

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact 9216 3200.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gaayip-Yagila 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 Gaayip-Yagila 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School has a gender-neutral uniform.

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform, provided these undergarments are completely hidden

Health and safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of 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/carer 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 Academy Uniforms - Craigieburn, or parents/carers may order it directly from [Academy Uniforms Gaayip-Yagila Primary School - Schools](#). Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, including by enabling families to purchase black pants, shorts and skirts from any retailer. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the administration office on 9216 3200 to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and as part of new enrolment packs. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student 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 Gaayip-Yagila Primary School 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

Refer to the department's [Student Dress Code: Exemption procedures](#) guidance when completing this section.

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently. Students and their 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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial 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 student and/or their parents/carers
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- encourage the student and/or their 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Gaayip-Yagila Primary School 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on our school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- available publicly on our school's website
- reminders in our school newsletter
- included in staff handbook/manual
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

Prior to the next review period feedback about uniform cost and affordability will be sourced. This feedback is to be recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the future student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Gaayip-Yagila Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Gaayip-Yagila Primary School Complaint Policy
- Gaayip-Yagila Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Gaayip-Yagila Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- Letters or emails to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- information on our website

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Policy last reviewed	July 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	July 2027

APPENDIX A: GAAYIP-YAGILA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS
<u>Girls Summer Uniform</u> • Summer Dress (in School pattern)* • Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo * • Black Shorts or Skorts • There is also an option to wear Black Pants • Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo* <u>Girls Winter Uniform</u> • Winter Pinnafore (in School pattern) * • Winter Blouse with School Logo* • Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo* • Black Tights may be worn with the Winter Pinnafore • There is also an option to wear Black Pants / Trackpants / Shorts • Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo * <u>Boys Summer Uniform</u> • Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo * • Black Shorts or Skorts • There is also an option to wear Black Pants • Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo* <u>Boys Winter Uniform</u> • Choice of Knitted Jumper or Soft Shell with School Logo* • Short/Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo * • Black Pants / Shorts <u>Other Items</u> • Black Broadbrim hat with logo* • Black or white socks • Foundation to Year 6 – School Bag with Logo* • New Year 6 students – School Bag with Logo (optional) • Approved commemorative uniform items such as the Year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform^
OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS
Black puffer vest with school logo* Black beanie with school logo* Black scarf with school logo* Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs Hair accessories to be school colours – Green, Yellow and Black, along with White



FOOTWEAR

Appropriate
school
footwear

Appropriate school footwear are permitted.

Items are available from Academy Uniforms. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.

^ Special order via Academy Uniforms.