

GUMERACHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

& DRESS CODE



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The wearing of the complete and correct uniform is actively encouraged at Gumeracha Primary School. It is expected that students will wear the appropriate clothing at all times.

The wearing of a school uniform has many positive aspects. These include:

- ✓ **Self confidence** – feeling good in the uniform they wear promotes pride in looking and feeling good. It also promotes relaxation and therefore children are more receptive to learning. Studies have shown that schools, which actively encourage the correct school uniform to be worn, perform better than those, which do not.
- ✓ **A sense of belonging** – uniforms promote unity. When children wear the same uniform there is less competition. Uniforms unite children into a team environment.
- ✓ **Safety** – the uniform identifies the student as part of the school
- ✓ **Comfort** – when a child is physically comfortable they perform at a higher level. Emotionally, comfort of a uniform takes away "equality" issues by forming a bond of togetherness.

The correct school uniform can be ordered through our in-school Uniform Shop. A display of our uniforms can be found in the ICT room in the main building. A second hand range of uniforms may be available.

'School Uniforms promote a sense of pride'

Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code upon written request from the parent for the following reasons:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New students (time to purchase)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardships
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- Any other additional grounds as the Governing Council may determine

For students who are consistently and wilfully non compliant with the dress code:

- Positive reinforcement and responsible behaviour is preferred. Suspension, exclusion or expulsion from school for non-compliance with the school uniform is not permitted.
- Speak to the student to encourage him/her to observe the dress code. Provide advice to the parents eg diary note, phone call from the Principal, letter to parents
- Verbal warning to the student
- Establish exclusion zones for non-uniform wearers eg no hat – play under the verandas only.
- Students will be given school clothing to wear for the day, which must be washed and returned to school.

GUMERACHA PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

THE DRESS CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- ◆ **HAT:** Royal blue slouch or legionnaire style. School hats must comply with the Sunsmart policy. They are compulsory for all outdoor activities, including Physical Education, fitness, playtimes and outdoor excursions for Terms 1 and 4. Hats will be requested to be worn during prolonged periods of activity outdoors during terms 2 & 3 (eg camps). (Available from school).
- ◆ **BEANIES:** In the winter, plain royal blue, black or navy beanies are acceptable for outside activity.
- ◆ **POLO SHIRT:** Short sleeve, royal blue with school logo. (Only available from school).
- ◆ **POLAR FLEECE:** Hoodie or hoodie jacket in royal blue with school logo. (Only available from school).
- ◆ **SCHOOL DRESS/SKIRT:** Dress available as a summer option in the school checked fabric. Winter option is a pinafore or skirt worn with the school polo and hoodie/jacket. (Only available at Mt Barker uniform shop)
- ◆ **SKORTS/SHORTS:** Plain navy or black shorts. Skorts are also available for girls in navy.
- ◆ **TRACK PANTS:** Plain navy or black fleecy material (no logos or stripes). Stretch Pants also acceptable in navy or black for girls.
- ◆ **TROUSERS:** Plain navy or black.
- ◆ **SHOES:** Sneakers (or other lace up style shoes) or elastic sided pull on boots. Shoes must be suitable for daily fitness and all school activities. Sandals may be worn in summer. However, sandals must completely cover toes and provide adequate protection for the feet. Beach sandals are not appropriate. No thongs, slip-on shoes, platform style or high heels.
- ◆ **JEWELLERY:** The wearing of jewellery is **not permitted** for safety reasons, except for stud or small sleeper earrings.
- ◆ **MAKE-UP AND NAIL POLISH:** Make up and nail polish is not permitted.
- ◆ **SCARVES:** plain navy or black.
- ◆ **RAIN JACKET:** Navy blue raincoat with school logo. (Only available from school)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ~ this is to help minimise the amount of lost property that accumulates during the term. At the end of the year, all unnamed items of clothing that have not been claimed will be washed and donated to the Community Op Shop in Gumeracha.

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