



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Teesdale Primary School.

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Teesdale 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 Teesdale 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 and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Teesdale 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.

Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

Uniform and appearance

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

- Navy and royal blue polo top with white school logo
- Navy and royal blue windcheater with white school logo (Junior and Middle School students)
- Navy and royal blue bomber jacket (Senior School students)
- Navy and royal blue Year 6 designed T'Shirt (Year 6 students)
- Plain navy blue tracksuit pants / plain navy blue shorts
- Pinafore with removable bib
- Summer light dress
- Skort – Navy Blue
- Leggings - Plain navy
- Wide brimmed hat - if the UV max is 3 or over

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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any makeup or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

Health and Safety

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

Jewellery, nails, 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 where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside if the UV for the day is over 3. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

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.

Purchase of Uniforms

Our official school uniform provider is **Noone Uniforms Geelong**

162 Moorabool Street / Geelong VIC 3220

Telephone: 03 5221 9199

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/teesdale-primary-school>

Email: bellarine@noone.com.au

Trading Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm / Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Uniforms can also be purchased second-hand from the office at the front of the school.

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 fee](#) 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 school to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Implementation

Teesdale 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. 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 collaboratively with the student and their family to support compliance, including providing the student with appropriate garments as required.

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 in writing 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.

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

Teesdale 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 is available in our school's [Complaints Policy](#).

Communication

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

- Available publicly on our school website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrollment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Further Information and Resources

- Teesdale Primary School's [Sun Protection Policy](#)
- Teesdale Primary School's [Complaints Policy](#)
- Teesdale Primary School's [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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