



TOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Canterbury Road, Toorak Vic 3142

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.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Toorak 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.

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example 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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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.
- Term 1 and Term 4 the wearing of school Sunsmart hats for outside activities is compulsory.
- Toorak PS branded broad brimmed or legionnaires hats must be worn
- 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 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.
- On Friday's, students are able to wear their Toorak House Tops to school
- 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.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

- Please contact the Principal or Office Staff 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

- Toorak 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.
- 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.

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 are exempt 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

Further Information and Resources

- Toorak Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Toorak Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Toorak 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](#)

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 November 2020.