

Student Dress Code Policy

Tatura Primary School



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tatura 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 Tatura 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 Tatura 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

Tatura Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as detailed in Appendix 1.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

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 & lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn whilst outside during Terms 1 and 4. 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

Information about uniform suppliers and details of our second-hand uniform store can be obtained through the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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

Tatura Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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, the student and parents will be contacted 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.

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

Tatura 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 the school 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 transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Tatura Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Tatura Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Tatura Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	2016
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Next scheduled review date	2027

[NOTE: 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].

APPENDIX 1:



Tatura Primary School Uniform Requirements 2024

**Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions of the day.
A combination of the items below can be worn according to their comfort needs.**

- Summer dress in school fabric blue/white check with navy thread
- Shorts- navy blue (No short shorts or tight-fitting bike shorts)
- Long trousers or trackpants in plain navy blue (no cargo pants)
- Skort- navy blue
- Short-sleeved polo shirt- navy blue & sky blue with school logo – (make – Winning Spirit, style PS31)
- Skivvy- navy blue
- Polo shirt specific to Grade 6 students
- Navy blue, black, grey or white socks
- Navy blue tights
- Covered-in, plain, dark coloured footwear: lace-ups, Velcro, pull-on (no high heels or fashion shoes)
- Windcheater- navy blue with school logo
- Windbreaker jacket- navy blue with sky blue sleeve stripe with school logo
- A plain navy fleece jacket or sleeveless vest with school logo is an option to supplement the uniform in winter- no hoodies
- Hat- navy blue broad-brimmed (Terms 1 and 4) School logo optional
- Plain coloured beanie

Notes:

- Variations of uniform (eg: netball skirts, leggings, coloured shoes, visible slogans on clothes) are not acceptable. Please ask at school if you are unsure.
- Students may wear small earring studs or sleepers and/or a watch. Plain necklaces of cultural significance may be worn and kept under the uniform.
- Smart watches must be left at the office each morning unless in 'school mode'. All mobile phones must be left at the office each morning. All messages to children must be sent via the office.
- Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be plain coloured and not dangly.
- All uniform, including hats, windcheaters and jackets must be named. Name tapes or machine embroidered names make the easiest identification.
- Note that all uniform items are available from Tatura Logos and Promos. Parents are also able to purchase general navy clothing items that can then be embroidered at Tatura Logos and Promos.