SMS-PR-022.

In the workforce, uniforms are worn for safety reasons, company identification and team spirit.

In our school environment, safety is paramount with sun safety factors incorporated into our Sun-Safe Policy, play and physical activity, also the ease of identification of a student.

Our school dress code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school and school activities;
- Fostering a school identity, sense of belonging and developing a team spirit;
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visual evidence of economic or social differences and reduce discrimination and harassment that may sometimes occur in schools and community activities through peer group pressures.
- Other aspects of personal presentation of students.

The issues of Health and Safety and Anti-discrimination laws are paramount in the development of our dress code and selection and wearing of a uniform. Consultation and feedback opportunities have been provided through the P&C Committee to finalise the dress standard code.

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For students, the Dress Code includes the following:

Uniform Standards.

Daily:

Top: Royal Blue and Yellow Polo Top with School Logo

Bottoms: Royal Blue Shorts with School Logo, Skorts and Skirts

Sport:

Top: According to Sports House a coloured Polo Shirt

Capricorn – Blue

Barney – Yellow

Dawson – Green

Auckland – Red

Bottoms: As per the Daily Uniform

Winter:

Top: Royal Blue Jumper (no hoodies) (no brand names/logos)

Bottoms: Royal Blue Track Pants

Headwear: Royal Blue Bucket Hats with School Logo (no caps)

Hair accessories must be Royal Blue

Footwear: Suitable *closed in shoes preferably black* to be used for General Play and Physical Education.

No sandals, thongs or loose fitting shoes or boots are to be worn.

Standards of Personal Presentation

In the interests of Health and Safety issues, personal pride and presentation, potential discrimination and harassment issues between peers, our school has clear expectations regarding the appropriateness of wearing jewellery, tattoos, extreme hairstyles (***no coloured hair, two toned hair***), ***coloured hair bows*** not the school colour or other fashion accessories. If they are not an acceptable standard, parents will be contacted.

Jewellery: The following will not be accepted:

Rings bangles necklaces ear/nose/brow/eye piercings

Studs and sleepers **can be worn** but may be required to be removed or covered, whilst at school depending on the activity.

To protect the student during any school activity, they may be directed by a teacher, principal or teacher's aide to cover or remove any item that the supervising adult reasonably deems may not be safe in conducting the school activity or removed from the activity.

SCOPE OF OPERATION OF A DRESS CODE

The **school designated Daily Uniform** for a student is to be worn during normal school day operations including daily wear, excursions and camps (where appropriate and practical and as determined by the teacher-in-charge at that time).

The **Sport Uniform** including State School Representative Sport Uniform may be worn during days involving designated Physical Education lessons or Sporting Activities including all Sporting carnivals and events held throughout the year.

The **Winter Uniform** may be worn during normal school-day operations during Winter season.

Note: Jeans, long tights and other alternate clothing are not part of the winter uniform.

Casual Dress Days Policy: At times our P & C Association sets a "Casual Dress Day" as a reward to students and as a fundraiser for specific activities, incurring a donation. Casual Dress may also be a requirement of a class teacher for an approved activity through the principal such as an excursion or particular learning activity where other clothes may be more suitable. Personal presentation on Casual Dress days is an expectation.

The specific casual dress permitted includes our policy on jewellery, footwear and hats. Dress includes appropriate tops with covered "shoulders", **no sleeveless shirts** and **appropriately worded or messaged** dress.

NON- COMPLIANCE OF STUDENTS WITH THE SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE

Please refer to the Education General Provisions Act 2006 Section 366, EQ policy SMS-PR-022 and SMS-PR-021, The Enrolment Agreement as signed by parents and students and our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan regarding consequences for breaches of the code.

Under the Dress Code, students will receive a warning identifying the breach of the Dress Code and subsequent consequences for continued and non-compliance. ***Parents will be phoned to discuss the breach and the student will be provided with the correct uniform to wear for the day.*** If students/families have difficulty in obtaining a uniform, the school may offer a second-hand uniform to them to be worn in the interim. Parents need to speak to the principal regarding any concerns.

Each instance of non-compliance will incur the following consequences:

- Prevention of the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been specifically representing the school (eg. Band Performances, Sporting Activities)
- Prevention of a student from attending or participating in any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school such as;

Excursions or camps

Performances

Sporting Activities

All students are expected to comply with the dress code and all parents and staff are expected to support the school in enforcing this dress code.

Endorsed through the General Monthly Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association of Gladstone South State School in August 2018.

