



TRARALGON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE (UNIFORM) POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the General Office on (03) 5195 5244.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code (Uniform) policy is to outline Traralgon South 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 Traralgon South 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 (Uniform) policy aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance;
- Support Traralgon South 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 (Uniform) policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE:

1. The full list of Traralgon South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is outlined in Appendix A of this policy.

2. General Appearance:

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Traralgon South 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.

3. Jewellery and Cosmetics:

The wearing of excessive jewellery is considered inappropriate and unsafe. Sleepers or stud earrings can be worn in the ears only, and no other visible facial jewellery is permitted. The wearing of make-up is considered inappropriate and only clear nail polish is permitted.

4. Hair and Sun Safety:

- a. Traralgon South Primary School recommends shoulder length or longer hair is tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety, and only natural hair colours are acceptable.
- b. School uniform hats must be worn outside during August-April (typically 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 and beanies are not to be worn inside.
- c. Students are encouraged 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:

1. Price lists and order forms (see Appendix B attached) for our Uniform Shop are available from the General Office and our website. Many uniform items and school bags can be purchased through the General Office or various local retail outlets, and we also stock a limited amount of second-hand uniform items. Prior to uniform items leaving the school, payments must be received in full. Should you elect to make a payment via direct deposit, we request you check the availability of uniform items beforehand.

2. Support for Families Experiencing Difficulty:

Please contact our General Office 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:

1. Traralgon South Primary School will ensure that this *Student Dress Code (Uniform) Policy* is communicated to all families and students through enrolment, our website, and made available from our General Office upon request.
2. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.
3. Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.
4. If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the *Student Dress Code (Uniform) Policy* 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, Traralgon South Primary School will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.
5. Measures taken by Traralgon South Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the *Student Dress Code (Uniform) Policy* will also be addressed in accordance with our *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy*.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE:

1. 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 (Uniform) policy if:
 - a. An aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic, or cultural beliefs or background;
 - b. The student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code;
 - c. The student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.
2. When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:
 - a. Consider the grounds for the exemption request;
 - b. Explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers;
 - c. 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 THE STUDENT DRESS CODE:

Traralgon South Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this *Student Dress Code (Uniform) Policy*. 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 *Complaints Policy*, available on our website, or alternatively, in person from our General Office.

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 5 June 2023 and is scheduled for review in 2024, as the Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code (Uniform) policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A



TRARALGON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following is a visual representation of the *commonly worn* uniform items prescribed by Traralgon South Primary School.



Royal Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt



Royal Blue Hooded Windcheater



Royal Blue Polar Fleece Jacket



Blue & White Check School Dress



Grey Double Knee Long Pants



Royal Blue Tracksuit Pants



Royal Blue Microfibre Shorts



Royal Blue Box Pleat Shorts (Skorts)



Royal Blue Mesh Shorts



Beanie & Bucket Hat

The school logo is optional on all garments, and alternative cheaper items (without the school logo) to those visually depicted above can be purchased from various retail outlets. Those items permitted include:

- Royal Blue polo shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve)
- Royal Blue or White skivvy (can only be worn under long sleeve uniform items)
- Royal Blue cardigan
- Royal Blue windcheater (with or without hood)
- Grey school tunic/pinafore
- Grey tights (can only be worn under the Grey school tunic/pinafore)
- Royal Blue or Grey shorts

PLEASE NOTE:

- The school uniform is Royal Blue unless otherwise stated.
- No other printing or embroidery is allowed on any clothing in the school uniform.
- Students will have the option to wear a commemorative top in Grade 6.
- Socks:
 - School colours are preferred.
- Shoes:
 - Any supportive and enclosed footwear with good grip, with no prescribed colour. No thongs or open toed sandals are permitted.
- Hats:
 - School uniform hats must be worn outside during August-April (typically Terms 1 and 4), and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats are optional at all other times.
- Beanie:
 - Optional all year.
- Headwear:
 - Basic headbands and hair adornments in school colours are preferred. Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs are permitted.

APPENDIX B



TRARALGON SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST (AS AT MAY 2023)

ITEM	SIZE (No Odd # Sizes)	COLOUR	PRICE	QTY	SIZE	TOTAL PRICE
Mesh Shorts	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$11.50			
Microfibre Shorts – Longer Leg	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$13.00			
Microfibre Shorts – Shorter Leg	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$15.50			
Box Pleat Shorts (Skorts)	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$22.00			
Tracksuit Pants	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$18.00			
Hooded Windcheaters	6 to 14	Royal Blue	\$29.00			
Polar Fleece Jacket (lined)	4 to 16	Royal Blue	\$25.00			
Polo Shirts – short sleeve	4 to 14	Royal Blue	\$25.00			
Microfibre Bucket Hats	S-M M-L	Royal Blue	\$8.00			
Beanie	One size	Royal Blue	\$20.00			
School Bags	Large	Royal Blue	\$44.00			
School Satchels	One size	Royal Blue	\$9.00			
TOTAL:						\$

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Child Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

UNIFORM SHOP

- Please check stock availability prior to making payment. Limited size items may be able to be specially ordered in.
- Polo Shirts and Microfibre Bucket Hats are available in larger sizes – check with us for pricing and availability.
- No items/orders are to be taken from the school until fully paid for.