

**BELIEF STATEMENT:**

**We believe that the wearing of school Dress Code:**

- Promotes pride in our school
- Enhances our public image
- Reduces peer pressure
- Promotes opportunity for equal participation
- Encourages appropriate clothing for school activities

**AIM:**

- All students attending Gawler East Primary School will wear the colours of the Dress Code in selected styles.
- The colours are ROYAL BLUE and BLACK.
- Tops - Royal Blue (no hoodies, black t-shirt/skivvy may be worn underneath – no lacy/silky fabrics).
- Base – Black (pants/shorts/skirts/skorts).
- Shorts be to at least **mid thigh** length.
- All accessories should be in school colours.
- Shoes to be closed in (heel and toe) and secure fitting.

**STRATEGIES:**

**The school will:**

- After widely consulting students and parents offer a variety of clothing options selected as a result of preferred choices, practicality, comfort and affordability. (Reviewing/responding being an ongoing process).
- Strive to ensure that a range of pre-used dress code clothing is available at the school.
- Have items available to order at regular intervals.
- Have Dress Code Policy available for parents in the Parent Handbook.
- Advise parents and remind children that the wearing of the Dress Code is expected for all school activities including special events, ie; excursions, school photo days etc.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Admin. staff and classroom teachers will actively support and promote the wearing of school Dress Code,  
ie :           Positive reinforcement  
               Special mention at assemblies  
               Curriculum inclusion
- Parents will actively support and promote the wearing of the school Dress Code and provide clothing in Dress Code colours and appropriate styles.

- Students will be asked to remove inappropriate non-dress code items eg jewellery, nail polish. Where possible, clothing will be replaced with supplied school clothing.
- Regular non-wearers will receive regular reminders/letters home promoting the Dress Code and its availability.
- Continual non-compliance will result in parents meeting with Administration Staff.

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

The Government has made provision for exemptions on the following grounds:-

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- Genuine medical/sickness reasons
- Students short term transfer in

### **SPECIAL EXPECTATIONS:**

- In line with the Solar Protection Policy all children are required to wear hats all year round except for the winter months of June, July and August/Term 2 and all shirts/dresses are to have collars and sleeves.
- Depending on school activities, in particular all day events during May, UV levels will need to be monitored and if UV is 3 or above, sun protection is recommended and hats worn. This does not apply for recess & lunch breaks (short periods).
- The school hat will be royal blue in keeping with the sun safe policy un-graffitied and in neat condition.
- School Logo is optional on clothing in appropriate colours.
- It is a school expectation for students to wear collars, except on special occasion days eg book week, casual days, sports days.

### **UNSUITABLE ITEMS:**

- Thongs, slip-on shoes, high heeled shoes.
- Tank tops.
- Headbands/Scarves not in school colour code, or having large and/or glittery decorations.
- Dangly earrings, necklaces, rings and bracelets unless required for medical purpose. Sleepers and studs only.
- Clothing with logos (other than school logo) larger than a 50c piece.
- Ripped, stonewash denim
- Wearing of nail polish/makeup/temporary tattoos.
- No false nails, gel, acrylic, stick on tips or extreme length of natural nails.
- Extreme hair colouring (other than Sports Day, Special Hair Day or Charity Days)

Please note many of the unsuitable items pose health and safety risks and are unsafe for playground and PE lessons as well as contradicting school dress code.

They pose risks to not only the child themselves but also other students.