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## Student Dress Code Policy

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tullamarine Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes. This dress code has been developed by Tullamarine Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Tullamarine Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### **Scope**

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Extreme hair colour is not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn between the start of September and the end of April. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **Purchase of Uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased from A Plus School wear, either online or by visiting their shop.

Some items, such as track pants, can be purchased from other suppliers but must be plain black with no logos.

Tullamarine Primary School office also operates a second-hand uniform service for parents. Parents can contact the front office to check what uniform may be available at the time.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

### **Implementation**

Tullamarine Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in hard copy which will be available at the front office. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will issue an 'Out of School Uniform' note. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

### **Exceptions to student dress code**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

**Concerns about this student dress code**

Tullamarine Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

**Communication**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

**Further information and resources**

Tullamarine Primary School Sunsmart Policy  
Tullamarine Primary School Parent Complaint Policy  
Tullamarine Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy  
Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)  
Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

**Policy review and approval**

Policy last reviewed	August 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	August 2025

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**Appendix A Tullamarine Primary School Uniform Items**

Garment Description	Guidelines for Wearing –
Summer dress	To be worn with black sports briefs, short white socks No track pants or leggings to be worn underneath the school dress Can be worn with white stockings underneath in winter
Shorts – black	Can also be worn for Sport, Fitness and PE sessions, with short white socks Bike shorts are NOT to be worn as shorts.
Skorts – 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
Black leggings	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 April
5/6 Sport Top	Only to be worn by 5/6 students on days students have PE class or sport activity
Satchel	Purchase in Foundation – used in all year levels
Headphones	Compulsory in all year levels
Optional Extras	Guidelines
Official school backpack	Are available from our supplier
Art Smock	Plastic art smocks are the preferred choice – but all students will wear a shirt or other covering over their uniforms
Black woollen beanie	Can be worn in winter only
Waterproof jackets	Plain black jackets are available from our supplier. Other jackets may be worn outside as an extra layer for warmth