



## UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE PROCEDURE

### ACT EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

1. Each Canberra public school, in conjunction with their school board, is required to develop and implement school student dress standards policy and procedures. This dress standard will entail a school uniform for primary and high school students. High school student uniform policy and procedures will include a formal style uniform option. High schools may choose to make this the sole option, or offer it alongside a less formal uniform option.
2. Schools will expect students and families to abide by the dress standard while attending school or official school activities.

### Benefits of Uniforms

A school's dress standards play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school. School uniforms have been linked to creating a stronger sense of school identity, especially when developed in partnership with the school community. This has been linked in turn to improved student wellbeing. School uniforms have a number of other benefits, including:

- > Promoting a sense of belonging among students
- > Making school clothing more affordable for families and reducing perceived pressure for students to wear fashionable/branded items
- > Promoting the safety of students through easier identification
- > Helping students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

At Giralang Primary School we expect that students wear school uniform daily.

### Giralang Primary School

In promoting the wearing of school uniform, schools are sensitive to economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting individual students and their families.

To assist families with the cost of uniforms, we offer:

- low cost uniform items through bulk purchasing agreements done through the P&C Uniform Shop
- a second hand clothing pool - \$2 per item
- the option to wear school colours without school logos
- financial support for families

Our uniform consists of:

- bottoms – shorts, skirts, long pants/track suit pants in royal blue
- tops – polo tops (short or long sleeved) in royal blue or yellow; hoodies, polar fleece zip up jackets in royal blue
- blue and white checked school dress
- hats – bucket, broad brimmed or legionnaires in royal blue
- a colour of choice Giralang t-shirt for preschool students (optional)

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

- It is expected that uniform is worn daily including during excursions and when representing our school
- Uniform items must be clean and well-maintained
- Clothing items are clearly labelled with student's name
- Clothing is not gendered
- In colder weather, long sleeved tops can be worn under short sleeved items such as t-shirts or dresses and should be in a school colour (blue or yellow, however white, black or navy are also acceptable)
- In colder weather, leggings/stockings can be worn under skirts, shorts, skorts, dresses, and should be in the school colours, or navy or black will be accepted
- Black pants/bottoms worn on their own are **not** part of the school uniform
- Leggings/bike pants must be worn under another item of clothing eg. skirts, skorts, dresses, shorts etc
- Denim items such as shorts and jeans are not part of our uniform
- SunSmart hats are compulsory between August – May (refer to Giralang's SunSmart Procedure)
- All hoodies/jumpers must be in the school colours
- Puffer jackets/parkas for transitioning to and from school, and for wearing on the playground in winter can be non-school colours
- Year 6 student t-shirts and hoodies are part of the school uniform
- Students can wear uniform items that are not Giralang branded, however they must be in the school colour code e.g. blue (navy is acceptable) and yellow. Black pants/bottoms are not part of the uniform.
- We encourage families to consider an appropriate length for shorts, dresses and skirts due to the range of activities students participate in (e.g. mid thigh or longer is recommended)
- Students must wear appropriate shoes to participate in all areas of the curriculum, ensuring they are safe, flat, and have a closed in toe, such as sneakers and trainers
- Students should avoid wearing jewellery that can get caught on equipment or other such objects, creating a safety issue
- Makeup is discouraged (e.g. lip stick, mascara, eye shadow etc)
- We encourage long hair to be tied up so it is safe and practical for various activities e.g. sport, art etc
- We request that no valuable items come to school e.g. jewellery, and the school does not take responsibility for these items (cultural items accepted as long as they are safe to be worn)
- Smart Watches are not to be worn (please refer to our Personal Use of Communication Devices Procedure) and need to be left at the front office during the school day
- Long, false nails can impact learning and can create a safety issue (e.g. during games and PE) and are discouraged

Giralang Primary School will make every effort to return belongings that are clearly labelled. It does not accept responsibility for finding lost or misplaced items of clothing or jewellery. Named items will be returned to the owner. Unclaimed, unnamed items after four weeks time will be donated to the school's second hand clothing pool or charity.

## **Exemptions**

- If a child is unable to wear school uniform (for medical, religious/cultural backgrounds) an alternative option may be discussed and negotiated with the school senior leadership team
- Exemptions may be agreed on for either a long or short term period
- Evidence may be required to support the exemption e.g. reports from psychologists, Occupational Therapists etc.
- School events where there is an alternative dress code, e.g. athletics carnival, Book Week etc

## **Further Actions**

- Teachers will give students a reminder
- If a student is repeatedly out of school uniform staff will touch base with parents/carers to ascertain any barriers
- If possible, the school will offer supports to try and assist the student to be in uniform