Rationale:

The GWSC Uniform Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- School Council has developed this Uniform Policy after consultation with the school community. The policy provides choice for the students and allows them to safely engage in the many varied school activities in which they may be involved.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms and sports uniforms are prescribed, and are required to be worn in accordance with this policy. It is expected that students will wear the winter uniform during the winter months. Caps/hats must be worn during outdoor PE classes and sports.
- The GWSC waterproof jacket may be worn over the jumper. It cannot be worn with a shirt only.
- A maximum of two stud or sleeper earrings worn in each earlobe and/or one discreet nose piercing (small stud, side of nose) are the only jewellery that may be worn. No other visible jewellery is permitted.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- No obvious makeup is to be worn to school or on school excursions and camps. Finger nails should have no polish or clear nail polish only.
- GWSC sunsmart hats and caps are available as uniform items.
- No visible tattoos or other forms of body art are acceptable.
- The College will operate a purchase scheme for good quality second hand uniforms, and will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the student diary/planner of each year.
- The full PE uniform may be worn to or from school when a student has a PE class timetabled at the beginning or end of the school day.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Practice.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition may apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- Assistance is available to families unable to meet the cost of providing the uniform. Contact the Principal or College Business Manager for further details.