

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the School Uniform and Student Dress Code is to outline Tecoma Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This uniform and dress code has been developed by Tecoma Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Tecoma Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities, unless otherwise stated.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

*Most items are available from the Uniform Shop at school which is open at times advertised in the school newsletter and on the school website. Order forms are available from the school office and on the website at other times.*

#### SUMMER

- Green/white pleated dress
- Red Polo Shirt
- Green Shorts
- Green Skorts (shorts which look like a skirt)
- Preferably black or white socks and over the ankle
- runners or black school shoes
- On cool/cold days, the school's windcheater or bomber jacket may be worn.

#### WINTER

- Red Windcheater or red and green Bomber Jacket
- Green Pinafore Dress
- Red Polo Shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Green Tracksuit Pants
- Green Bootleg Pants
- Preferably black or white socks and over the ankle
- runners or black school shoes
- On cold or rainy days, a rain jacket may be worn over the uniform.

The Year 6 Black Bomber Jacket is listed as a compulsory item.

Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase an optional black polo shirt if they so wish.

The Tecoma PS sports top is listed as a compulsory item for Years 3-6 students the wear on PE or sport days and to wear for sporting events.

An optional Tecoma Primary rain jacket is available for purchase from the uniform shop.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Tecoma Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Due to safety and to guard against loss, students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Smart watches are not to be worn at school. Special considerations may be given due to specific medical conditions, after consultation with the Principal.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

We encourage parents to ensure shoulder length or longer hair is tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

The only headwear that is acceptable is a Tecoma Primary School broad-rimmed Sunsmart hat, red and green hair accessories and a suitable beanie during winter. Hats are not to be worn in the classroom.

Tecoma Primary School Sunsmart broad-brimmed hats must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April and on any other day prescribed by the school. The hats must be worn during all sporting events and outside activities during this time.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Second-hand uniforms are also available for purchase from the uniform shop.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Tecoma Primary School will ensure that this School Uniform and Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in our school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Tecoma Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Raising Concerns or Complaint Policy*, available on the school's website.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Tecoma Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Tecoma Primary School's Raising Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Tecoma Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

This policy was approved by school council on **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023** and is scheduled for review in **February 2024**.

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