



UNIFORM POLICY

The Tailem Bend Primary School Governing Council has determined the uniform policy.

RATIONALE

We believe as a school community that there are benefits in the promotion of an agreed school uniform policy. Some benefits include:

- Instilling whole- school unity and pride
- Increased self-esteem through the feeling of "belonging"
- the development of a supportive school environment, by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- promoting social justice initiatives by discouraging fashion competitions
- projecting a positive image of Tailem Bend Primary School in the wider community
- the ability of staff to identify strangers on school grounds therefore ensuring a greater level of safety for students
- increased ease in identifying students while on excursions and on school grounds.

ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM

It is an expectation that all uniforms worn must be clean, neat and tidy.

Clothing with large writing, logos or pictures is not acceptable.

Clothing with the school logo is permitted.

TOPS:

- royal blue polo shirt with gold trim
- royal blue windcheater
- dark royal blue zip jackets
- navy blue "dry & cosy" jacket

BOTTOMS:

- navy blue 3/4 or long trousers
- navy blue track pants or navy blue skort
- summer school dress: white and blue check with white collar and cuff.
- shorts, skirts and skorts at mid- thigh length
- long and short pants should be navy blue
- clean, blue jeans are acceptable.

HATS:

- all hats must be royal blue with a minimum 7cm brim
- are compulsory in Terms 1, 3 & 4
- no large or inappropriate logos to be displayed on hats
- all hats are to be removed in class
- the only writing on hats is to be the student's name (written inside the hat).

COATS, SCARVES

- coats and scarves are acceptable for warmth in cold weather but must be removed in classrooms
- the school has some royal blue beanies and scarves available for sale.

EXCURSIONS

Correct uniform is to be worn on all excursions except when teachers have given written permission for students to wear appropriate casual clothes.

PE LESSONS

- dress suitable for exercise (other than school uniform) may be worn during PE lessons. No large or inappropriate logos to be printed on clothing.
- appropriate footwear is required.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

- Students are strongly encouraged to wear a t-shirt in official house colours:
 - **Kangaroos** – Red
 - **Dingoes** – Blue
 - **Wombats** – Green
 - **Koalas** – Yellow

UNIFORM SALES – From the front office

The school has in stock:

- school polo shirts, windcheaters, shorts, hats; and some garments from the special order sent out to families once a term
- navy blue zip jackets, track pants, trousers and summer dresses are available through our special order, which is sent out to families once per term
- some clean second- hand uniforms are available at the front office.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school but students are expected to wear clothing of an accepted style and colour for all learning activities, including those outside the school
2. if a child attends school not wearing school uniform and will be participating in an excursion or school activity where uniform is to be worn, the child will be provided with suitable, clean garments to comply with the uniform policy. It is expected that borrowed clothing be laundered and returned to the school within two days
3. clothing should be clearly labelled to reduce the amount of lost property
4. parents/caregivers have the right to request exemption for their children on specific grounds:
 - religious, cultural or ethnic
 - new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
 - itinerant students
 - genuine medical reasons
 - genuine ill-health in family

in accordance with Department for Education regulations.

Requests for exemption are to be made by the parent/caregiver in writing or in an interview with the Principal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- footwear should meet safety standards and not limit involvement in educational programs such as PE. Heavy shoes or slip-ons (including thongs) are not suitable for physical activities. Boots of mid and full length are considered unsafe
- all students will wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats in the yard and for outside activities, including sport, in Terms 1, 3 and 4

Procedures for non-exempted students:

(in line with Department for Education guidelines)

- teacher reminds and encourages child to wear clothing outlined in the school uniform policy
- students not wearing school uniform will be provided with a uniform from the front office if a matter of safety arises
- a member of the Leadership Team will contact the parents/caregivers via a letter or phone call

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