

GREENBANK STATE SCHOOL

Student Dress Code

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The Greenbank State School Student Dress Code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing that students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

The Student Dress Code reflects school community standards and balances the rights of individual students with the best interests of the whole school community. The policy is consistent with health and safety considerations and anti-discrimination legislation. The Student Dress Code offers gender neutral uniform options for all students.

The Greenbank State School community is proud of the uniform and expects all students to wear it with pride. Through consultation, the Greenbank State School community has approved a Student Dress Code because of the belief that wearing a school uniform:

- Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at the school.
- Ensures compliance with health and safety considerations, curriculum activity risk management strategies and sun safety strategies.
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashions at the school.
- Fosters mutual respect amongst individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences and promotes a supportive environment by fostering a sense of belonging.

In developing the Greenbank State School Student Dress Code, the following considerations and actions were adhered to:

- Consultation with parents or carers of children enrolled at Greenbank State School, School Staff, Students, School Council and the Parents' and Citizens' Association.
- Consistency with relevant legislation, both State and Commonwealth; including having a gender neutral uniform option for students.
- Availability, affordability and functionality of items of clothing.
- Maturity of students, gender, disability, religious and cultural beliefs, socio-economic circumstances and students' sense of individuality and self-esteem in personal appearance.
- Processes for managing special circumstances of particular students.
- Enforcing aspects of Student Dress Code related to safety such as:
 - Safe footwear and eye protection, as required by curriculum activity risk management
 - Hats and swim shirts, as required by the Sun Safety Strategy.

The Greenbank State School Student Dress Code consists of –

Girls: Green checked tunic, green polo shirt with school emblem or school sports polo shirt with bottle green culottes, skorts or bottle green unisex rugby knit or micro fibre shorts.

Boys: Green polo shirt with school emblem or school sports polo shirt with bottle green unisex rugby knit or microfibre shorts.

Cool weather: School microfibre jackets or school fleecy jackets with microfibre pants (purchased from the Uniform Shop) are expected. Plain bottle green tracksuits are also acceptable.

Shoes: Black shoes (leather or joggers).

Socks: School socks (from the Uniform Shop) are preferred. Plain white socks are also acceptable.

Hats: School Hats (Sun Smart from the Uniform Shop) are expected. **Visors or caps are not considered appropriate.**

Girls' Swimwear: One piece swimmers, swim shirt, swimming cap and goggles. **Two piece swimmers are not appropriate.**

Boys' Swimwear: Speedos or board shorts, swim shirt, swimming cap and goggles.

The wearing of sun shirts by boys and girls is mandatory with the exception of competitive racing at carnivals. No earrings, studs or sleepers are permitted during swimming activities.

Sport and Music Uniform: Students participating in interschool sport or music activity are expected to wear the prescribed uniform.

Children are expected to wear school uniforms (as outlined above) or sports uniforms whenever possible. Please note:

- No jewellery other than a wrist watch should be worn.

Sleepers or plain studs only, are permitted in pierced ears. The wearing of items of religious significance should be negotiated with administration.

- Bottle green hair accessories are preferred.

- Singlet type tops and clothing with inappropriate messages, illustrations, language or lacking in modesty are unacceptable and forbidden.

- Children are discouraged from wearing extreme style haircuts which draw unnecessary attention to themselves including inappropriate colouring.

- Participation in promotional and fundraising activities that conflict with the dress code need to be negotiated with the Principal.

In the case of a student presenting at school inappropriately dressed or displaying extreme hairstyle / colouring, the Principal may offer appropriate alternative items from a bank of uniforms held at school and contact parents / carers to negotiate the prevention of a recurrence of such incidents.

Sanctions for non-compliance with the uniform

Permitted sanctions include:

- Thinking Room
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school, or any school activity that is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

Non-permitted sanctions include:

- Exclusion, suspension or risk of cancellation of enrolment.
- Any sanctions that affect a student's academic report e.g. negative mentions in the comments section.
- Prevention from continued participation in essential curriculum activities, except where necessary for reasons of safety in which case, alternative educational activities are provided.
- Where required uniform policy items are not available because of circumstances beyond the control of the student and/or the student's parent/carer.

In arrangements with clothing suppliers:

- Use appropriate Deed of License as outlined in the [Information Sheet - Copyright School Uniform Logo](#) when licensing a manufacturer to reproduce the school logo for the purpose of manufacturing uniforms or to restrict the retailers to whom the licensed manufacturers can supply the uniforms

- Ensure notification and communication of any proposed change to school uniforms early in a school year preceding such a change, to all parents and if practicable, all retailers concerned so that school uniform shops and others with significant stocks of uniforms can replace or prepare for the changes
- Where selected suppliers receive preference in placement of orders or publicity, ensure that a public tender process is followed in accordance with [Purchasing Textile Clothing and Footwear procedure](#).