

THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

The school uniform identifies a group of children within a school. Wearing a school uniform fosters pride in the school, assists supervision and safety on visits out of the school and unifies students from various social backgrounds into a cohesive school unit.

AIMS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by the Principal/School Council.

The following grounds for exemption apply:

- religious beliefs
- cultural background
- students with a health condition

Please note: An exemption will not be granted on philosophical grounds.

- As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- The uniform should be in good condition, durable, safe, comfortable and not hinder or restrict children's participation in physical education.
- The school uniform will consist of items from the designated uniform list.
- Any headscarves/hijab or turbans are to be plain white, red or navy blue.
- Colours for hair accessories are white, red or navy blue.
- Extra clothing such as beanies, scarves or gloves is to be worn outside of the classroom only and to be in navy blue
- Students participating in interschool sport and excursions, or representing the school at outside activities, will wear the appropriate school uniform.
- Grade 5/ 6 students are permitted to wear sports uniform on days of interschool sport. The sports uniform will be included on the approved uniform list.
- The legionnaire style school hat, as supplied by the School Uniform Supplier is compulsory at recess, lunch, outside activities such as gardening and classroom based activities as well as sport sessions during terms 1 and 4. This procedure is in line with our Sun Smart Policy.
- Damaged hats are not acceptable. This includes the binding being pulled from the brim of the hat as well as unacceptable writing. Parents will be asked to replace damaged hats.
- Thongs and open toed footwear are not to be worn.

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- A special Year 6 Commemorative Windcheater or jacket will be available for sale to all Year 6 students each year.
- Students will be positively encouraged to wear school uniform by the Principal and staff.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure children wear school uniform and that the uniform is in good condition
- A note from parents will be required when children are out of uniform.

For children without a note from parents the following steps apply:

- Students will be reminded to wear the correct school uniform.
- If the student continues to be out of uniform a note will be sent home to parents.

Personal Appearance

- The application of extreme hair colours such as green, red, purple etc. is not acceptable except on special dress-up days or at School House Sports Day.
- The wearing of small studs or sleepers and/or a wrist watch are the only acceptable jewellery items. Students will be asked to remove other items of jewellery.
- Other body piercings, including nose studs are not allowed.
- Nail polish and false fingernails are not permitted.
- Make up should not be worn at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The responsibility for the implementation of the school uniform (dress) codes rests with the Principal. It is the Principal who deals with exemption requests in light of stated criteria. It is the Principal who reports to school council on applications and the decisions made with respect to each application.
- All school uniform items are determined by School Council. An approved list of uniform items is published by School Council and may be changed as School Council permits.
- All Uniform items may be purchased or ordered from the school office.

EVALUATION

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