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Uniform and Dress Code

Taroona High School

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1 Scope (audience and applicability)

This document provides an over-view of the uniform policy for Taroona High School.

This policy is supported and activated by all members of the Taroona High School community including staff, students, parents and the wider community. It based on the principles of:

- regular review will occur
- new staff and families will be inducted
- guidelines as established by the Education Department form the framework for this document.

2 Purpose

We are guided by this set of values:

Taroona High School Values:

Respect
Honesty and Integrity
Personal Growth
Sense of Belonging
Innovation and Creativity
Engagement in Learning

DECYP Values:

Aspiration
Respect
Courage
Growth

Uniform in Years 7 - 10 is a means of stating that one belongs to a community. The uniform is an indicator of pride in one's school and acknowledges that our school has expectations regarding dress. As well, a school uniform provides a cost-efficient way of ensuring students are clothed practically.

Uniform is also a practical safety issue as one can identify our community members immediately when on excursions or when on duty in the grounds. The Taroona High School Uniform Policy is specifically designed to provide flexibility and to meet the diverse needs of our school community. It is designed as a framework from which to operate. Evidence of the Uniform Policy will be characterised by students wearing the school uniform as described.

Students in Years 11 - 12 are not required to wear the Years 7 - 10 uniform. However, they are required to adhere to the THS Dress Code which includes wear neat casual dress and suitable shoes. In some classes, this may mean covered-in footwear as an OHS requirement. Dress wear should be appropriate for the workplace for example, it does not include shirts with discriminatory, bad taste or bad language slogans and images.

This policy addresses the need to be compliant with relevant legislation such as the *Education Act 2016 (TAS)*, *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (TAS)*, and *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, health and safety requirements and sun smart policies.

3 Guideline Details

Where possible, all clothing items are to be purchased from the official uniform supplier of Taroona High School.

The specific uniform pieces will vary over time in consultation with supplier, students, staff and School Association, providing contemporary clothing options which meet the needs of students.

- Students should arrive and depart school each day in full uniform (if students have HPE period 1 they may come to school in their HPE uniform but must get changed at the end of the lesson. If they have HPE period 4, they may leave school in their HPE uniform).
- Year 10 Leavers Hoodies – only be worn by the Year 10 students
- Event tops – specifically for the program, not to be worn at other times
- In cold or wet weather, students may wear an extra coat/jacket to and from school. Once at school, the non-school jacket/coat must be taken off.
- House Captains tops are considered part of the formal uniform.

3.1 General School Uniform

School Jackets	Royal blue blazers (for those in leadership positions), puffer jackets, softshell or polar fleece. All have the embroidered school monogram.
Shirts	Polo top with school monogram White cotton with navy piping or plain white cotton business style shirts
Long Sleeve Shirts	These need to be the same colour as t shirt worn over
Windcheater	Navy blue with school monogram
Trousers	Navy blue drawstring waist or fitted. Cotton drill material. Denim is specifically prohibited.
Tracksuit Pants	Navy blue with school monogram
Leggings	Navy blue with school monogram.
Shoes	Predominately black or white, enclosed toes, ankle cut, heel height must be under 3cm
Socks	White or black
Shorts	Navy blue, mid-thigh length or just above with school monogram, either scallop or straight.
Summer Dress	Blue check, polyester cotton - provided by school supplier
Stockings	Navy or black, plain, sheer or ribbed
Skirt	Tartan - provided by school supplier
Headwear	Students are encouraged to wear THS hats when outside

4 Dress Code

The dress code is a set of requirements for how all students 7 - 12 should present themselves when attending or representing their school. The dress code extends to personal appearance of students, (e.g. jewelry, headwear and length of dresses/shorts). Specific requirements for Tarooma High School include:

- Skirt, dress and shorts length must be below the tips of fingers when standing up straight with arms beside the body.
- Jewellery should be practical and safe e.g. studs or small hoops are safest for piercings.
- Headwear may be worn for religious reasons, no beanies or baseball caps inside.

5 Roles and Responsibilities

- The policy is referred to in the School Information Handbook and on the school website.
- If there are economic issues affecting the purchase of uniform families can see the **school Social Worker** or **Year Team-Leader**.
- **Families** should ensure students are dressed in uniform for every school day unless students are explicitly permitted to be dressed otherwise. This will be communicated with families.
- The **Principal** has responsibility for implementing the policy, with non-compliance managed as part of the school's Behaviour Management Policy and procedures.
- The **School Business Manager** will be the sole point of contact with the official uniform supplier
- Student voice will provide significant advice on specific uniform pieces.
- The **Uniform Committee** (Sub-committee of the School Association) will provide advice to the School Association in relation to subsequent changes.

6 Process for Exemptions

Where individual circumstances make it difficult to adhere to the policy and would outweigh the benefits of compliance, parents/carers may apply for exemption from compliance with the policy.

The procedure for applying for exemption is:

- Written notification to the principal to apply for exemption
- A face-to-face meeting between the parent/carer, an Assistant Principal and a Year Team Leader. Students are also welcome to attend the meeting, if appropriate.
- Exemptions would only be granted by the principal when a medical reason is explicitly identified.

7 Related Documents

- The following documents are available from www.education.tas.gov.au (Search for the Doc ID) or www.taroona-high.education.tas.edu.au/ (POLICIES)
- Secretary's Instruction No 6 for State School Students Dress Code
- THS Behaviour Management Policy 2021
- THS Behaviour Management Procedure 2021 [staff access only]

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