

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school reception.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Topirum 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 Topirum 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Topirum Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider 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 full list of Topirum Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

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

- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are hidden.

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school, including nail polish and fake nails.

No tattoos are allowed.

HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

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.

For special school events, permission may be given by the principal for parents to spray/colour student hair and face painting.

FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, school shoes or runners are permitted. Black shoes or runners are preferred, but this is not compulsory. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

HEADWEAR

Navy blue, burgundy or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs is permitted. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

BOTTOM ATTIRE

Leggings, bike shorts, sports shorts (i.e. footy) are not allowed.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Noone

Shop 6/45 Siding Avenue, Officer.

Phone: 03 5929 8201

Email: officer@noone.com.au

Open Monday- Friday 9am to 5.00pm

Open Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm

Noone website: <https://www.noone.com.au/shop/find-my-school/>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact school reception 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

Topirum Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and through 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 note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the 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 Topirum 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 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 in writing 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

Topirum 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in Staff Handbook
- Included in the Parent Handbook- available on the school website
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy available from school reception upon request

Further information and resources

- Topirum Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Topirum Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Topirum Primary School 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

Is this policy based on a DET template?	YES
Does this policy require school council approval?	YES
Policy review cycle	School Council to review annually
Is the policy available on the school website?	YES
Policy Review Members	Principal, school council*
This policy was last updated on	23 rd October, 2023
This policy is scheduled for review	October, 2024

**Please note, this policy was ratified at the interim school council meeting.*

APPENDIX A: TOPIRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL

- UNIFORM LIST

The following items may be worn all year round.

The school colours are burgundy and navy blue.

All items, and price list, are available from the official uniform supplier- Noone

The school hat is compulsory.

The school bag with logo is optional.

It is not necessary to purchase all items initially. This will depend on the season and you can purchase items at a later point. The Noone staff will assist with this decision.

As a general rule, the top uniform item (i.e. polo, dress, jacket) must be purchased from the official uniform supplier, as these have the school logo. The bottom item (i.e. shorts, pants, skort) is non-school logo and can be purchased from the official uniform supplier or elsewhere. If purchasing from elsewhere, the colour match must be accurate, for example navy blue.

For pictures of uniform items, you can view this on the Noone website- school- Topirum Primary School

<https://www.noone.com.au/shop/find-my-school/>

UNIFORM LIST ITEMS

Short sleeve polo top with logo

Long sleeve polo top with logo

Dress with logo

Quarter zip top with logo

Soft shell jacket with logo

Soft shell vest with logo

Shorts- navy blue

Skort- navy blue

Trousers- navy blue

Trackpants- navy blue

Tights- navy blue under dress/skirt

Socks- plain white

Hat with logo

Beanie with logo

Scarf with logo

Shoes- black runners or shoes preferred

Plain navy or white long sleeve top permitted under polo top/dress

School bag with logo (optional)

Library bag with logo