

TARNEIT RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 7002 6580.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tarneit Rise 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 Tarneit Rise 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 Tarneit Rise 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 Tarneit Rise 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, Tarneit Rise Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- 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 completely 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. Religious jewellery may be worn if it is worn underneath clothing and does not pose a safety hazard to students or staff.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

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 during Terms 1 and 4 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone, Shop 1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee.

Online orders can be placed on their webpage: <https://www.noone.com.au/school/tarneit-rise-primary-school-tarneit>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Alyssa Tobin 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/>

Tarneit Rise Primary School also has some uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Tarneit Rise Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, assemblies and upon enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 Tarneit Rise 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 via the school's email address 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

Tarneit Rise 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 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
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Tarneit Rise Primary School's SunSmart Policy
- Tarneit Rise Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Tarneit Rise Primary School's 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

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APPENDIX A: TARNEIT RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Sports Uniform

- Tracksuit pants/shorts/skorts/leggings – plain black with no logos
- Tarneit Rise Primary School polo shirt – long or short sleeved
- Tarneit Rise Primary School windcheater
- Tarneit Rise Primary School soft shell jacket
- Tarneit Rise Primary School SunSmart hat (terms 1 and 4)
- Runners – plain black or white. Minimal colour is accepted, but no bright colours
- White socks

Academic Uniform

- Dark grey school pants
- Tarneit Rise Primary School tunic – summer or winter
- Tarneit Rise Primary School striped collared shirt – long or short sleeved
- Tarneit Rise Primary School knitted jumper or cardigan
- White socks
- Black tights or leggings
- Tarneit Rise Primary School softshell jacket
- Tarneit Rise Primary School SunSmart hat (terms 1 and 4)
- Plain black school shoes

Optional Uniform items

- Tarneit Rise Primary School beanie, or plain black, white, or grey beanie
- Tarneit Rise Primary School scarf, or plain black, white, or grey scarf
- Tarneit Rise Primary School school bag
- Tarneit Rise Primary School Grade 6 jacket

Headwear

- Black, White, Grey or Teal headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.
- Elastic bands/hair ties used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour, however black, white or clear is preferred.

Uniform Infringement Notice



Date: _____

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child _____ in grade _____ is deemed to be infringing the Tarneit Rise Primary School Student Dress Code Policy for:

- Incorrect combination of uniform _____
 - Not wearing the correct jumper
 - Not wearing correct hat
 - Not wearing correct shoes
 - Wearing inappropriate jewellery
 - Other _____
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Please ensure that your child is correctly attired for school. If you require support for uniform, please contact the school and ask to speak with the business manager.

We look forward to your cooperation in supporting the Tarneit Rise Primary School Student Dress Code Policy.

Yours faithfully,

Nadia Bettio

Principal