

UNIFORM

POLICY – Thorpdale Primary School

Rationale:

- The Thorpdale Primary School uniform policy offers an inexpensive, non-competitive and readily available uniform, with a variety of options. We believe that the wearing of a uniform helps instil in the children a sense of equality, pride and identification with the school.
- Positive reinforcement will play an important role in educating our clientele on wearing correct uniform i.e. newsletters, class discussions etc.
- When parents enrol their child at Thorpdale Primary School, it is expected that they will conform to the uniform policy. This includes students wearing a royal blue wide-brimmed hat in term one and four, as we are an accredited Sunsmart school.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and our senior students, 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 excursions.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears. Due to safety reasons, long earrings are not allowed to be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a wide-brimmed Sunsmart hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy, worn in Term One and Four. Royal blue beanies may be worn in Term Two and Three.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items as well as places of purchase will be included in all pre-enrolment packs and will also be published in the school newsletter at the start of each term.
- Donated second-hand uniform items will be available from the office at a minimal cost

- Iron on school logos will be available from the office for parents who have sourced their child's clothing elsewhere.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- It is expected that uniforms will be clean, unstained and in reasonable condition.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds, student disability and health conditions must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.
- School Council requires the Principal, together with the Thorpdale teaching faculty to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents/guardians will be provided with an out of school uniform notification form when a student appears at school without correct uniform and will be required to respond accordingly.

Out of uniform consequences:

It is the responsibility of every parent/guardian to check that their child is wearing correct uniform to school every day.

- If a student arrives at school without the correct uniform the parent will be informed that their uniform is incorrect and the student will be asked not wear the item again.
- If students are out of uniform for the day, a note is to be sent in by parents/guardians outlining the reason. If possible, students will be given alternate second hand clothing to wear for the day. Parents and students will be counselled on why it is appropriate to wear school uniform.
- Students will be asked by teachers to remove inappropriate jewellery, etc.
- If there are serious or continued breaches of the uniform/dress code, parents will be notified. If the breaches continue parents will be contacted by telephone and asked to attend a meeting with the principal.
- If the student still does not comply with school uniform policy they may miss out on the opportunity to represent the school at: interschool sports events, class excursions or special activities arranged by the school such as Movie Nights and Discos.

Uniform Description:

- The overall theme of Thorpdale Primary School uniforms is our traditional school colour of royal blue, with white being a secondary option for polo shirts.
- Clothing with the school logo can be obtained from Trafalgar Men and Boy Wear.
- The school emblem is to be situated on the left breast of all jumpers and shirts which allows students to be clearly recognisable at interschool events and excursions.

Acceptable compulsory uniform items:

A full uniform list is included in enrolment packs and can also be obtained at the office.

Summer Uniform

- Unisex shorts- royal blue (not basketball shorts).
- Short sleeve polo with logo white/royal blue.
- Summer weight bootleg pant – royal blue.
- Windcheater with logo- royal blue.
- Checked summer dress (royal blue/white check preferred or navy will suffice).

- Royal blue culottes or skorts- royal blue.
- Wide brimmed hats with logo- royal blue.

Winter Uniform

- Unisex cuff/wide leg tracksuit pant- royal blue.
- Winter weight bootleg pant- royal blue.
- Windcheater with logo- royal blue.
- Short or long sleeve polo with logo (white or royal blue).
- Tunic- recommended to be worn with black leggings/tights or white knee length socks and black shoes e.g. T-bars. (Tunic can only be sourced from Beleza's School Uniforms.)
- Embroidered polo fleece zip jacket- royal blue.
- Embroidered lightweight spray jacket- royal blue.
- Raincoat (preferred colour royal blue).
- Royal blue beanie.

Footwear:

- Footwear to be sensible and practical for school activities and provide support and stability for the wearer. No steel capped boots, thongs, open toed sandals or party shoes.

Jewellery/ Makeup:

- Studs or sleepers to be worn only in ears for safety reasons.
- No necklaces, bracelets or anklets.
- No make-up.

Hair:

- Hair to be tied back and away from the face

Year Six Graduation Tops:

- Graduation tops to be decided each year after discussion with Year Five students and staff.
- Decision to be made early Term Four by present Year Fives and staff.

Evaluation:

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

Implementation timeline

Students new to the school are expected to source new uniforms, but we expect that the old style windcheater with the large logo to be in circulation for some time.

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

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