



TRENTHAM DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL NO 1588

Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Trentham District 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 Trentham District 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.
- Support Example 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.

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

Trentham District Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Maroon school top with TDPS logo (these can be purchased at school)
 - Polo shirt
 - Tee shirt
 - Fleecy jumper
 - Fleece with zip
- Dark coloured pants, tunic, shorts or skirt from your preferred supplier.
- School dress (maroon/white) from your preferred supplier.
- School shoes or runners as appropriate to the season / activity (Thongs and opened toed sandals are not permitted).
- Broad brimmed hat.

We value freedom of expression with items such as socks, scarves, beanies or other clothes to align with particular community or special events etc allowed at the principal's discretion.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Due to health and safety concerns the wearing of jewellery is not encouraged. Simple items such as stud earrings, sleepers and plain rings / bracelets which are not a safety hazard are acceptable.
 - Jewellery / accessories must not be a distraction from normal classes: any such items will be taken to the office to be collected after school.
- Make up must be of neutral appearance only, unless by prior approval.

Please remember that when children bring personal items to school (including items of jewellery) they are likely to get lost or broken if the child is not old enough to care for them properly. Items brought to school including jewellery are **not insured by the school** and will be the responsibility of each child.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of head lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, false nails and eyelashes, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes (e.g. cooking) where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats or other broad brimmed hats must be worn outside during terms 1 and 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

A warm outer layer is permitted as appropriate to the season.

Hats and hoods and beanies 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.

Students are reminded of the Department of Education's policy regarding watches with internet connectivity, which must be handed in to the office each day if worn. Please see our [mobile phone policy](#) for more information.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the office.

Second-hand uniform items are often available for a small donation or free: please contact the office.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or the office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Trentham District Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 this dress code in the interests of safety and practicality.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.
- There are particular wellbeing or sensory needs, on a case by case basis.

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

Trentham District 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 our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Trentham District Primary School [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Trentham District Primary School [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Trentham District Primary School [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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