

**GULGONG HIGH SCHOOL**

UNIFORM POLICY

The Gulgong High School community believes that school uniform is a desirable feature of our school for the following reasons:

* **Safety of students** – intruders into the school grounds can be easily identified if all students wear the required school uniform. Given the recent experiences here and overseas this is vital.
* **Learning social responsibility** – students need to learn that sometimes the welfare of the whole society over-rides the individual beliefs of some of its members e.g. road rules.
* **To promote a positive image to our community** - which will in turn benefit our students e.g. offers of support for work experience placement, sponsorship, employment.
* **Training for the workplace** - where uniform and acceptable dress are commonplace.
* **Prevent competition** - in clothing between students and provide a low cost clothing option.

# **The Gulgong High School community has therefore determined that this school is a uniform school. Students are required to wear full school uniform and to bring to school a written explanation from their parent/caregiver on each occasion they are out of uniform.**

# **UNIFORM DETAILS**

* Specific details of the **uniform code** are attached.
* Details of the school’s uniform code will be **published** in the Year 7 booklet, the welfare information booklet given to all new students and in the Newsletter, along with information about the Student Assistance Scheme (see below).

# **REWARDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM CODE.**

Students who **regularly wear our school uniform** will be entitled to:

* represent the school in sporting teams
* participate in extra- curricula school excursions
* attend school discos
* be considered for nomination for a Principal’s Gold Medal
* be considered for nomination as school or house captain
* be elected to the SRC
* documentation of their support for school uniform on their school reference

# **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

* The **Student Assistance Scheme** will provide assistance for families experiencing financial difficulties to purchase uniform.
* There is also **a clothing poo**l in operation run by the school. Students may borrow items of uniform for short periods of time.

**MONITORING OF UNIFORM BY ROLL CALL TEACHERS**

**It is the responsibility of each roll call teacher to:**

* check compliance with the uniform code
* inform students of the Student Assistance Scheme and the uniform pools
* remind students of the rewards they will not be entitled to for not wearing uniform
* issue a warning to students on each occasion they are out-of-uniform
* record each time students are out of uniform and inform them that this has been done. This is to be recorded with a “U” if the student is out of uniform and an “N” if they are out of uniform and bring a note.
* Staff may reward on a regular basis, those students who are always in uniform.

# **EXECUTIVE MONITORING OF UNIFORM**

Head Teachers will:

* visit relevant roll calls and support staff in recording students out of uniform
* encourage students who are out of uniform and remind them that assistance can be obtained.
* Each fortnight access uniforms from rolls and record them on a spreadsheet in **G/Uniform**
* place students on detention on the third occasion they come out of uniform without a note from home; complete the school’s standard out-of-uniform notification letter.
* compile a list of students (**the UNIFORM LIST**) who are regularly out of uniform i.e. have been noted to be out of uniform more than three times in a fortnight; inform students and parents if students are placed on this list.

The Deputy Principal will:

* monitor the uniform list and deem any students to have received three uniform letters in a term as persistent and interview students and contact parents.

# **UNIFORM LIST**

The uniform list is the **official school record** of a student’s non-compliance with the uniform code. It is essential that it is accurate and that it is backed up by accurate and accountable records.

* After going on the list, a student will be deemed to be satisfactory after two successful weeks of monitoring
* Copies of the list are to be given to each HT and the Year Advisers each week.
* Year Advisers are to regularly remind students of their responsibilities (individually and at year meetings) and to counsel students who have been placed on the uniform list.
* It is the responsibility of individual students to know what their ‘uniform status’ is.

# **SANCTIONS**

* **School teams and excursions:** it is the responsibility of coordinators of school teams and extra-curricula excursions to check the uniform list to ensure that no student deemed unsatisfactory be allowed to represent the school
* **Discos** – the SRC will be given a copy of the uniform list by the DP prior to disco tickets going on sale (along with the list of students on Levels) no student deemed unsatisfactory will be sold a ticket
* **Principal’s Gold Medal** – Staff should check the uniform list before nominating students.

**Reminders will be given regularly throughout the year in the Weekly Newsletters and at assemblies and year meetings.**

# **PD/H/PE/UNIFORM**

* students are to wear sports uniform for all practical PE lessons – if this is not possible, students should wear clothes similar to the sports uniform and appropriate for a practical lesson and bring an explanatory note from home
* students not in sports uniform or an appropriate alternative will be excluded from the practical lesson and given alternative theory work
* students failing to bring in an explanatory note will be placed on detention
* parents-caregivers will be contacted on the third occasion a student fails to wear sports uniform

# **SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE**

SENIOR BOYS:

* Plain grey shorts OR plain grey trousers (not track pants). Plain white polo shirt with embroidered badge.
* Plain royal blue polar fleece with embroidered badge or royal blue hoodie with emblem.
* Plain navy weatherproof jackets.
* Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
* Shoes must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements.

JUNIOR BOYS:

* Plain grey shorts OR plain grey trousers (not track pants). Plain sky blue polo shirt with embroidered badge.
* Plain royal blue polar fleece with embroidered badge or royal blue hoodie with emblem.
* Plain navy weatherproof jackets.
* Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
* Shoes must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements.
* PD/H/PE, Sport Uniform: plain navy sports shorts, plain sky blue T-shirt; plain blue school track suit; sports shoes.

SENIOR GIRLS:

* Plain navy skirt OR plain navy pants (not track pants) OR plain navy shorts of mid-thigh length. Plain white polo shirt with embroidered badge or royal blue hoodie with emblem.
* Plain royal blue polar fleece with embroidered badge.
* Plain navy weatherproof jackets.
* Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
* Shoes must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements.

JUNIOR GIRLS :

* Plain navy skirt OR plain navy pants (not track pants) OR plain navy shorts of mid-thigh length. Plain sky blue polo shirt with embroidered badge.
* Royal blue polar fleece with embroidered badge or royal blue hoodie with emblem.
* Plain navy weatherproof jackets.
* Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
* Shoes must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements.
* PD/H/PE, Sport Uniform: Plain navy sports shorts, school sport T Shirt, plain navy school track suit with sports shoes.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

Grey trousers (not track pants) (boys), navy skirt or slacks (not track pants) (girls), white collared dress shirt and school tie, school blazer, leather shoes.

# **UNIFORM AVAILABILITY**

Most items are available from Blowes Menswear, Grace’s Uniforms, Langswear and Mudgee Embroidery. School polo shirts and PDHPE polo shirts are also available via the school office