GREAT RYRIE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dress Code Policy

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Great Ryrie Primary School on 03 9870 6098.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Great Ryrie Primary School'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 Great Ryrie Primary School'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 Great Ryrie Primary School'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 Great Ryrie Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available within Appendix A of this Policy (see pages 5 and 6).

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Great Ryrie Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Polo shirts and jumpers must have school logo

- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are hidden or in school colours.

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.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. 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 head lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4, and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the Uniform shop at Great Ryrie Primary School or at the Lowes store at Eastland.

Great Ryrie Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform stall for parents once a term. Dates and opening hours for this stall will be communicated via the school newsletter and Compass newsfeeds.

Support for families

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, parents can contact the Principal or Business Manager 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

Great Ryrie Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code (see Appendix A, pages 5 and 6) on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. 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 Great Ryrie Primary School 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 acknowledge that there may be situations where the application of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person 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.

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

Great Ryrie Primary School 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 our website.

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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
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs

Great Ryrie Primary School policies and resources relevant to this policy available on our website include:

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Great Ryrie Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Great Ryrie Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Great Ryrie Primary School 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	2026
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Approved by	Ratified by School Council in October 2026
Next scheduled review date	2028 or 2029 Review every 3-4 years

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APPENDIX A: GREAT RYRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Expected	Optional
Jumpers • Navy blue windcheater (with school logo only) • Navy blue polar fleece jacket (with school logo only) • Gold shouldered navy blue rugby top (with school logo only) • Bomber Jacket, navy blue with gold stripe (with school logo only) **Polo shirts** • Gold short or long sleeved Polo shirt (with school logo only) • Gold skivvy (not available at uniform shop) **Pants and shorts** • Navy blue track pants (reinforced knee or plain) • Navy blue rugby shorts **Foot Wear** • Socks - navy blue or white (navy not available at uniform shop) • Shoes - Joggers/Runners or black school shoes (not available at uniform shop) **Hat** • Hat - navy blue wide brimmed (with school logo only) - ***Compulsory in Term 1 & 4*** **Alternate options** • Navy blue check winter tunic/skirt • Navy blue check summer dress • Navy blue tights (with tunic only) • Bike shorts (navy, black or white) may be worn under summer dress (Must be concealed under dress) • Navy blue skort	• Navy blue beanie (with school logo only) • During Winter, navy blue coats, scarves and gloves may be worn <u>to and from school and during recess and lunch breaks but not inside.</u> • Year 6 Bomber Jacket and/or Navy Polo shirt • Production Polo shirts (worn in the year of Production) **Headwear** • Navy blue, yellow or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour. **School Bag** • School Bag - navy blue with School Logo

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Sports Uniform
Year 3 – 6 students: • Navy blue and yellow polo top with school logo and navy-blue shorts or pants. Students must wear the sports polo top on their allocated sports day or sports events. • There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball and football. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.