



GOONDI STATE SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE

Goondi State School has a student uniform policy and dress code that is fully endorsed by the school's P&C. Our student uniform instils a sense of pride in the school, is sun safe, and is designed to ensure that students can participate in the full range of school activities offered. It also:

- Promotes a safe learning environment by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social difference; and
- Promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging.

STUDENT UNIFORM

Our school student uniform consists of the following:

School polo shirt (royal blue with printed school logo)

Royal blue shorts or royal blue pants (boys)

Royal blue skort, royal blue skirt or royal blue pants (girls)

School hat (wide brimmed royal blue with printed school logo)

Shoes – joggers only

White ankle length socks

Sports polo shirt (for Years 4-6 only – royal blue with white panel inserts and logo - worn on Fridays)

Our school uniform can be purchased from the uniform shop in Innisfail. The school tuckshop sells the school hat.

Footwear

Joggers have been selected as the appropriate footwear to be worn at Goondi State School. Our students participate in a wide range of physical activity including daily endurance running, PE lessons, sports training, inter-school sport and organised games during breaks.

The wearing of joggers ensures that students can participate safely in these activities. Skate shoes, slip-ons, volleys and other fashionable shoes are considered inappropriate. They come off easily during games and running and cause students to slip and fall. In the interests of safety and maximum participation, all students are required to wear joggers with laces or Velcro fasteners that can be tied securely.

Novelty joggers (those with flashing lights and the like) are not to be worn to school as they cause classroom distractions.

School Hat

The only acceptable hat is the broad brimmed school hat. Other forms such as caps and small brimmed hats do not meet our sun safety guidelines and are not part of the school uniform.

The school hat is to be kept free from any form of graffiti. The student's name should be clearly written on the inside of the hat (for younger students the name can be neatly written on the brim for easy identification). School hats that contain graffiti will not be accepted as part of the school uniform.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

- Uniforms should be worn with pride and when in uniform, students should behave in a way that reflects well on themselves, their family and their school.
- The school polo shirt is to be worn tucked in at all times. At least one button of the polo shirt is to be done up to protect the neck area from the sun.
- Underwear is not to protrude from above the waist or below the leg of shorts (this applies in particular to those students who choose to wear boxer shorts as underwear).
- Students are required to wear the school broad brimmed hat for all outdoor activities. Caps or hats with narrow brims are not allowed.
- The school strictly enforces a NO HAT NO PLAY and a NO SHOES NO PLAY policy.
- All items should be clearly marked with the student's name.
- Make-up and fingernail polish is not to be worn at school.
- The wearing of sunscreen is actively encouraged. However, colourful zinc creams and the like are not permitted.
- The school encourages children to be neat and tidy at all times and to take pride in their appearance e.g. tying long hair back in the interests of health and safety.

Jewellery

The following jewellery may be worn to school:

- Plain sleeper or plain stud earrings
- Plain signet ring
- Watches
- Attendance wristband (one only)

Other adornments and jewellery such as neck-chains, bracelets, anklets, earrings with attachments etc, are not permitted on health and safety grounds.

Optional Dress

All students are required to wear the school uniform. However, there may be occasions when dress other than the school uniform is permitted e.g. newly enrolled student awaiting a uniform, free dress day etc. This is at the discretion of the Principal. In such circumstances dress should be neat, comfortable and of a nature that:

- does not create the potential for harassment, distractions or discriminatory remarks from others
- ensures sun safety
- does not restrict or inhibit participation in the full range of school activities
- is not offensive to others
- is acceptable in terms of climatic and hygiene matters.

The school prides itself on having all students in full school uniform on a regular basis. It is a rare occurrence indeed to find a student at Goondi State School out of school uniform. This has been achieved through the support of the P&C and parents, the pride students take in their school, and the reinforcement of the dress code as part of the Goondi 5 by school staff.