



# Student Dress Code



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Principal

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline New Gisborne Primary'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 New Gisborne Primary'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 New Gisborne Primary'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 school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of New Gisborne Primary's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

### General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

### **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. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **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 mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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 from the uniform shop at school on Tuesdays between 8.30 and 11.30am, or parents may order it directly through the QKR! App. A full list of items can be found on our Website

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

New Gisborne Primary will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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 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.

Measures taken by New Gisborne Primary to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 parents/carers
- encourage the 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

New Gisborne Primary 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 *Complaints Policy*, available on our Website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- New Gisborne Primary Sunsmart Policy
- New Gisborne Primary Parent Complaint Policy
- New Gisborne Primary 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

Policy last reviewed	February 2024
Consultation	School Council

Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2027

## APPENDIX A: NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY UNIFORM ITEMS

### All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

#### **Jumper or Bomber Jacket**

Navy polar fleece with or without school logo

#### **Polo shirts**

Yellow long and short sleeved with or without school logo.

#### **Skorts**

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name

#### **Dresses**

Summer navy, royal, white, and gold checked dress.

Winter tunic navy, princess line

#### **Shorts**

Plain navy shorts without decoration or brand name

#### **Pants**

Plain, navy track pants/cargo pants without decoration or brand name

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn.

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

### Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim (with school logo preferable).

### House colours uniform

Yellow/Blue/Red/Green polo top with navy shorts/skort/tracksuit.