

# STUDENT DRESS CODE

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Gisborne Secondary College'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 Gisborne Secondary College'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 Gisborne Secondary College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- Enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- Enhancing individual safety and group security

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 Gisborne Secondary College'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, Gisborne Secondary College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

### **Sun safety**

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Beleza School Uniforms Gisborne 42C Aitken Street, Gisborne or <https://store.beleza.com.au/>

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

Please contact the Finance Manager, Wellbeing Team or 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/>

Gisborne Secondary College also has some selected uniform items available to families to borrow on request.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Gisborne Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and college handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to remove the item or change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school. Hoodies are considered a non-compliant uniform item which students will be asked to remove.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code an incident will be logged on Xuno by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Year Level Leader, Leading Teacher or 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 Gisborne Secondary College 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.

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 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 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

Gisborne Secondary College 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](#).

## 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
- 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

- Gisborne Secondary College [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Gisborne Secondary College [Complaints Policy](#)
- Gisborne Secondary College [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	May 2023
Consultation	17 May 2023
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2027

## APPENDIX A: GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

In 2023, students can wear either sport or everyday uniform as long as it has the GSC logo on each item. Hard shoes are still necessary for all science and technology classes, so must be brought to school also.

EVERYDAY / GENERAL UNIFORM		
• Check Dress	• College Navy Trousers (with side zip-pocket)	
• Short or Long Sleeve (light) Blue Shirt	• Surf Style Gaberdine Pants (with side zip-pocket)	
• Short or Long Sleeve Navy Polo with GSC logo	• Chino Pants (with internal side zip-pocket)	
• Knitted Rugby Jumper with GSC logo	• Boys Tailored Shorts	
• Knitted Jumper with GSC logo	• Chino Tailored Shorts	
• Soft Shell Spray College Jacket with GSC logo	• Surf Style Gaberdine Shorts (with side zip-pocket)	
• Super Fleece Half Zip Rugby Jumper	• Tartan Check Skirt	
• Sun Hat **to be worn in Terms 1 & 4	• Black Leather Shoes or Black Leather Boots	
• Black / Navy tights      Navy / White Socks	• Beanies / Navy Scarf	• Backpack
• Plain white long or short sleeve t-shirt <b>ONLY</b> to be worn under shirts		
• <b><u>No Hoodies are permitted to be worn under clothing</u></b>		
• <b>A parka / jacket is permitted to be worn over the school uniform during the cooler months only in outdoor settings – they must be removed on entry to buildings/classrooms.</b>		
SPORTS UNIFORM		
• Sports Mesh Sports Top with GSC logo	• Heavy Cotton Tapered Trackpants with cuffs & GSC logo	
• Breathable Shorts with GSC logo	• Super Fleece Tracksuit Pants with cuff & GSC logo	
• Sports Mesh Sports Shorts with GSC logo	• Lace up sports shoes required	
• White sports socks		
** Knitted Jumper/Rugby Jumper/Soft Shell Spray Jacket can be worn with the sports uniform		

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS AVAILABLE** – Please contact the College if you would like to enquire regarding second hand uniforms, or if you are experiencing financial difficulty:

[gisborne.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:gisborne.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

## Uniform / Shoe Policy

The following types of shoes are **APPROVED** uniform for Gisborne Secondary College.



**Shoes**

Shoes or boots worn as part of the formal school uniform and in all technology, science classes must comply with the following criteria:

- Black polishable hard leather upper
- Be of sturdy construction. Anything resembling a ballet style shoe or slip on is not acceptable.
- Have a heel, but not exceeding 3 cm in height No skate or runner style shoes are permitted.
- Fully enclose the foot ie. no holes or areas not covered by the leather upper.

**Notes:**

1. Due to Occupational Health & Safety requirements, students will not be permitted to participate in technology or practical science classes when in the incorrect footwear, or runners, even where a parental note is provided.
2. Students wishing to obtain a long-term uniform pass for medical reasons will require a medical certificate from a podiatrist or physiotherapist. In this case students will be expected to obtain suitable alternative black footwear, but will still require approved safety footwear, as stated above, for use in technology & practical science classes.

The following types of shoes are **NOT APPROVED** uniform for any classes at Gisborne Secondary College. Do NOT purchase these as they CANNOT be worn for school use.



The following types of shoes are **APPROVED** uniform for Gisborne Secondary College Sport & PE classes.

The only footwear permitted with the College Sport Uniform are runners with appropriate arch support or Dunlop volleys. Please find below a list of pictures that shows you the **ONLY** permitted footwear with the College Sports Uniform.



**EVERYDAY UNIFORM**



**SPORTS UNIFORM**



**ACCESSORIES**



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