

Tasman District School Uniform and Dress Code



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I Scope (audience and applicability)

This document provides an over-view of the uniform policy for Tasman District School.

This policy is supported and activated by all members of the Tasman District School community including staff, students, parents and the wider community. It based on the principles of:

- regular review will occur
- new staff and families will be inducted
- guidelines as established by the Education Department form the framework for this document.

2 Purpose

We are guided by **Tasman District School and DECYP Values**:



RESPECT



COURAGE



ASPIRATION



GROWTH

Uniform in Years K - 10 is a means of stating that one belongs to a community. The uniform is an indicator of pride in one's school and acknowledges that our school has expectations regarding dress. As well, a school uniform provides a cost-efficient way of ensuring students are clothed practically.

Uniform is also a practical safety issue as one can identify our community members immediately when on excursions or when on duty in the grounds. The Tasman District School Uniform Policy is specifically designed to provide flexibility and to meet the diverse needs of our school community. It is designed as a framework from which to operate. Evidence of the Uniform Policy will be characterised by students wearing the school uniform as described.

Students in Years 11 - 12 are not required to wear the Years K - 10 uniform. However, they are required to adhere to the Tasman District School Dress Code which includes wear neat casual dress and suitable shoes. In some classes, this may mean covered-in footwear as an OHS requirement. Dress wear should be appropriate for the workplace for example, it does not include shirts with discriminatory, bad taste or bad language slogans and images.

This policy addresses the need to be compliant with relevant legislation such as the *Education Act 2016 (TAS)*, *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (TAS)*, and *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, health and safety requirements and sun smart policies.

3 Guideline Details

Where possible, all clothing items are to be purchased from the Tasman District School Office.

The specific uniform pieces will vary over time in consultation with supplier, students, staff and School Association, providing contemporary clothing options which meet the needs of students.

- Students should arrive and depart school each day in full uniform
- Year 10 Leavers Top - only be worn by Year 10 students
- In cold or wet weather, students may wear an extra coat/jacket to and from school. Once at school, the non-school jacket/coat must be taken off.

3.1 General School Uniform

Jackets	Softshell or polar fleece. All have the embroidered school monogram.
Long Pants	Navy blue with school monogram
Leggings	Navy blue with school monogram (not to be worn under skirts, dresses or shorts)
Shorts	Navy blue, mid-thigh length or just above with school monogram
Summer Dress	Blue check, polyester cotton - provided by school supplier
Skorts	Navy or black, plain, sheer or ribbed
Polo Top	School polo top
Bucket Hat	Students are encouraged to wear hats when outside

3.2 Products not purchased from school supplier

Any products not purchased from the school office must be in keeping with the general aims of the school uniform. Specifically, branding must be minimized, with logos absent or smaller than a 50c piece.

4 Dress Code

The dress code is a set of requirements for how all students K - 12 should present themselves when attending or representing their school. The dress code extends to personal appearance of students, (e.g. jewelry, headwear and length of dresses/shorts). Specific requirements for Tasman District School include:

- Skirt, dress and shorts length must be below the tips of fingers when standing up straight with arms beside the body.
- Jewellery should be practical and safe e.g. studs or small hoops are safest for piercings.
- Headwear may be worn for religious reasons, no beanies or baseball caps inside.

5 Sun Safe Practices

In line with DoE directives on Sun Safety, **ALL** students at Tasman District School are **required to wear appropriate hats when outside** during Terms 1 and 4. **This includes all HPE and outdoor class activities.**

NOTE: Students *without* an appropriate hat may be required to remain in a shaded area at the discretion of staff if a suitable hat cannot be obtained. Hat sharing is not an acceptable practice.

This directive is a schoolwide expectation. Staff should model appropriate SUN SAFETY practices for students at all times and where applicable.

Term's 1 and 4 and particularly dangerous for exposure to harmful UV radiation. ***The use of appropriate SPF rated sunscreen is strongly recommended outside. Please encourage your child to access sunscreen from the class, in times of high UV exposure.***

Students are also expected to have hats when involved in *any excursion* when they are representing the school in public. The hats worn must be *accepted headwear* and **MUST NOT** contain inappropriate images or written text.

School Headwear such as hats and beanies featuring the school logo are to ONLY be worn outside.

6 Roles and Responsibilities

- The policy is referred to in the School Information Handbook and on the school website.
- If there are economic issues affecting the purchase of uniform families can see the school **Social Worker, Support Teacher** or **Advanced Skills Teachers**.
- **Families** should ensure students are dressed in uniform for every school day unless students are explicitly permitted to be dressed otherwise. This will be communicated with families.
- The **Principal** has responsibility for implementing the policy, with non-compliance managed as part of the school's Positive Behaviour Support Policy and Procedures.
- The **School Business Manager** will be the sole point of contact with the official uniform supplier
- Student voice will provide significant advice on specific uniform pieces.
- The **Uniform Committee** (Sub-committee of the School Association) will provide advice to the School Association in relation to subsequent changes.

7 Process for Exemptions

Where individual circumstances make it difficult to adhere to the policy and would outweigh the benefits of compliance, parents may apply for exemption from compliance with the policy.

The procedure for applying for exemption is:

- Written notification to the principal to apply for exemption
- A face-to-face meeting between the parent, the Assistant Principal, Support Teacher or Advanced Skills Teacher. Students are also welcome to attend the meeting, if appropriate.

8 Related Documents

- Secretary's Instruction No 6 for State School Students Dress Code
- Tasman District School Positive Behaviour Support Policy and Procedures 2022

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