

# **Tootgarook Primary School Uniform- Dress Code Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Dress Code is to outline Tootgarook Primary School 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 Tootgarook 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 Tootgarook Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- 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.

#### TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tootgarook Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Bottle green broad brimmed hat
- School bottle green polo top with logo
- School Windcheater or School bomber Jacket
- Black Shorts
- Black tracksuit pants
- Straight legged pants
- Check green summer dress
- Black Skorts

All these are found out our Uniform Shop Beleza School Uniforms

## **Jewellery**

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.

# Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside Term 1 and 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time. As part of our <u>SunSmart Policy</u>

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms, or parents may order it directly from Beleza on <a href="https://www.beleza.com.au">www.beleza.com.au</a>

## **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: <a href="https://www.ssr.net.au/">https://www.ssr.net.au/</a>

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Tootgarook Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Measures taken by Tootgarook 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 either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- 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**

Tootgarook Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Uniform - 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 at the school reception

# **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Tootgarook Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Tootgarook Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Department of Education and Training <u>Student Dress Code</u>
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This Dress Code was last approved by School Council on \_\_\_\_\_ and is scheduled for review in August 2020