

**Purpose**

The development of, or amendment to this dress code is the responsibility of the School Council in close consultation with the school community.

**Broad Guidelines**

The school uniform allows the students to identify with, and be identified as, a group. This promotes a sense of school community, promotes our school to the wider community and contributes to the safety and security of the students outside the school (e.g. on excursions). There are economic benefits for parents in the long term whilst 'out of school' clothing issues and peer group pressures regarding clothing are negated. In setting the student dress code policy, the Teesdale Primary School Council *has considered* the following criteria:

- Does it respect the cultural norms of the school community?
- Is it reasonable by contemporary standards?
- Is it suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks and functions performed in that role?
- Does it reflect the values of the school community?
- Have appropriate health and safety considerations been considered?

**Aims:**

The dress code purpose includes:

- For children to achieve a sense of cohesion and good order in the school
- For children to achieve a sense of identity and pride in their appearance and connection to the school community
- For children to gain an awareness of acceptable standards in dress for specific occasions
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- To ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of the school community
- To enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- For parents to consistently support the wearing of school uniform
- For parents and staff to educate and encourage children to be responsible for their own clothing
- For the school to do its best to ensure that the school uniform is readily available
- To ensure the school uniform is designed to be practical and safe for students' classroom and play activities and to suit a range of weather conditions
- To enhance individual student safety and group security.

**Implementation**

The implementation of the Uniform and Dress Code Policy includes:

- All staff shall be responsible for ensuring that clothing, jewellery, footwear, sunhats; etc meets appropriate standards in regard to student safety and overall student presentation and appearance, in line with this policy
- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child/children are dressed in school uniform every day
- Parents/guardians will clearly mark each school uniform item with the owner's name and the school will provide 'Lost Property Baskets' for students and parents to freely access when required (unclaimed property will be redistributed at the end of each term)
- The expectation is that students will wear school uniform daily including the Years 5 & 6 bomber jacket (compulsory) and when representing the school e.g. excursions, unless clearly specified e.g. a casual dress day
- For safety reasons, no jewellery is to be worn by students, with the exception of: a watch, and small sleeper or stud earrings
- Make up or coloured nail polish is not to be worn
- Protective clothing will be worn during Art sessions e.g. art smock
- Visible temporary tattoos or coloured wrist bands are not permitted unless with prior approval from the school
- Compression activewear are not permitted to be worn.
- An additional coat or jacket may be worn between the beginning of May and end of August, over the top of the school jacket. This coat or jacket must not be a replacement for the school uniform top or bomber jacket
- Hair should be neat and tidy and long hair (shoulder length or longer) is to be tied up in a style appropriate for school. This is applicable to both girls and boys
- Colouring of student hair is an acceptable practice as long as the colour is of a natural shade.
- Coloured hair gel and coloured streaks in hair are not permitted. Hair gel needs to be kept to a minimum with the exception of special days e.g. Crazy Hair Day
- Hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum (royal or navy blue and white).

### ***Teesdale Primary School Uniform Policy***

The Uniform policy including guidelines are provided in the enrolment pack, handbook and on our website.

The Teesdale Primary School colours are royal blue, navy blue and white. At Teesdale Primary School the wearing of school uniform has been deemed compulsory by School Council. It is expected that all students wear school uniform daily.

We expect to see each child in Teesdale uniform because it:

- is neat and practical and a reasonably economical form of dress
- gives a feeling of belonging and encourages pride in the school
- promotes our school in the community

- discourages peer pressure and fashion trends.

Children are expected to wear school uniform and sensible supportive footwear each day. This includes when representing Teesdale Primary School on school excursions.

### **Uniform**

- Navy and royal blue polo top with white school logo
- Navy and royal blue windcheater with white school logo (Junior and Middle School students)
- Navy and royal blue bomber jacket (Senior School students)
- Navy and royal blue Year 6 designed T'Shirt (Year 6 students)
- Plain navy blue tracksuit pants / plain navy blue shorts
- Pinafore with removable bib
- Summer light dress
- Skort – Navy Blue
- Leggings - Plain navy

### **Hats**

- Navy Blue with white logo - Microfibre school hats are to be worn outside between the beginning of September and the end of April in line with the school's SunSmart policy.
- Navy Blue beanie with school logo - Beanies are able to be worn outside between the beginning of May and end of August, in line with the school's SunSmart policy.

### **Accessories**

- Navy Blue Scarf
- Hair Ties - white, navy blue or black
- School Bag – Royal Blue
- Winter Jacket - Navy
- Socks and tights - white, navy blue or black
- Skivvy – white or navy blue
- Socks or tights must be white, navy blue or black
- Sensible supportive footwear must be worn. Thongs, open-toe sandals, scuffs, ugg boots, gum boots, platform soles and canvas shoes that do not adequately protect the foot are not acceptable footwear.

The student dress code is enforced to the extent that the children not in school uniform will be excluded from any activity away from the school that requires the wearing of a school uniform. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements via the enrolment pack prior to enrolment at the school. Parents/carers who are unable to purchase a school uniform for their children

will be encouraged to speak to the principal. The principal can access assistance from the State Schools Relief Fund.

**Please note:** Every effort is made to return lost property to the rightful owner. Unlabelled clothing is stored in the lost property basket in the gallery or BER for a limited time. New Bomber Jackets are available for our senior school children in Years 5 and 6. Thongs, open-toe sandals, ugg boots, platform soles, gum boots, canvas shoes, tank tops and revealing tops are not permitted.

#### **Contact Details**

Our official school uniform supplier is [Noone Uniforms Geelong](#)

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**Trading Hours** - Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm / Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

#### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review process or in the event of a change of uniform supplier.

#### **Review cycle**

This policy was last updated in 2023 and is scheduled for review in 2026.