



THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expenses are also factors that contribute to the establishment of our uniform policy.

Guidelines:

- Correct uniform must be worn at all times by students, unless especially advised.
- A note must be brought from home outlining the reason for being out of uniform and given to the class teacher.
- Teachers to follow up with a note to parent/carer if students repeatedly out of uniform.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- After consultation with the staff, school community (P & C and School Council) the school has developed a uniform policy 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 uniform policy applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- Summer and winter uniforms as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. It is recommended that fabrics with a sun safe factor rating are used.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, necklaces worn under the shirt, sensible bracelets/bangles plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Make-up is not part of school uniform.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is sunsafe hats consistent with our 'No Hat, No Play' policy. They must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats must not be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is fully enclosed shoes. Roller shoes, sandals and thongs are not permitted.
- P & C Committee will operate a second hand uniform pool for parents.
- The student uniform, including details and places of purchase, will be published in the parent handbook and grade booklet at the start of each school year.
- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the uniform policy.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.