



Policy Name	Student Dress Code	Date of Approval	2022
Responsible	School Council	Review Date	2024

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tyabb Primary Schools 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 Tyabb Primary 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 Tyabb 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Tyabb Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Garment and type	Colour	Style
<u>Shirt</u>		
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
<u>Windcheater</u>		
Open hem	Navy blue	Embroidered logo
Rugby top	Navy blue, maroon, white	Collared, long sleeve
<i>Years 5 and 6 only</i>	horizontal stripes	
<u>Jacket</u>		
Polar fleece	Navy blue	Sleeveless Embroidered logo
Polar fleece	Navy blue	Long sleeve Embroidered logo

Pants

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.)

Shorts

Cargo	Navy blue	Long leg
Drawstring	Navy blue	Long leg
Skort	Navy blue	

(Shorts are not permitted to have logos of any description.)

Dress

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.)
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Tunic

Winter	Approved plaid
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Skirt

Winter	Approved plaid
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Skivvy

Maroon	Skivvies or long sleeved tops may only be worn as undergarments (under a polo shirt or tunic)
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Shoes & Laces

Black or white	Runners and school shoes
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Socks

White or Navy Blue

Tights

Navy Blue

Hats

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

School Bag

Tyabb Primary School official bag available	Preferred, not compulsory
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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.
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- 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.
- Navy blue tights can be worn 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).

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Tyabb Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Students are expected to take care of their personal appearance and presentation.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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/Make up may not be worn at school. This includes lip stick, coloured or sparkly gel, hair colours and nail polish. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Hair styles must be neat and tidy. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. Tied backs (scrunchies, ribbons, etc) must be of school colours. Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. 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 Beleza school uniforms in Somerville.

Tyabb Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents, via the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or office 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/>

Tyabb Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

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.

Tyabb Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website www.tyabbps.vic.edu.au. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Tyabb Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

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 (1st October-30th April) whilst outdoors. Children who do not have an approved hat will be restricted to designated areas of shade during recess and lunch breaks.

All tops, except the approved year 5/6 rugby top MUST have the school logo. Low quality alternative that do not display the school logo are not acceptable.

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.

All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

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

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

Tyabb 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 [Complaints Policy 2022 – 2024.docx](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Sunsmart Policy 2021 - 2024.docx](#)
- [Complaints Policy 2022 - 2024.docx](#)
- [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy 2022-2024.docx](#)
- 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	9.3.23
Consultation	Consultation on this policy is mandatory. This policy has been discussed by Tyabb Primary School Council 27.3.23
Approved by	Principal in consultation with School Council 27.3.23
Next scheduled review date	March 2024

The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.
