

# STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

## Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Greenvale 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 Greenvale 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 Greenvale Secondary College's 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 Example School's 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, Greenvale Secondary College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- 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 jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Makeup and cosmetics should be conservative and appropriate for the school environment. This means that nails must be short and natural coloured. It also means that items like eyelash extensions they must also be of natural length and colour.

Student hair styles and colour should be natural and only clear nail polish is permitted.

### Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student 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 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 be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

#### Dressing for the weather

If extra layers are being worn for additional warmth they will be plain black, white or gray in colour and be covered by the appropriate uniform (e.g. No long sleeve tops under a short sleeve school shirt).

No additional warmth items may protrude from underneath the uniform. No signage, logos, etc. should be on any under layers.

Hoodies are not an acceptable layer and the student will be asked to remove it. Gloves are to be black or grey in colour.

#### Footwear

Shoes must be black leather school shoes (closed toe). No other colours or types apply. Black runners are not acceptable with the academic uniform.

#### **Purchase of uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone Imagewear in Niddrie or Craigieburn. Online orders call also be placed directly at <https://www.noone.com.au/>

The College will also establish the Sustainable School Shop for the trading of second hand uniform items.

#### Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Assistant Principal or Wellbeing Staff 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/>

#### Prohibited items

- Hoodies and any jacket or jumper not prescribed in the uniform as stated previously.
- Leggings.

#### College Sport Pants and Shorts

Where families decide not to purchase the College branded sport pants or shorts, they must purchase items that are of the same colour and style.

#### **Implementation**

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

Measures taken by Greenvale 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.

At the discretion of the Sub School Leader, parents may be asked to either drop off any missing uniform items or collect their son/daughter to then get changed into full uniform.

Students are expected to wear the school uniform with pride during school hours, at school events, while travelling to and from school, and on school excursions.

Students will wear the academic uniform except when:

1. Students have a timetabled physical education class for that day, in which they will wear the physical education uniform.
2. There is a scheduled out of uniform day (casual day).

Casual clothing options may be allowed for special events, but this will be communicated clearly by the College. In this case, selection of items should ensure safety requirements are met, no offensive logos or artwork is included, dress respectfully as of the workplace (e.g. no leggings as pant wear).

For students who are not in uniform during school hours the following process will apply:

#### Uniform Passes

When a student or family provides a note or reasonable explanation for not being in uniform, a uniform pass will be used for the duration required.

#### No Valid Reason or Note for being out of Uniform

When a student or family does not provide a note or reasonable explanation for not being in uniform, the College will follow a staged response as follows:

1. Out of Uniform 1 - student gets a warning and parent is notified
2. Out of Uniform 2 - student is automatically issued a lunchtime detention, parent is notified, and YLL will meet with student
3. Out of Uniform 3 - student is automatically issued an afterschool detention, parent is notified, and YLL will speak to student/parent
4. Out of Uniform 4 - student is automatically issued a Friday night Principal's detention, parent is notified and required to meet with HOS

Further breaches to the policy may mean that families will be asked to collect their child from school and have them return in correct uniform.

Student services support is offered at every stage of the process above if families require support to be in uniform.

It is expected that if a student is wearing a non-uniform item as their uniform is damaged, that it must not be a hoodie or colour different to the school uniform.

#### Undergarments

Students may wear undergarments under the uniform that are of school colour and without any branding or logos.

#### **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 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

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

Greenvale 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*, available on the 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
- 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

- Sunsmart Policy
- DET Parent Complaint Policy
- 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	26/06/2025
Consultation	Parent Groups, Staff, Students, School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	26/06/2027

Updates	
17/03/2022	Winter/summer uniform clarification
20/10/2023	Winter/summer uniform review
26/06/2025	Review – Tie, Senior Jacket Options

## APPENDIX A: GREENVALE SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

### ACADEMIC UNIFORM



#### All Year Round

- Blazer (as outer garment worn to and from school if wearing Pullover or Cardigan)
- Pullover or Cardigan
- Shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)
- Skirt or Dress or Trousers or Shorts
- Black Leather School Shoes (closed toe)
- Black Socks and or Black Tights
- College Backpack
- Tie (is a compulsory item if wearing the shirt at formal events including assemblies, excursions, events, awards night)

#### College Blazer and Tie

The College Blazer is a compulsory uniform item that all students are required to have.

- The blazer is to be worn in terms 2 and 3, with either the summer or winter uniform.
- The blazer is to be worn at all College events (excursions, assembly, awards etc) as well as when on excursion.
- The blazer is to be worn if representing the College at formal events.

The College Tie is a compulsory uniform item when if wearing the shirt at formal College events including assemblies, excursions, events, awards nights)

#### Senior School Jacket

The College Senior School Jacket is an item that can only be worn by students in Year 12.

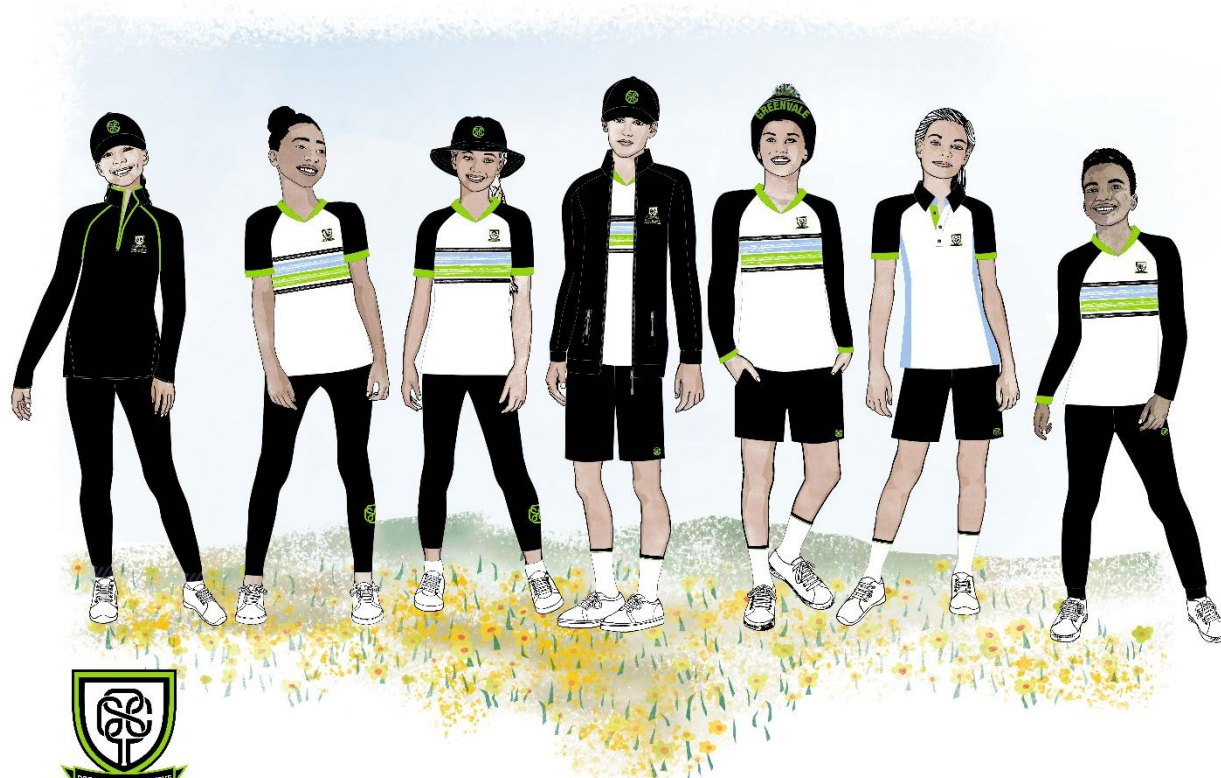


### **Optional Uniform Items/Accessories**

Only the following items are optional (all above items are compulsory)

- Beanie (if a beanie is worn – it must be the college item)
- Hat (if a hat or cap is worn – it must be the college item)
- Scarf (if a scarf is worn – it must be the college item)

### **SPORT UNIFORM**



### **Sports uniform (required by all students and only worn for PE classes)**

- PE Top – long sleeve or short sleeve
- Sports Shorts (if not the branded College item – must be the same colour and style)
- ¼ Zip Sports Top or Soft-Shell Jacket
- Tracksuit Pants (if not the branded College item – must be the same colour and style)

Students are not permitted to wear branded uniform items or leggings as part of the sport uniform (eg. Nike).