



# Girrawheen Senior High School

## DRESS CODE POLICY

### **RATIONALE:**

The Department of Education's policy on dress code requires schools to make the wearing of uniform a requirement. It has been found that the wearing of uniform brings with it many benefits, such as the promotion of the school's public image, an enhanced school spirit, a reduction in rivalry between students, an increase in convenience and cost saving for parents, and preparation for work environments which have dress codes and safety codes. The dress code allows easy identification of intruders on site therefore increases student safety.

At Girrawheen Senior High School a Dress Code Policy has been established after consultation with all stakeholders. The policy has been formulated to meet the needs of students, their families and the school. The P&C supports the policy and it has been endorsed by the School Board.

### **GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The uniform is compulsory and consists of specific dress requirements for regular daily wear, for Physical Education classes and for special programs, activities and events. The requirements are listed in detail. A high standard of presentation is expected from students on a daily basis and where students are representing the school in the community and overseas. This is supported by the school administration with a dress code management plan outlined below. Uniforms should be worn without embellishment and expectations for grooming and accessories are specified.

### **DRESS CODE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **Uniformity**

Jackets and shirts are embroidered with the school crest or name. Alternative shirts or jackets are not acceptable.

#### **Availability**

Jackets and shirts are for sale from the Manager – Corporate Services at the school. Cash, cheque or lay-by are acceptable. Families who have a current health care card and complete the standard application receive student uniforms at no cost once per year through the secondary assistance scheme.

#### **Exemptions/Non-compliance with uniform**

Students who are unable to meet the school's dress code on a given day are required to attend detention at lunch 2. Form teachers and class teachers refer students to Positive Behaviour Co-ordinators or Dean of Studies for detention. Students who provide an acceptable written explanation signed by their parent/guardian may be allowed an exemption. Students without a note or explanation are required to change into school uniform if it is provided or parents may be called to bring in their child's uniform to the school.

A student who is not complying with dress code will not be allowed to attend any activity in which the student would have been representing the school.

Dress Code infringements are recorded, continually monitored and taken into account for qualification to attend various social and sporting events. Parents will be advised when infringements reach unsatisfactory levels.

# REGULAR DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

## TOPS

**Year 8 - 9** A light blue polo shirt with a school logo and school jacket for winter.

**Year 10 – 12** Navy blue polo shirt with a school logo. School jacket for winter.  
Undershirts can be short or long sleeved white, navy blue or black (without a hood).

**BOTTOMS** Neat fitting black track pants, trousers, dress shorts or skirts. Skirts and shorts must be of a modest length.

**FOOTWEAR** Shoes must be sturdy. They must be either laced or attached with velcro. Runners and cross trainers are acceptable. Thin canvas shoes do not meet dress code requirements.

**HATS and CAPS** may be worn, but must not be embellished with any logos or symbols that are offensive or degrading for the school in the opinion of a Deputy or Principal. Hats and caps must be removed when indoors.

**HAJAB or HEAD SCARVES:** Should be plain black or white.

**SCARVES:** Are an optional accessory and must be plain white or black.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Red t-shirt and black shorts or track suit pants

Wearing Physical Education uniform to normal classes or to and from school is not acceptable.

## FORMAL ATTIRE (When representing the school as an ambassador at a formal event)

School blazer (supplied by school) white shirt, blue tie, black dress pants and black shoes.

## GROOMING AND ACCESSORIES

### Jewellery

Modest jewellery and watches are acceptable. However, school is not the place for expressing oneself via accessories. For this reason pertaining to safety, dog chains, collars, and wrist bands with spikes and studs are unacceptable. Earrings should be confined to small hoops or studs. For safety reasons, long or dangly earrings and necklaces are not suitable for school wear. Spikes and stretchers are not permitted.

### Make-up

Make up should be kept to a minimum. Students will be asked to remove it if it is not.

### Tattoos

All tattoos must be covered by school uniform clothing.

### Body Piercing

Piercing that is not visible is not a concern. Piercing of the nose, cheek, lip, eyebrow, chin, cheek or neck is not appropriate for school and may not be acceptable for students who are engaging in workplace learning.

## Notes and Restrictions

The following notes are included to clarify regular acceptable uniform.

### Regular Daily Wear

- Skirts and shorts should be at a modest length
- Torn garments are not acceptable
- Denim clothing (jeans, shorts, skirts, caps) are not acceptable.
- Socks must be white or black or discrete – students are not permitted to accessorise with stripy and bold coloured socks.
- The following items are not permitted to be worn at school – beanies, bandannas hoodies, singlets, sandals, thongs.

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