HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- Footwear should meet safety standards and not limit involvement in educational programs. Covered, solid shoes must be worn for Home Ec. and Tech. Studies. Heavy shoes or slip ons (including thongs) are not suited to active involvement in learning activities.
- Children are expected to wear broad-brimmed hats or legionnaire hats in the yard, all year round.
- It is recommended that girls wearing skirts or dresses wear sports or bike pants underneath to enable them to participate in PE and in active play, without embarrassment.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- Students not wearing a hat at recess or lunch times will be required to stay in the designated shade areas.
- A note will be sent to parent/caregiver of students not wearing the uniform asking them to support our policy.
- Students who regularly fail to comply with the dress code policy will meet with senior staff.
- A meeting with students and parents/caregivers will be arranged if required.
- For safety reasons students not wearing the dress code on excursions will need to stay with an adult at all times.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

RATIONALE

We believe as a school community that there are benefits in students following an agreed school dress code:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment, by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by discouraging fashion competition
- develops a positive image of Tintinara Area School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds.

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, Section 3, Division 4.179, Governing Councils are authorised to determine the school dress policy.

The dress code was developed by the Uniform Sub-Committee and ratified by Governing Council after consultation with students, parents and staff.
ACCEPTABLE DRESS
- pale blue polo shirt
- school royal blue windcheater or school rugby top
- navy or grey bottoms (shorts, pants or skirts)
- school dress (pattern available)
- winter skirt or tunic

HAT: Navy broad-brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat (brim at least 6.5 cm) to be worn at recess and lunchtimes all year. Recommended wide brimmed and bucket hats are available for purchase.

SPORTS UNIFORM: Middle School student must change for all sport lessons. On days that junior primary students have a sports lesson, they may wear the sports uniform for that day. SAPSASA windcheaters and the sports polo tops may be worn for PE lessons only. The sports uniform consists of:
- school sport polo top (available in either house team colours) or T-shirt
- shorts
- trackpants (preferably not those worn as school pants)

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY:
Students are encouraged to wear the sport polo top or a t-shirt of their house team colour.
- Messent (green)
- Ngarkat (red)

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: Available through the front office, for a small donation to SRC.

COATS: A coat of individual choice may be worn to and from school during recess and lunch; it is NOT to be worn inside.

JEWELLERY: The following items may be worn: watch, one plain necklace, and/or bracelet, one flat ring, small earrings. However, students and parents must understand that teachers may request jewellery to be removed for safety reasons, eg Tech Studies, PE, or if deemed inappropriate. The school accepts no responsibility for lost, broken or stolen jewellery or for any injuries that may occur as a result of jewellery being worn.

HAIR
Long hair or fringe is to be tied or pinned back for practical lessons such as PE, Home Ec or Tech Studies. Hair bands, scrunchies, etc are to be in blue or neutral colours.

MAKE-UP: May be worn in moderation. Teachers have the right to request make-up removal if it is deemed inappropriate. Hair mascara, coloured hairsprays or body glitter may be worn on occasions such as sports carnivals and swimming carnivals, if appropriate.

NAIL POLISH: May be worn in single neutral colour only and kept neat. Teachers have the right to request nail polish removal if it is deemed inappropriate.

THINGS TO CONSIDER
- Clothing with large writing or pictures is not acceptable.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school but students are expected to wear school colours and accepted style for all learning activities including those outside the school.
- If a child attends out of dress code and is planning to participate in an excursion, wherever possible the child will be provided with suitable clean garments which comply with the dress code. If these are not available, for safety reasons, the child will need to stay with an adult at all times during the excursion. It is expected that these garments be laundered and returned to the school as soon as possible after the excursion.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of lost property.
- Parents have the right to request exemption for their children on specific grounds:
  - religious
  - cultural or ethnic
  - new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
  - itinerant students
  - financial hardship
  - genuine medical or family sickness reasons, in accordance with DECS regulations.