

GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Review Cycle:	Annually *	Last Review Date:	July 2020
Next Review Date:	July 2021	Approved by:	School Council
Responsible for Review:		Initial Endorsement Date:	October 2019

*The Department's Student Dress Code policy on Developing and Reviewing Dress Codes requires school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Greater Shepparton Secondary College 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 and endorsed by the existing four (4) secondary School Councils in Shepparton and Mooroopna 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 Greater Shepparton College's (interim name) 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 Greater Shepparton Secondary College compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Greater Shepparton Secondary College 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 for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative or extreme jewellery to school. Small unobtrusive jewellery items such as studs and sleepers are allowed. Please note that students may be required to remove items of jewellery for OH&S reasons in some classes. Cosmetics may be worn at school provided they are of a natural or subtle style.

Sun safety

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities in term 1, term 4 and on high UV days or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should meet the Australian Standards AS 1067.

While the Uniform item list specifies items for summer and winter uniform, students are able to wear summer and winter uniform items all year-round.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the local uniform shop providers.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal, or Wellbeing Leader 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Greater Shepparton Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Newsletter and Compass. 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 by the Learning Mentor. 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 Greater Shepparton 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 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.
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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

Greater Shepparton 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Greater Shepparton College's (interim name) Sunsmart Policy
- Greater Shepparton College's Complaint Policy
- Greater Shepparton College's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

APPENDICES

- Appendix A Student Uniform List

Appendix A:

Greater Shepparton College (interim name) Student Uniform list

PE Uniform	
PE Top	College sublimated PE polo
PE Shorts	Charcoal college microfibre shorts
PE Track Pants	Charcoal college microfibre pants
Summer Uniform	
Shirt	College short sleeved shirt Two styles available; box and fitted Two colour options; white and teal
Shorts	Charcoal college shorts Two styles available.
Dress	College A-line summer dress with pleat and adjustable band
Winter Uniform	
Shirt	College long sleeved shirt Two styles available; box and fitted Two colour options; white and teal
Skirt (winter)	College charcoal pleated knee length skirt with teal and white check print
Pants	Charcoal college pants Two styles available.
Jumper	College V neck jumper. Charcoal with white and teal stripes in neck, cuff and hem
Jacket	College soft shell, shower proof, polar fleece lined
Accessories	
Hat	College charcoal microfiber brimmed hat
College Hijab	Two choices for student to select from: Charcoal or White Available for students to purchase
Turban	Two choices for student to select from: Charcoal or White To be supplied by parent.
Shoes	Black Leather lace up Leather upper with black sole <i>Must comply with Australian Safety Standards for various subjects.</i>
Stockings/socks	Black
Scarf	Charcoal “cashmere feel” acrylic scarf with embroidered logo

Optional Items	
Tie	College tie
Blazer	College blazer
Jacket	College soft shell, shower proof, polar fleece lined
Long Skirt	College charcoal long A line skirt (option for students with cultural restrictions)
(option for students with cultural restrictions)	Students may wear a plain white long sleeved top and black stockings/leggings under the existing uniform items.

Year 12	
	Year 12 students must wear full regulation school uniform items with the addition of an optional commemorative Bomber Jacket.