



# Greendale Secondary School

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## Greendale Secondary Student Polo T-Shirt as School Uniform

Dear Parents/Guardian,

The school strives to improve and excel in our student well-being processes and practices. With the erratic weather conditions, especially during the hotter months, the school would like to improve comfort for the students and strengthen the school identity at the same time. Based on feedback from students, parents and teachers, we have proposed an alternative school attire for the students. We thank our Parent Support Group for their valuable feedback and support during this journey.

In coming up with a suitable proposal, we have taken into consideration (i) the **image and tradition** of the school and students to be maintained, (ii) the design and material of the new attire to remain **smart yet comfortable**, and (iii) to **minimise cost** to current students.

As such, the school will be adopting a newly designed **Student Polo T-shirt** as the **day-to-day attire** on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. The **current school uniform** will still be worn on **Wednesday** as the school song is sung every Wednesday and to retain our strong tradition. Students will therefore need to purchase at least 2 sets of Student Polo T-shirts for use. The cost of the Student Polo T-shirt is expected to be \$9 - \$11, compared to the current school uniform shirt which costs \$12 - \$14. Please also note that the Student Polo T-shirt is not meant to replace the P.E. shirt.

The Student Polo T-shirt will be available for sale by end-2017, along with the sale of textbooks. In ensuring that we minimise cost to current students, there will be a 2-year transition period (Year 2018-2019), where students are given the option to **continue wearing their current sets of uniform if they choose not to purchase the Student Polo T-shirt**. Full implementation of this initiative will only take effect in Year **2020**.

We understand that you may have questions regarding this initiative. Please refer to the next page for a list of **FAQs**. We would also like to invite you to share your comments and concerns with regard to the implementation process. As such, a survey link has been created for you to share your feedback. Please visit the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/parents-survey-poloT>, sign in using a guest account, and key in the password: GLDSParents. Please complete the survey by **6 October 2017, 12 noon**.

Do feel free to contact Mrs Serene Ang (Year Head) or Ms Adeline Liew (SH/Student Leadership) at 63158616 if you have any queries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Amy Ng  
Principal

## FAQs

**1. Why can't the Student Polo T-Shirt be used as the P.E. T-shirt?**

For personal hygiene, students should change out of their P.E. attire after P.E. lessons.

**2. How much will FAS students have to pay for the Student Polo T-Shirt?**

The same arrangement as with the provision of the current school uniform will continue. Students on Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) will receive the Student Polo T-Shirt along with the current school uniform at no cost.

**3. Do the students need to place their school collar pin on the Student Polo T-Shirt?**

No. Collar pin is only required with the current school uniform (Shirt + Skirt/Shorts/Trousers).

**4. My child is in Secondary 3 and has already purchased many sets of uniform. Can I choose not to purchase the Student Polo T-Shirt at all?**

Yes. Full implementation will only take place in 2020. Your child can continue to wear the current school uniform on all days for the next 2 years.

**5. Wouldn't it be messy for the school to have a 2-year transition period where students can wear either the current school uniform or the Student Polo T-Shirt?**

We are willing to manage the lack of uniformity for the next 2 years to minimise cost to current students. We understand that many students have already purchased several sets of school uniform and may not want to incur the additional cost of purchasing the new Student Polo T-Shirt.

**6. Can the Student Polo T-Shirt be worn for school and national examinations?**

Yes. Either the current school uniform or the Student Polo T-Shirt can be worn for examinations. The school has clarified with Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) on this matter.

**7. What is the design of the Student Polo T-Shirt?**

Students and staff voted for the final design of the Student Polo T-Shirt. You may view a sample of the design of the Student Polo T-Shirt when you log in to the survey link: <https://tinyurl.com/parents-survey-poloT>. Sign in using a guest account, and key in the password: GLDSParents.