

UNIFORM POLICY



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tate Street Primary Schools 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 Tate Street Primary'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 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 for families and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The Tate Street Primary School Uniform consists of:

School logo short or long sleeve polo top	School Logo rugby or fleecy jumper
Plain bottle green short or long sleeve polo top	Plain bottle green windcheater
Track pants or gabardine trousers in bottle green	Gabardine or rugby knit shorts in bottle green
Bottle green and white gingham dresses	Bike shorts under dress (optional)
Skorts in bottle green	Kilts are available
Black school shoes are preferred	Black or white runners are acceptable

Students may wear a waterproof jacket on wet and cold days. Bottle green is preferred	Grey, white or black socks are preferred
Broad brimmed or bucket style hat (bottle green; no logos except for school emblem)	
A grade 6 jumper is designed each year and includes the historically significant school uniform colour of purple (Optional)	
House colours are encouraged for school sports days	

Not permitted

Sandals, thongs, slip-on shoes, jeans, cargo pants, leggings, other logos, ¾ pants, leggings underneath dresses and caps.

Make up and nail polish is not permitted.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Tate Street 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
- When students arrive at school out of uniform they will be issued with uniforms from the 2nd hand shop where available.

Jewelry and cosmetics

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, necklaces of religious/cultural significance plus watches are the only acceptable jewelry.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back.

Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles (eg. Spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 directly from eduthreads.com.au

Generic bottle green uniform items and school dresses are available from Target.

Jumpers are available from the school.

Tate Street Primary also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase second hand items.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Tate Street Primary will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

When students arrive at school out of uniform they will be issued with uniforms from the 2nd hand shop where available.

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

Tate Street Primary 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Tate Street Primary Sunsmart Policy
- Tate Street Primary Complaint, Concerns and Grievances Policy
- Tate Street Primary Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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