Student Dress Code Policy

Rationale
The wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of identity and pride for students and ensures that students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities. A school uniform also allows all students to feel equal and minimises bullying and competition on the basis of clothing worn. It can also strengthen the spirit of community within the school as well as enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

Purpose
Toorak Primary School students will wear the prescribed school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Guidelines
- The prescribed school uniform will comply with state and federal human rights and anti-discrimination legislation.
- A variety of clothing options is available to enable children to exercise individual choice.
- Until the end of April and from the beginning of September the wearing of school Sunsmart hats for outside activities is compulsory.
- The wearing of appropriate sporting school uniform (skort, shorts, tracksuit pants), as well as white or black runners will be encouraged for sporting and physical education activities.
- Students will wear an art smock for visual arts activities.
- Parents will be informed through the school website/blog of the list of items included in the Uniform Dress Code and where they can be purchased. On enrolment, new families will be provided with a copy of the Uniform Dress Code.
- A School Uniform Improvement Notice will be sent home with students who consistently wear incorrect uniform.
- Toorak Primary School does not consider the wearing of makeup, nail polish, necklaces, bracelets and large earrings to be appropriate dress for primary school students. Ear studs and sleepers are acceptable.
- Long hair, shoulder length and longer, must be tied back. Hair must not be dyed unnatural colours.
- Parents, carers or students can:
  - Raise specific complaints about the dress code with the school principal
  - Suggest dress code changes to the school council for consideration in the next review of the dress code
  - Apply for an exemption of the prescribed school uniform if grounds exist for health, religious, financial and cultural grounds.
- School Council will be responsible for reviewing the dress code from time to time. If it is considered that changes are required, School Council will consult with their school community to ensure:
  - The code reflects the values of the school community
  - There is a balance between the rights of individual students and the best interests of the whole school community
- The school will work with the State Schools Relief to support students in need as well as supporting their fundraising activities.
- The Community Events and Fundraising sub-committee will operate a second hand uniform stall for good quality second hand donated items.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four-year review cycle.
This policy was last ratified by School Council in July 2015.