



What is a Student Dress Code?

Our Student Dress Code is an agreed standard of dress for students who attend our school. The uniform for students was developed through a thorough consultation process with parents, staff and the wider community. The dress code also covers other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Statement of intent

The Student Dress Code applies to students every day including:

- Attending or representing our school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours including school excursions

Aims of the code

Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment through;

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging
- Developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Being 'Sun Smart'
- Being respectful of cultural requirements

Relaxation of the code

From time to time, the school will organise free dress days for students. These activities are usually coordinated by the Student Council, class/ year level or P&C Association as an awareness or fund-raising activity. On these occasions, students are permitted to wear acceptable & reasonable clothing instead of their uniform. Examples of activities include;

- Free dress days, school sports days, Discos and other functions
- Camps or other excursions that do not require school uniform to be worn
- Inappropriate clothing, jewellery or accessories cannot be worn at any time. This applies to any clothing, accessories, jewellery or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be offensive, unsafe or likely to disrupt normal school management. Clothing must be sunsmart and cover the shoulders and torso, be at least mid-thigh length for sun safety requirements.

School sports shirt may be worn on Wednesdays by all students

Senior shirts may be worn by Year 6 students only as an alternative to the official school polo (except on formal occasions or assemblies (eg ANZAC, school photos, badge presentation assemblies or when attending off-site events - TSS official uniform shirt is required).

Plain black bike pants or similar may be worn when competing in athletic events.

Special circumstances

Our dress code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include;

- Student's medical conditions (allergies etc) or physical attributes or requirements
- Student's cultural beliefs and requirements
- Economic hardship (to be discussed with the Principal)

School hats

Our school has introduced a 'Sun Smart' hat for all students. This hat is available for purchase from the uniform shop.

Wearing of the Thornlands SS hat is compulsory and is considered part of the uniform and students are expected to have it at school each day.

Jewellery, Body Piercing and Markings

Our school has set standards on jewellery that is acceptable for students to wear. This includes;

- Earrings (Studs & Sleepers only. Max 2 per earlobe. Earrings that hang or can get caught are not safe for school activities and cannot be worn. All jewellery is to be removed for organised sports)
- Watch
- Fingernails can be coated with clear varnish only. No acrylic nails permitted

Special consideration for specific pieces of jewellery (based on religious or cultural grounds) can be sought by discussing your needs with the Principal. The following items of jewellery or markings are not acceptable for this school. They include;

- Facial or visible body piercings including nose studs or sleepers
- Necklaces
- Bracelets/anklets /wristbands
- Rings
- Tattoos or body markings

Responsibilities

Our students are required to;

- Wear the agreed school uniform on a daily basis
- Be of neat and tidy appearance at all times, including hair of shoulder length or greater to be pulled back off the face in a single pony tail or dual piggy tails or similar, using a school coloured hair band or ribbon
- Wear enclosed shoes as per agreement
- Wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

Parents are responsible for;

- Purchasing (& maintaining) sufficient pieces of school uniform for their children
- Ensuring that their children wear the correct uniform to school each day as required
- Ensuring that their children meet the aspects of personal presentation outlined in this document
- Providing a written explanation to class teachers for their children being out of uniform on every occasion
- Completing an Application for Exemption form and submitting to the Principal for exceptional circumstances, prior to student attending school

The P&C Association is responsible for;

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information
- Managing an appropriate strategy for consultation around uniform changes including opportunities for feedback and display of proposed changes

The Principal is responsible for;

- Managing strategies to support the student dress code
- Consistent application of the code
- Communication with the P&C Association and the school community
- Providing the Student Dress Code to families at the time of enrolment
- Ensuring that the Student Dress Code and its application comply with both the Department of Education's and the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

Teachers are responsible for;

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information
- Expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day
- Communicating to parents any uniform breaches
- Notify the Principal/Deputy Principals of the need to contact families in writing regarding repeated or significant breaches of the dress code

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is operated by our school's P&C Association. Operating times are available from the school office. All items of uniform are available from the Uniform Shop.

Emergency Clothing Pool

The school office also maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary. Donations of uniform garments are gratefully accepted.

Sanctions

Our school community supports the application of the following sanctions for breaches of the Student Dress Code. These include;

- Preventing students from attending, or participating in any activity for which they are representing the school
- Providing verbal and/or written communication to parents of children who do not meet the requirements of the dress code
- Punitive consequences as a result of not meeting the requirements of the dress code will only be administered by the principal or delegate and only in circumstances where the student is in direct breach of the code
- Families will be notified daily via email or SMS where their child does not meet requirements explained in the dress code
- On cooler days, any student who is wearing a non-uniform jumper will not be asked to remove it, but may be offered a clean replacement jumper/jacket if available.

Community Endorsement of the Code

The P&C Association of Thornlands State School resolves that it supports this Student Dress Code. The Association believes that the code promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by;

- Providing ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Eliminating distraction of competing in dress and fashion at school and fostering mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social difference
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit

Contact

For more information on student dress code, please contact the Principal.

Our school uniform at a glance

Item	Student Uniform
Daily school uniform worn all week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School polo shirt or school button up shirt • Black school shorts or skort, black skirt, (mid thigh to knee length) (No obvious logos/branding eg football team) • Plain black bike pants are permitted to be worn under approved uniform items and must not be worn in isolation. • Thornlands SS, plain white or black crew length socks (no visible branding, markings or colours) • Plain black closed in school shoes (no additional colours including laces or logos) • See appropriate footwear guide image*
Sports shirt option Wednesday only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per daily school uniform but sports shirt option on Wednesday
Cooler weather additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornlands SS jacket, jumper, or plain black (non-hooded) jumper or jacket permitted. • Plain black full length tracksuit pants (no visible logos or markings permitted) are also an acceptable alternative to the school shorts, skort or skirt. • A plain black or white long sleeved shirt worn <i>under</i> the uniform is permitted (not to be worn in isolation). • Plain black tights/ leggings are permitted to be worn under approved uniform items and must not be worn in isolation.
Hats & sunscreen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school hat is compulsory (No Hat, No Play policy) • Sunscreen will be made available to students on school sports days or excursions. It is recommended that students apply sunscreen at home each day prior to attending school
Hair items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbons, hair bands, hair ties and accessories, should be in school colours (green, white or black) only

Hair requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be groomed for school each day. Shoulder length (or longer) hair needs to be tied back. • Socially conservative appearance is expected. Bright hair colouring and hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable to the school community include mohawks, rats' tails, tracks and shaved undercuts.
Nails & Cosmetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No coloured nail polish or acrylic nails • Visible make-up is not permitted • Students wearing make-up or nail polish will be provided with resources to remove it immediately and parents will be contacted
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms need to be clean and undamaged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ and free of marks and writing
Tattoos, drawing, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Non-Compliance to Thornlands State School Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student may be provided with replacement items for use to be returned. ○ Parent/ carer will be contacted via email (by admin, class teacher or Deputy Principal) ○ If the student's attire is not deemed appropriate, parents or carers will be contacted and requested to bring an alternative option to the school
Continual Breaches of the Thornlands State School Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student is identified as repeatedly being non-compliant with Thornlands State School the following process will be followed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The student will have a meeting with the Deputy Principal and will receive a verbal reminder of the uniform code and warning ○ After an additional breach a notice will be sent to the student's parent or carer to request a meeting to discuss any issues that may be contributing to the student's failure to comply with the Thornlands State School Dress Code ○ If the student continues to breach the Thornlands State School Dress Code, parents or carers will be contacted and asked to bring the correct uniform in to school. Failing this, students may be supplied with a clean uniform (if available) to be returned at the end of the day. The student's parent or carer will be requested to attend a meeting with the Principal. • Consequences for repeatedly not abiding by School Dress Code may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lunchtime Time Out ○ Preventing the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the students would have been representing the school; ○ Preventing the students from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

SCHOOL SHOES are to be plain black and fully closed in. (No colour including laces, markings/ logos, sole or tread). See examples below:

