PURPOSE
The purpose of the dress code policy is to acknowledge the importance that Gray St Primary School has in further developing student’s pride and respect in their own appearance, by showing that the students identify with the school and its values and promote a positive image of the school in the community.

GUIDELINES

• The wearing of the Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School uniform is an expectation of the school. The manner in which the uniform is worn should reflect respect, responsibility and pride;

• The Student Dress Code is developed through consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council, with a view to providing a uniform that allows students to safely engage in all school activities, gives elements of choice, is practical and affordable;

• The Student Dress Code aims to promote equality amongst all students and enables full participation in school activities through the wearing of appropriate uniform;

• In establishing the Student Dress Code, consideration has been given to the issues of practicability, equality, safety, cost and choice;

• The uniform is made up of articles of clothing in the school colours (maroon, navy blue, pale blue) and consists of the following:

Winter Uniform
• Rugby Jumper with school logo compulsory
• Navy blue polo vest with school logo
• Long/short sleeve Light blue polo- shirt with school logo
• Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
• Tartan tunic/skirt compulsory
• Navy blue gabardine long pants compulsory
• Black school shoes or runners

Summer Uniform
• Rugby Jumper with school logo
• Navy blue polo vest with school logo
• Hamilton (Gray St) Primary school dress
• Girls navy skort
• Navy blue gabardine shorts
• Short sleeve pale blue polo-shirt with school logo
• Black school shoes or runners

Sports Uniform
• Long/short sleeve pale blue polo- shirt with school logo
• Navy blue poly-cotton sports shorts
• Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
• White or black runners

Accessories
• Maroon School bag
• Socks – navy or plain white
• Hair accessories – navy, pale blue, maroon
• Navy blue tights with tunic in winter
• Maroon broad-brimmed hat or bucket hat

IMPLEMENTATION

• The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when representing the school and whilst on school excursions (unless otherwise advised)

• Students are expected to wear to school the articles of clothing described in this policy. Additions to the uniform items such as leggings are not permitted. Other navy blue, pale blue or maroon items of clothing without the school logo should not also be worn to school.

• To promote the safety of safety of students, restrictions are placed on the wearing of some items. In particular, items that may present ‘catching’ risks (such as some types of jewellery and accessories) are not permitted. Watches, studs, sleepers and medical alert bracelets are permitted but other jewellery worn as either body piercing or attached to clothing or around a neck is not permitted if visible;

• Cosmetics (including nail polish) and dying of hair with bright or standout colouring are not permitted;

• There is an option for Year 6 students to purchase a special year six school jumper. This top is only to be worn by students in Year 6.

• Consistent with being ‘sunsmart’ broad brimmed or bucket hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 & 4.

• Hats are not to be worn inside and are removed on special occasions such as ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies, at the direction of staff;

• All students must wear suitable foot wear to school. Wedges, thongs and high heel shoes are not acceptable, regardless of colour. Suitable shoes are white or black running shoes or black school shoe, lace, Velcro or buckle enclosure, fully covered toe, side and heel;
• All staff members are responsible for encouraging compliance with the Student Dress Code;

• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via the State School’s Relief for families experiencing economic hardship;

• The preferred method for ordering uniforms is that Uniform Orders with payment (cash, cheque or credit card) be placed in the secure box at the Office. Completed order will be delivered to student’s classroom within the week. The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 to 3.30 p.m. only particularly for sizing purposes.

• Parents are encouraged to support the importance of the Student Dress Code by ensuring their child/ren dress appropriately when attending school and school functions. Parents of students, who for a particular reason(s) may need to modify the Student Dress Code, are required to discuss this with the principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code; and

• The school may contact parents if there are ongoing issues regarding the ‘Student Dress Code’

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle or earlier as required.