

## Mount Gravatt State School Student Dress Code & Uniform Policy

### **Rationale**

The community of Mount Gravatt State School supports and approves of the wearing of the school's uniform by our students. The adoption of a Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy is established under Sections 360-363 and Section 283 of the Education (General Provisions) Act of 2006. Therefore, students attending Mount Gravatt State School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school principal.

Reasons for adopting a uniform include:

- It identifies those students attending Mount Gravatt State School, both within the school grounds and outside
- It creates a sense of pride in being associated with our school
- It is non-discriminatory as it does not distinguish between students from differing socio-economic backgrounds
- It eliminates "fashion": competition between students and, in doing so, reduces the stress of "keeping up" with trends
- It is an exercise in self-discipline. Students need to appreciate that success and happiness is greatly influenced by the level of self-discipline that they can achieve. They need to realise that a dress code applies to many occupations and social activities.
- It presents a united image to the public and can contribute to the sense of order and discipline in a school environment.
- It is consistent with Occupational Health and Safety and Anti-Discrimination legislation.

### **Operating Principles**

1. The complete uniform, as detailed below, is to be worn at all times to, from and during school. Acceptable uniform is either the formal uniform (boys or girls) or unisex sports uniform. From 2011 it is expected that all students will acquire at least one formal (striped) shirt to be used on special occasions, excursions and photos.
2. An exemption from wearing the full school uniform will be granted in cases of genuine conscientious objection, e.g. bona fide religious, cultural or medical reasons. In such cases, the parent or caregiver is to apply in writing to the principal for exemption, stating the reasons and giving proof of reasons.
3. Students must not wear clothing or apparel that could be considered:
  - offensive
  - likely to disrupt or negatively influence normal school operations
  - unsafe for the student or others
  - likely to result in a risk to health and safety for the student or others
4. Any student who leaves the school grounds on an excursion or as part of a sporting, social or cultural event must wear full school uniform as specified. Students participating in school photographs must wear the complete school uniform.
5. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Flat, lace up (or Velcro) shoes must be worn, with short socks. Laces must be tied. Boots and shoes with platform soles are not acceptable. Sandals and open shoes are not acceptable for health and safety reasons.
6. Jeans / denim shorts are not acceptable.
7. Jumpers and coats must be in black or gold.
8. Make-up, nail polish (except clear), face glitter, face paint, inappropriate colouring of the hair (eg bright streaks) and temporary tattoos are not permitted.
9. For safety reasons, the only jewellery items permitted are a wristwatch and/or one pair of small plain stud earrings for pierced ears. Medical alert items may be worn when medically necessary. Bracelets (including rubber bracelets), large earrings, necklaces, rings, anklets etc are not permitted.
10. If jewellery items of religious or cultural significance need to be worn, the parent must apply in writing to the Principal, giving an explanation of the religious or cultural significance of the item. The item can be worn underneath the shirt and should not be visible.

11. Should a student who does not have an approved exemption be repeatedly out of uniform, the parent will be requested to provide an explanation, either in writing or in person.
12. The school will maintain a bank of uniform items for loan or donation to students who present without full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the uniform due to financial disadvantage or transience.
13. Where a student wears an inappropriate item to school, they will be offered the loan of an item from the uniform bank. Should they refuse to comply, they may be subject to disciplinary action as per the Responsible Behaviour Plan. This may include detention.
14. Should families have difficulties regarding the uniform, they should contact the school office to discuss the matter with the principal.

<i>Uniform</i>	<i>School Standard</i>	<i>Consequences</i>
Girls' uniform	Shirt- white with thin black stripes and short sleeves. 2cm cuff with black and gold piping. Pocket on left chest with black and gold piping and MGSS embroidered. Culottes – Black culottes. <i>Current Girls' blouse to be phased out over next few years – still accepted as uniform.</i>	Students advised re correct uniform. Continued breach of Dress Code – contact made with parents. Serious breach – alternate clothing given for student to wear for the day.
Boys' uniform	Shirt - white with thin black stripes and short sleeves. 2cm cuff with black and gold piping. Pocket on left chest with black and gold piping and MGSS embroidered Shorts – Black shorts	
Unisex sports uniform	Shirt - Black and gold polo shirt with MGSS embroidered. Shorts – Black shorts or culottes	
Winter Uniform	Black sweatshirt – MGSS embroidered Black jacket – MGSS embroidered Black tracksuit Other plain black or gold (yellow) jackets / jumpers are acceptable.	
Hats	Black broad brimmed hat or legionnaire cap.	No playing outdoors. Continued breach – parents contacted
Socks	Short (to ankle length) white socks with gold/black band on ankles. Alternatively plain white ankle length socks.	
Shoes	Plain black school shoes or plain black joggers. ( <i>White joggers/shoes acceptable in 2009</i> )	Inappropriate shoes may mean students cannot participate in certain activities for safety reasons.
Head-dress	Hijab / head dress is acceptable in colours appropriate for the school uniform. (plain black or gold or white) Islamic female students may also wear long pants (black) instead of shorts / culottes.	Reminder - continued breaches – contact made with parents.
Hair	Hair should be worn neat and tidy away from the face. Yellow / black ribbons, scrunchies or clips are acceptable.	Students may be given a band to tie hair back.
Jewellery	Watches are acceptable. Small, plain stud earrings are acceptable (one per ear). Medical alert jewellery items acceptable with permission.	Students asked to remove jewellery.
Swimming	Boys – swimming costume and t-shirt Girls – one piece swimming costume and t-shirt. (swim sun safety shirts or plain t-shirts acceptable) Bathing cap	Incorrect attire may mean students cannot swim.
Make-up	Make-up is not to be worn at any time. This includes (but is not limited to) foundation, blush, eye shadow, lipstick, coloured nail polish, glitter etc.	Students asked to remove makeup immediately.

**Additional Notes:**

- a) For head lice prevention, long hair should be tied back (preferably plaited).
- b) Clothing must not have motifs or designs other than the school logo.
- c) Clothing designed for beach / casual wear is not appropriate.
- d) Parents are asked to ensure students' clothing is clearly labelled with the student's name.
- e) Lost property is kept in a room near the Teacher Aide Room. Enquire at the office or with Teacher Aides.