



# TINTINARA AREA SCHOOL

# SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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## 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.

## ACCEPTABLE DRESS

- pale blue school polo shirt
- navy school rugby jumper or navy polar fleece jumper
- navy or grey shorts, pants, skirts or skorts (shorts, skirts and skorts must be mid-thigh in length, or longer)
- school dress (as per sample on display in front office, available from department stores)
- navy winter jacket/coat.

Uniform items are available from Front Office. Payment must be made on purchase; there are no accounts available for uniform items.

## HATS

Navy broad-brimmed or navy bucket hat (brim at least 6.5 cm) to be worn at recess and lunchtimes in Terms One and Four, and for sport or other outside class activities. Baseball caps are not to be worn to school.

Recommended wide brimmed and bucket hats are available for purchase from the Front Office.

**BEANIES, SCARVES & GLOVES** During Terms Two and Three navy beanies, scarves and gloves are permitted to be worn before school, during recess, lunch and after school (not available from the school).

## SUNGLASSES

The wearing of sun-safe sunglasses during outside activities is permitted all year round.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Limited items are available through the front office. A small donation for these items goes to the SRC.

## COATS

A navy winter jacket/coat is available on order twice a year from the Front Office, or a navy jacket of individual choice may be worn to and from school and during recess and lunch; it is NOT to be worn inside.

## SPORTS UNIFORM

Secondary School students must change for all sport lessons. Time is allocated at the start of these lessons to get changed. On days that Primary students have a sport 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 \* This uniform is to be worn only when PE lessons are scheduled
- shorts or track suit pants (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)

## 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,



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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, Tech Studies or Science. 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 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 Department For Education regulations.

### 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 or bucket hats in the yard, in Terms One and Four and on excursions where the UV level is expected to be high, or when the teacher deems it necessary during extended play or Physical Education lessons.
- 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 leadership.
- 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.

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.