



## UNIFORM POLICY

### **Rationale:**

We believe that a school uniform has a positive value in the education of students. It is compulsory for all students to wear the official school uniform. A uniform is important as a means of supporting a sense of pride and responsibility by students in the school and its work. It looks attractive and removes the competition between students to be up with the latest fashions. It is a means whereby students are able to identify with the high standards of achievement and excellence in learning and performance, which are the hallmarks of an education at Tullamarine Primary School.

### **Aims:**

- To provide a school uniform that is practical, comfortable, attractive and affordable.
- To develop a student's sense of pride at Tullamarine Primary School.
- To encourage independence. Students know what to wear and can ultimately dress themselves each morning.
- To provide functional and appropriate clothing for school activities.
- To prevent the wearing of unsafe and unsuitable clothing
- To provide an expectation that all students are neat in appearance at all times i.e. uniforms should be clean, in good condition and in appropriate sizes.
- To provide an understanding that school uniforms will be worn correctly. The following table provides an overview of items that are to be purchased from our supplier of uniform, AGS Prints either online or by visiting their uniform shop. All items, with the exception of hats and waterproof jackets, must include the school emblem.

### **Guidelines:**

- School Council Policy is that the school uniform is compulsory for all students at Tullamarine Primary School.
- The appropriateness of the school uniform is reviewed by School Council as required.
- A uniform ordering system is provided for all parents/guardians.
- Compulsory school uniform includes appropriate, closed toe footwear and bucket hat.

### **Implementation:**

- School Council is responsible for overseeing issues related to uniform. This includes the official list of uniform options, recommendations for amendments to the official uniform and also pricing.
- The Principal and staff will, within Department guidelines, implement the compulsory school uniform policy.
- All staff will promote the school's uniform policy.
- Any parent, with a genuine concern in relation to the compulsory uniform, is to arrange an interview with the Principal to discuss and resolve the issue.

- Students who continually disregard the wearing of school uniform will be referred to the PLC Leader, who will speak to the child and if required, communicate directly with the parents.
- Students who are not in uniform and who do not have a parent explanatory note will be issued with an 'Out of School Uniform' note.
- All students at Tullamarine Primary School from grades Foundation to Grade 6 are required to wear the official school uniform as per the 'Compulsory School Uniform' list, published for the current school year. Items purchased elsewhere should not include brand names, logos, stripes etc.
- Between the start of September and the end of April, it is compulsory for students to wear hats. The school uniform hat is a plain black bucket hat (again no brand names, logos etc).
- The options for footwear are leather lace up shoes, or elasticised ankle pull on boots (black) and cross trainer type runners. During Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, all students must wear runner type shoes that are tightly secured with either laces or Velcro.
- For health benefits, students with hair below shoulder length are expected to tie hair back. All hair accessories must be school coloured (blue, white or black)
- During Fitness, Sport and PE sessions, girls should wear either school shorts, skorts or tracksuit pants instead of a dress.
- It is expected that all items of clothing will be labelled

**Items not permitted for safety reasons:-**

- thongs, high heels, sandals, 'skater shoes', fashion statement footwear
- singlet tops, sundresses or tops that do not cover the shoulders
- unsuitable hairstyles and accessories (including colour / attention / shock value / distracting)
- more than 2 sleepers (no more than 1 cm diameter) or studs per ear. Hoop and large earrings are not allowed.
- jewellery other than a wristwatch is not allowed
- no visible body art, including pen, texts, tattoo (permanent or temporary) etc.

**Conclusion:**

The aim of having compulsory school uniform is:-

- To develop a sense of pride and responsibility in the school by the wearing of an attractive and functional uniform.
- To remove competition between students in regard to fashion.
- To encourage uniformity and thereby the easy identification of students.

The Principal or nominee has the discretion to address issues regarding inappropriate clothing as is deemed necessary.

<b>Garment Description</b>	<b>Guidelines for Wearing –</b>
Girls' summer dress	To be worn with black sports briefs, short white socks - NO track pants or leggings to be worn underneath
Girls' shorts – black	Can also be worn for Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, with short white socks
Girls' skorts – black	Can also be worn for Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, with short white socks

Boys' shorts – black	Can also be worn for Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, with short white socks
Tracksuit pants – bootleg, straight leg, cuffed or reinforced knee	Can also be worn for Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, with short white socks
Polo top – short sleeve	
Polo top – long sleeve	
Windcheater	
Bomber Jacket	
Black bucket hat	Can be worn at all times but must be worn between the start of September and the end of A
5/6 Sport Top	Only to be worn on days students have PE class or sport activity
<b>Art</b>	
Art Smock	Plastic art smocks are the preferred choice – but all students will wear a shirt or other cover over their uniforms
<b>Optional Extras</b>	Black woollen beanie (winter only)
Official school back pack	
Waterproof jackets	Plain black and is available from our supplier.

**Notes:**

- Netball Skirts **are not** an item of the official school uniform, they are worn only by students whilst representing the school in the netball team.
- Make up and coloured nail polish are not acceptable.
- Jeans, canvas pants, cargo pants are not part of the official school uniform.

**Review Cycle**

This policy was last approved by school council in June 2019 and is scheduled for review in June 2022.

