

DRESS CODE AND UNIFORMS

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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Did you know?

School dress code and uniform requirements are developed by individual schools, their School Association and students to be inclusive and support a proud and positive school community.

- Student dress codes and uniforms have a number of important functions, including to:
 - » Promote a shared sense of school identity helping your child feel like they belong in their school
 - » Ensure your child is dressed in appropriate protective and sun safe clothing for school activities
 - » Assist school staff and the community to easily identify school students outside of school grounds
 - » Encourage students to take pride in their appearance and be prepared for workplace expectations
 - » Strengthen the profile and identity of the school and its students within the broader community.

What is the difference between a uniform and dress code?

- Uniform is a distinct set of clothing, which may include a school emblem and colour scheme.
- Dress code is a set of requirements on how students present themselves when attending or representing their school. As well as specifying clothing, a dress code may include personal presentation and appearance.
- Uniform and dress codes need to be inclusive of the needs of all students from diverse backgrounds and circumstances; and comply with legislation on Disability Discrimination, Sex Discrimination, Anti-Discrimination, Racial Discrimination, and the Department's Sun Protection Policy.

Does my child have to wear a school uniform?

- All Prep to Year 10 students attending a Tasmanian Government school are required to wear a school uniform. This may be an everyday uniform, as well as uniform requirements for specific activities – for example: a sports uniform.
- As well as a school uniform, schools may also choose to have a dress code for their students. If a school chooses to develop a dress code in consultation with their School Association and students, the code applies to all students.
- Uniform and dress code exemptions can apply for free dress days and specific school activities (e.g. swimming and agricultural activities). Specific exemptions for your child's individual needs can be requested.



How do I purchase school uniform items?

- Most schools have a uniform shop that sells new and/or second-hand uniform items.
- You may be eligible for financial support or assistance with the purchase of school uniforms.
- If you need support with purchasing your child's uniform or have any questions about uniform or dress code, your child's teacher or principal will be happy to talk about how they can help you and support your child.

What are some school uniform tips?

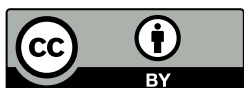
- Talk to your child's school to find out what items your child needs.
- As well as a uniform for students in Prep to Year 10, there may be a school dress code which specifies a uniform and other dress standards for all students.
- Aim to have your child's school clothing ready to wear at the start of each week.

Where can I get more information?

- Your child's school would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about their uniform and dress code requirements, and any individual needs your child has.



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