Overview:
(ref: Dept Education Policy and Procedures – Student Dress Code)
At Gympie South State School we maintain a safe and fair environment for students. Part of this process is the development of a dress code. Dress codes provide clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences

Acceptable or reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the school’s student dress code. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- offensive
- likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations;
- unsafe for student or others
- likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

Gympie South’s Policy:
Students to wear school the uniform at all times. There may be instances where there is a definite need to have everyone dressed in a similar fashion, eg: Eisteddfod, Choir etc, and in such cases, a standard dress option will be requested at that time. During swimming carnivals and free dress days all students will be required to wear sun safe clothing. See our ‘Sunsafe Policy’ It is an expectation that students wear the school uniform with closed in footwear and a broad brim hat if they wish to participate in outdoor activities.
When the children leave the school on excursions, they are expected to wear the uniform. A school uniform makes it easier for school staff to identify students belonging to our school.

Jewellery:
The wearing of jewellery will be determined around the safety for the activity at that time. Students participating in a curriculum activity may be asked to remove or tape over jewellery for the purposes of safety. In subjects where the teacher assesses there is a risk from jewellery eg: PE, they may ask students to remove it for that lesson. This excludes any medical alert bracelets which have to be worn at all times. It is encouraged that, students where minimalistic jewellery eg: small studs in ears in preference to anything that may cause injury.

The ‘Dress Code’ has been endorsed by the P&C 11/03/2014