



APPEARANCE POLICY

The school's expectation is that parents and guardians will ensure that their children's appearance is neat and tidy and a credit to the Groote Schuur High School brand.

HAIR

- Hair must be clean and neat.
- Hair must be pinned back and not hang in front of the eyes or sides of the face.
- Hair below the lower edge of the collar must be tied up.
- Hair accessories must be plain black or navy. Fabric hair bands and alic bands must be thin navy/black.
- Learners may not alter the natural colour of their hair, no streaks/highlights allowed.
- Gel or mousse may be used to keep hair neat.
- A hairstyle should not be a distraction whilst participating in class or sports activities.

FACE, NECK, EARS and ARMS

- No jewellery – necklaces, bracelets, rings etc., only a plain watch – no over-sized accessory watches. A single badge/pin OR an arm-band supporting an acknowledged charity or cause may be worn. (Please note that watches that can also be used as digital storage devices or with IT connectivity capability may not be worn during an assessment.)
- For pierced ears: ONLY small plain (gold/ silver) metal sleepers or studs allowed – no larger than a 10c coin.
- Only one pair of earrings may be worn – one earring in the lower part of the lobe of each ear.
- No other visible piercing is allowed. Covering a piercing with plaster, or using something to keep the hole open, is not allowed
- No make-up, e.g. eyeliner, lip gloss, mascara etc.
- Boys must be cleanly shaven.

NAILS

- No nail polish may be used, even if it is transparent with a white sheen. No French manicure (white tips).
- No traditional colouring of nails, e.g. Henna, unless communicated to the school prior to the colouring by a parent/guardian regarding a special occasion.
- Nails may not protrude beyond the fingertips.

SPORT CLOTHING

- For PE all learners wear their house shirt and navy blue school sport shorts.
- For sport, learners wear the relevant school sport kit for the code.



SCHOOL CLOTHING

- All learners must wear their blazers on Mondays for the assembly.
- No non-school uniform item may be visible under school clothing; also no tracksuit tops (also school tracksuit tops) and hoodies may be worn underneath the blazer.
- Only the official school jersey or rain jacket with a badge may be worn without a blazer.
- All school clothing must be neat – blazers and shirts with the necessary buttons, hems in and clean. Every blazer must have a school badge sewn onto the front pocket.
- A single badge/pin OR an armband supporting an acknowledged charity or cause, may be worn.
- All other school badges, e.g. name badges and leadership badges, etc. may be worn on the lapels.
- Everyone has to wear a tie in winter.
- Black polishable school shoes may be worn, soles may not be flat, e.g. sport shoe sole. Shoelaces must be black and properly tied.
- Headscarves must be dark blue (navy) or black.
- Navy blue neck scarves may be worn in colder weather.
- Only school beanies may be worn with the school uniform; to be worn out of doors.
- All uniform items must be correctly worn and appropriately tailored.
- School case/schoolbag. Only black or navy. No graffiti allowed on the school case/bag.

BOYS

- Shirt must be neatly tucked into pants; collar folded over blazer collar if blazer is worn in summer. The rules also apply outside school grounds and in public.
- A school tie must be worn when wearing a shirt which buttons to the top. The open-neck shirt (worn in summer) does not require a tie.
- Grey school pants (shorts or trousers) to be worn with a black belt at all times, not strings or other such paraphernalia – no big buckles.
- Grey socks must be worn. Long grey socks are worn with short pants. No brand names or logos may appear on socks.

GIRLS

- Skirt and dress hems should be at an appropriate and respectable length.
- Navy blue trousers purchased only from the school uniform shop may be worn in winter.
- A black belt may be worn with the navy trousers – no big buckles.
- White socks, folded over, must be worn in summer. No brand names or logos may appear on the socks.
- Black or navy pantyhose worn during the winter months with navy blue skirt.
- Black or navy socks or pantyhose worn during the winter months with navy blue trousers.