



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact 03 5243 3902.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Grovedale 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 Grovedale Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community 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 Grovedale 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 cost effective options for families. Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code at any stage while on school grounds during school hours and when attending school activities such as excursions or sporting events.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

### Uniform inclusions:

#### **Tops**

- Red short/long sleeved polo shirt- Foundation to Year 6
- Navy short/long sleeved polo shirt- Year 6 only (annual design)
- GPS softshell jacket
- GPS bomber jacket
- GPS rugby jumper
- GPS polar fleece vest
- Navy (plain) crew neck jumper

#### **Bottoms**

- Navy shorts/skorts
- Navy and white gingham skorts
- Navy and white gingham check dress
- Plain navy track pants
- Kilt with the option of navy tights

#### **Headwear**

- Navy broad brimmed hat
- GPS beanie

#### **Footwear**

- Plain white, navy or black socks
- Runners (predominantly black preferred)

## Uniform exclusions

- Leggings (including bike shorts) are not to be worn
- Hats are to be worn outside only
- Shoes which are unsafe (including heels, open toes, steel toe cap)
- Non-uniform hoodies and caps are not to be worn on site.

## **Jewellery and Cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches (not including smart watches), are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted (no fake nails).

## **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 in from the beginning of the school year until April 30 and again from September 1 until the end of the school year. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of these periods, by parent or student choice. Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities when safe to do so.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Grovedale PS branded uniform can be purchased Noone Imagewear, 162 Moorabool St Geelong. Generic items in our school colours can be purchased from your local Target or K-Mart.

## **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**

Grovedale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website [<https://grovedaleps.vic.edu.au/>]. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 digital notification (via Sentral) will be provided to the parents/carers outlining what specific breach of policy has occurred. 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.

## **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 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.

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 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.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website <https://grovedaleps.vic.edu.au/>
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Grovedale Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Grovedale Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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