

# UNIFORM

## TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Stud earrings, sleepers worn in the ears, subtle necklace plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery (They are not to be worn as a fashion accessory).
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and available on the website.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.
- Second hand uniforms are available free of charge to families in need.
- Parents and students will be advised of specific uniform requirements via the newsletter at least one week prior.
- Students have the opportunities to be involved in 'out of uniform' days during the school year.
- On school photo days and cluster sports day's students are asked to wear the gold (not navy) shirt.
- Year 6s will have the option each year to design their own tops.
- Students without correct uniform and without a note from home will be given a second hand uniform to wear for the day.

### Girls and Boys

- Navy shorts or navy long pants (no logos or stripes).
- Navy blue or gold polo t-shirt with school logo.
- Navy blue or gold long sleeve polo shirt with school logo.
- Navy polar fleece half zip jumper with school logo.
- Navy and gold lightweight zipped jacket
- Navy wide-brimmed or bucket hat
- Gold or navy blue skivvy/long-sleeved T shirt (available with logo\* or plain).
- Closed in sandals/runners/or other closed in appropriate school shoes.
- White or navy socks.

### Girls

- Navy and white check dress or tartan skirt/pinafore/long pants.
- Navy “skorts”

### Optional

- School bag with school logo
- Swimming bag with school logo

In winter skivvies can be worn under short or long-sleeved shirts of either colour.

### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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