



GLENDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

V.G.S.R.G. 4.8 forms the basis of this policy.

http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/enviro/4_8.htm

Rationale

The school will:

- promote a strong sense of identity and pride in the school through students wearing an approved school uniform
- assist in individual student safety and group security at school and when travelling to and from school and on school excursions
- promote active and safe participation in school life
- reduce the potential for students to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items at school.

Guidelines

- The dress code for Glendal Primary School states the expectations the School Council holds with regard to student appearance. The code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school out of school hours. The dress code takes precedence over student's individual preference in matters of dress.
- The wearing of appropriate hats is compulsory during Terms One and Four.
- Students and parents/guardians are notified of the approved school uniform and dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.
- The Uniform Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to School Council regarding the range and components of the school uniform and sports attire, and will be delegated the responsibility for the purchasing, organisation, pricing and selling of the school uniform.
- Members of the Uniform Committee will include The Principal (or nominee), The Business Manager, Uniform Shop Coordinator and Uniform Shop Assistant.
- Submissions for changes to the existing approved school uniform should be directed to the Uniform Committee, who then have the responsibility of making recommendations to School Council.
- Any significant changes to the existing approved uniform should be subject to extensive consultation with parents, teachers and, where relevant, students, prior to consideration for acceptance by School Council.
- Careful consideration should be given to the safety, acceptability, practicability, durability and cost of school uniform items.
- School Council should ensure that financial considerations do not preclude any student from obtaining the school uniform. The Principal will determine eligibility and arrange for assistance as necessary.
- In order to comply with Equal Opportunity requirements, uniform items should enable all students to participate actively and safely in school life.

Exemptions from the Dress Code

- grounds for seeking an exemption;
 - o An aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents.
 - o An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
 - o An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
 - o A student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code being departed from.

- o The student or parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code.
- procedures for seeking an exemption;
 - o Requests for exemption are to be made to the Principal in writing. Strict confidentiality will be observed with regard to the reasons given by parents to substantiate their request for exemption.
- procedures for granting an exemption;
 - o The Principal will determine whether an exemption can be granted by referring to the grounds for exemption as outlined above.
 - o The Principal will provide a general summary report of applications for exemption at the following School Council meeting without divulging personal details of requests.
 - o The Principal will ensure documentation of exemption applications.
- enforcement of the dress code;
 - o The school will work in partnership with parents to enforce the dress code.
 - o Continued infringement will be dealt with as part of the Community Code of Practice and the Student Code of Conduct.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Council's review cycle.