



Garfield Primary School

Student dress code policy



Help for non-English speakers

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Garfield 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 Garfield Primary School's School Council 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 Garfield 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 certain school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Garfield Primary School's school uniform items are as follows:

- Footwear - closed toe shoes (eg. Runners, school shoes, Blundstone style boots)
- Polo shirt – bottle green (short sleeve or long sleeve)
- Shorts – plain black shorts (no logos). Shorts must be of an appropriate length to support comfort, modesty, and active participation in school activities and be clearly visible beneath school shirts and/or jumpers. Bike shorts are not permitted to be worn.
- Pants – plain black track pants or black leggings
- Garfield PS Bottle Green jumper or hoodie, Year 6 Jacket and Year 6 polo (Optional)
- Dress – Green and white checked school dress
- Chequered Tunic – worn with school polo underneath and leggings or tights (optional)
- Headwear – Broad brimmed dark green hat (in alignment with our school Sunsmart Policy)
- School beanie (winter)
- Own overcoat or scarf for outdoor wear. Overcoats should be plain black.



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General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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.

Hair and Sun safety

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 August 1st to April 30th 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.

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 directly from Beleza School Uniforms. Beleza are located at 7/99 Bald Hill Rd, Pakenham, VIC 3810.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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

Garfield Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and, emailed to families and included in newsletters regularly throughout the year. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Garfield Primary School 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.



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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 that requires a departure from the dress code
- 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

Garfield 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 at [gps - complaints policy 2022 update .pdf \(garfieldps.vic.edu.au\)](https://garfieldps.vic.edu.au/gps-complaints-policy-2022-update.pdf).

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Garfield Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- [gps - sunsmart policy 2022 update .pdf \(garfieldps.vic.edu.au\)](https://garfieldps.vic.edu.au/gps-sunsmart-policy-2022-update.pdf)
- Garfield Primary School Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
[gps - student engagement and wellbeing policy 2022 update .pdf \(garfieldps.vic.edu.au\)](https://garfieldps.vic.edu.au/gps-student-engagement-and-wellbeing-policy-2022-update.pdf)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).



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POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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