

# TULLIALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL'S STUDENT DRESS CODE

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tulliallan 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 dress code has been developed by Tulliallan 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

## 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.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Tulliallan Primary School has a gender neutral uniform.

### **General appearance**

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name

### **Health and safety**

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn during Term 1 and Term 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/carer or student choice.

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.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Primary School Wear (PSW) 407 Old Princes Highway, Officer 3809. Phone: (03) 9768 0382, or parents/carers may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/tulli Allan-primary-school.html>. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

Second-hand uniform items are available from *the school office*.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, including by:

- not including branded pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, leggings and socks that feature the school logo or name
- trans-seasonal uniform gives students the choice to wear uniform items year-round
- specifying shoes that can be purchased from more than one supplier
- second-hand uniforms for sale at the office

However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Tulli Allan Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and enrolment. 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 COMPASS chronicle note will be sent to parents/carers by the Home Group teacher. If non-compliance with the student 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.

Measures taken by Tulli Allan Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

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 the code:
  - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
  - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
  - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial 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/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Tulliallan 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on our school's website.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Tulliallan Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Tulliallan Primary School Complaint Policy
- Tulliallan Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Tulliallan Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- focus groups

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

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| Policy last reviewed       | July 2025                                   |
| Approved by                | School Council – July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2025 |
| Next scheduled review date | July 2029                                   |

# APPENDIX A: TULLIALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

| COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS   |
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| Navy short or long sleeve polos with school logo*<br>Plain navy shorts, track pants, skort or skirt without decoration or retail brand name*<br>Navy polar fleece, bomber jacket or windcheater with school logo*<br>Navy, white and aqua checked dress*<br>Navy broadbrim hat with school logo in Terms 1 and 4*<br>Navy blue or white socks*   |
| OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS   |
| Navy, aqua, lime sports polo top* (Year 6 only)<br>Navy blue raincoat with school logo*<br>Navy vest with school logo*<br>Navy box pleat tunic without school logo*<br>White skivvy without school logo*<br>Navy blue tights*<br>Navy backpack with school logo*<br>Navy beanie with school logo*<br>Navy blue, white, aqua check hair band with bow or blue head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" *<br>Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs<br>Navy scarf with school logo* |
| FOOTWEAR   |
| Appropriate footwear is to be worn including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• black school shoes</li><li>• black runners</li></ul>   |

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