
Theodore Primary School Uniform Policy & Procedure

Rationale:

The wearing of school uniform contributes to the safe and welcoming environment at Theodore Primary School.

Aims:

Our school uniform:

- provides easy identification of Theodore Primary students on the playground areas and on excursions
- is cost effective for parents
- reduces peer pressure on students to wear expensive fashion clothing to school
- creates a sense of belonging and school pride

Implementation:

- All students and parents are informed of the school's uniform policy on enrolment and asked for their support
- Students are regularly reminded of the policy
- When students leave, parents are encouraged to donate uniforms to the secondhand store in the library
- Students are required to wear official school uniform on all school excursions and when representing the school

Students not in school uniform

All students are expected to meet dress standards, colour code or uniform unless an exemption has been granted. Strategies that staff may employ to deal with non-compliance or failure of a student to uphold the required dress standard include:

- the offer of appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at the school;
- informing the student's parents or carers of the incident and discuss further to prevent recurrence; and
- preventing participation in specific activities where dress standards, colour code or school uniform are key requirements.

The preferred approach to ensure students abide by dress standards, colour code or uniform is positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour.

Special considerations

In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the principal must consider:

- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress;
- the unavailability of an item;
- a matter relating to the student's health;
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period to purchase new items of dress
- conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds, and
- an exemption from wearing the dress requirements granted by the principal.

Evaluation:

Endorsed 2020. This procedure will be reviewed in 2022.

