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## 1. ***Rationale:***

Tyabb Primary School Council, in consultation with the School Community, has developed a Student Dress Code for all pupils. Pupils are expected to wear the approved school uniform whilst at school, on school excursions and when engaged in out of hours school activities.


## 2. ***Aims:***

School Council has implemented the Dress Code for the following reasons:

- to create a feeling of individual and collective pride in students and their identification with their school.
- to remove the sense of competition in dress which may cause distress amongst students
- to improve the safety and security of Tyabb Primary School pupils by making them instantly recognisable in any group while on school excursions.


## 3. ***Implementation:***

- 3.1 This policy has been develop with reference to the School Policy and Advisory Guide for Victorian Government Schools - Student Dress Code.
- 3.2 The Student Dress Code will apply uniformly to all students (except for the exceptions listed in 3.10). In developing the Student Dress Code, the School Council has ensured that the code allows all students to participate actively and safely in school life.
- 3.3 In keeping with the school's Sunsmart Policy, the Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "Sunsmart" procedures. As such, all students are required to wear a school-approved broad brimmed hat during sun danger periods (1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April) whilst outdoors. Children who do not have an approved hat will be restricted to designated areas of shade during recess and lunch breaks.
- 3.4 In designing the Student Dress Code, School Council has ensured that the style of clothing is:
  - reasonable by contemporary standards,
  - is suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks performed as a student,
  - that health and safety issues have been considered and that it allows for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.
- 3.5 Where long term exception to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should make a written request to the Principal stating the reasons for the exemption. If it is a temporary or occasional matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or outgrown items to be replaced) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation. A written record of the decision on any application for exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept.
- 3.6 ALL tops, except the approved year 5/6 rugby top MUST have the school logo. Low quality alternatives that do not display the school logo are not acceptable.
- 3.7 Where parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the Dress Code, arrangements can be made with the Principal.


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### 3.8 The uniform includes:

<b>Garment and type</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Style</b>
<b><u>Shirt</u></b>		
Polo	Maroon	Short sleeve Embroidered logo
Polo	Maroon	Long sleeve Embroidered logo
Grade 6 Polo	Navy	Short sleeve, school logo and printed Grade 6 student names
<b><u>Windcheater</u></b>		
Open hem	Navy blue	Embroidered logo
Rugby top	Navy blue, maroon, white horizontal stripes	Collared, long sleeve
<i>Years 5 and 6 only</i>		
<b><u>Jacket</u></b>		
Polar fleece	Navy blue	Sleeveless Embroidered logo
Polar fleece	Navy blue	Long sleeve Embroidered logo
<b><u>Pants</u></b>		
Track suit	Navy blue	Straight cut leg
Bootleg pants	Navy blue	Boot cut leg
Cargo	Navy blue	Long leg
(Pants are not permitted to have logos of any description.)		
<b><u>Shorts</u></b>		
Cargo	Navy blue	Long leg
Drawstring	Navy blue	Long leg
Skort	Navy blue	
(Shorts are not permitted to have logos of any description.)		
<b><u>Dress</u></b>		
Summer	Maroon, white approved pattern	(Please Note: Not to be worn with tracksuit pants or leggings underneath, or with a polo shirt under or over.)
<b><u>Tunic</u></b>		
Winter	Approved plaid	
<b><u>Skirt</u></b>		
Winter	Approved plaid	
<b><u>Skivvy</u></b>		
	Maroon	Skivvies or long sleeved tops may only be worn as undergarments (under a polo shirt or tunic)
<b><u>Shoes &amp; Laces</u></b>		
	Black or white	Runners and school shoes
<b><u>Socks</u></b>		
	White or Navy Blue	
<b><u>Tights</u></b>		
	Navy Blue	
<b><u>Hats</u></b>		
Summer	Navy wide brim (in accordance with sunsmart policy)	Either Trigger/TPS logo or no logo
Winter	Navy	Beanie with school logo or no logo
<b><u>School Bag</u></b>		
	Tyabb Primary School official bag available	Preferred, not compulsory

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- 3.9 In addition:
- School uniform must be worn at all times on school activities unless otherwise notified.
  - The students are to wear appropriate footwear – proper school shoes or runners in black or white with matching black or white laces. Fashion shoes are not acceptable. Fluoro shoes and laces are not acceptable.
  - Open toed footwear is not acceptable under playground conditions. Thongs, surf thongs or open-toed sandals may only be worn whilst in attendance at swimming programs.
  - Other clothing or accessories which have the potential to cause injury to the wearer or others is not acceptable.
  - Specific colours are not specified for rain coats, etc but children are encouraged to wear navy blue or dark maroon jackets.
  - White or navy blue socks must be worn with the uniform, especially with shorts, tunics and dresses.
  - All accessories (eg. hair ties, scrunchies, headbands, scarves) must be maroon or navy blue.
  - Girls may wear navy blue tights with the tunic, winter skirt or skorts.
  - The school may provide slight variations to the above uniform list for special events eg sporting events, Year 6 HPV team (NB. HPV t-shirts are only to be worn by the child who participated in the program – they are not acceptable uniform for siblings in future years).
- 3.10 Grounds for Exemption will be provided where:
- an aspect of the Code offends a religious belief held by the student/family,
  - an aspect of the Code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic background,
  - an aspect of the Code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other pupils, the pupil has a particular health condition that requires a variation of the Dress Code.
- 3.11 Students are expected to take care of their personal appearance and presentation. Hair styles must be neat and tidy. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. Tie backs (scrunchies, ribbons, etc) must be of school colours.
- 3.12 Jewellery must not be worn at school. Where ears are pierced, only plain studs and sleepers should be worn at school. No other body piercings are acceptable and all piercings should be taped or covered during sporting activities.
- 3.13 Make up must not be worn at school. This includes lip stick, colored or sparkly gel, hair colors and nail polish.
- 3.14 The school may declare "free dress" days where students are allowed to wear clothing and accessories other than the prescribed school uniform. On these days, dress should be of an appropriate nature for the school environment and adhere to the school sunsmart policy, ie. no bare shoulders or open toed shoes. In the event that any child, in the judgement of the Principal, is dressed inappropriately, the parent will be contacted to collect the student.
- 3.15 All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
- 3.16 Where Tyabb School Dress Code is not followed and no written explanation is received:
- The principal/teacher will forward a notice to the parent/s reminding them of their responsibility to adhere to the dress code.
  - If this fails to solve the matter, the principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter.

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- 3.17 In dealing with breaches of this policy, every endeavour will be made to ensure the student is not made to feel discriminated against or singled out from the group or grade.

#### **4. Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

#### References:

School Policy and Advisory Guide

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/dresscode.aspx>

This policy was last ratified by School Council on the 19/6/17