

THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY



The Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus, to which Thiele Primary School belongs, formally introduced a Dress Code policy in 1996. The purpose of a School Dress Code is to support students within and beyond the school-learning environment. The School Dress Code will support students, teachers and families in the following ways. It will:

- Enable the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their school and the Campus.
- Encourage the selection of clothing that supports active participation in all school activities.
- Diffuse a competitive / harassing environment where students are labelled according to clothing / fashion.
- Provide an aspect of safety whereby students are more easily recognisable both within school and out of school activities.

REGULATIONS:

The Thiele Primary School Governing Council has developed this policy within the relevant Acts of Parliament and within the policy guidelines of the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS). [Education Regulations 77 provides School Councils with the right to determine School Dress Policy. Administrative instructions issued by the Minister must be read in conjunction with Education Regulation 77].

IN APPLYING THE DRESS CODE POLICY:

Thiele Primary School will maintain an awareness and sensitivity to students, their cultural values and how background and economic circumstances make it difficult for some to observe the dress code policy. The school will continue to promote and monitor the application of this policy but respect that it is the parents' responsibility to dress the students before leaving home for school.

Promotion:

- Policy outlined at induction to school (staff, students, parents)
- Policy documented in enrolment information.
- Recognition at assemblies (general recognition).
- Organisation of dress code / non dress code days.
- Recognition (general) through newsletters.
- Operation of dress code shop.
- Pre-loved clothing sales.

Responsibility:

Leadership
Leadership
Leadership
SRC
Leadership
Parents
Parents

Monitoring:

- Maintaining an overview of adherence to policy.
- Managing exemptions from policy.
- Maintaining data base of exemptions.
- Follow up for non-adherence to policy
 - Letter home
 - Telephone.
- Dealing with grievances.
- Principals / D/P visiting rooms

Responsibility:

Staff
Principal
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Leadership
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DRESS CODE COLOURS:

The Thiele Primary School colours are Maroon, Light Blue and Grey. The use of the school logo on garments is optional.

ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLES / ACCESSORIES (with Logo optional):

- Skivvy - light blue
- Polo shirt - light blue
- Shirts (long or short sleeved) - light blue or Campus
- T-shirt - light blue
- Windcheater/jumper/cardigan - maroon
- Tracksuits (fleecy or parachute material) - maroon
- Trousers / Pants (including cargo pants) - maroon or grey
- Shorts (baggies, knit, parachute) - maroon or grey
- Netball skirt or skorts – maroon or Campus plaid
- Dress (summer) – Campus plaid
- Pinafore/skirt (winter) in grey, maroon stripe or thin blue stripe tunic (Campus)
- Year 7 additional (optional) windcheater - maroon student class, names, teacher, year
- Socks - plain colour (grey or white) and maroon sport socks with a band of colour.
- Tights – grey
- Bike shorts or sports brief – maroon (under netball skirt or summer school dress) only.
- Closed shoes or appropriate sandals
- Campus wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat
- Ear studs, sleepers, but not hoops are acceptable
- Sunscreen (no glitter) is acceptable

UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLE / ACCESSORIES

- Black pants (from 2010)
- denim jeans (on normal school day)
- tank tops
- crop tops
- non school logos or pictures on any items stated with the exception of footwear
- fashion jewellery
- thongs
- chains
- Clogs
- Ugg Boots
- High heeled shoes
- Nail Polish
- Fluorescent Colours
- Dangling Jewellery – eg surf
- Visible tattoos
- Facial Make Up – Clear lip-gloss
- Slides
- Skate shoes of any type eg wheelies
- Plastic footwear

Notes:

1. The expectation is that all clothing should be clean and tidy.
2. Hair below shoulder length is required to be tied back for safety and hygiene reasons.
3. Please note that all uniform items must be appropriate which means that safety and modesty are paramount.
4. Shorts must come to at least half way down the thigh. Pants must be ankle length. Necklines must be modest.

ACCEPTABLE CASUAL DAY DRESS CODE ITEMS

- Denim Jeans – no holes or tears
- Shorts and skirts of acceptable modest length
- Acceptable non-school logo or pictures on clothing and footwear.
- Footwear must be safe, with covered feet and non-slip soles
- *NB: Acceptable logos / pictures are those with no profanity or lewd pictures.*

HATS:

Thiele Primary School has a "No Hat, No Play" policy in place. The wearing of a hat is seen to be an important part of school uniform dress code. The wearing of hats is compulsory except between Week 6 of Term 2 and Week 6 of Term 4 when it is optional. (refer to Sunsafe Policy). Cancer SA recommends wide brimmed, legionnaire style or bucket styles. Hats with graffiti or hats that are torn or tattered are not acceptable. Our School Policy is that all children will wear a sun safe hat, which is either a Campus legionnaire, wide brimmed or bucket hat.

SHOES:

Black leather school shoes and predominately white sneakers are the recommended footwear for school. Children are involved in fitness and/or PE lessons most days, play outside at recess and lunch times and may require safe footwear for visits to the Science/Technology or Art Rooms. Clogs, slides, thongs, high-heeled shoes and ugg boots are unacceptable footwear.

ON ENROLMENT TO SCHOOL:

On enrolment to Thiele Primary School parents / care givers and students will be informed of the Dress Code policy and any resulting issues will be discussed.

OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE:

1. **Uniform Shop:**

The Uniform Shop is open on Campus each Monday 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am – 9.30am.

Items can also be purchased from:

- DZ Australia Pty Ltd-3/588 Goodwood Rd, Daw Park SA 5041.
- Some standard uniform items may be purchased at the following retail shops (eg. Target, Big W, KMart).

2. **Pre-Loved Clothing:**

The opportunity is available for parents / guardians to donate, buy or sell second hand clothing on **Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am -10:00 am.**

NON COMPLIANCE OF THE DRESS CODE:

If a student is unable to wear the Dress Code on a particular day because of exceptional circumstances (e.g. clothing being repaired) a signed note from a parent / guardian explaining the circumstance is expected. The usual rules for the non wearing of uniforms will apply, as will the usual consequences for non compliance with teacher requests (ie Time Out). DECS Policy does not consider non-compliance of the school's dress code policy a serious enough offence to deny a student access to learning. Consequently, suspension, exclusion or expulsion as a disciplinary measure is not permitted.

Strategies included in our School Dress Code Policy for students for wilful and persistent breaches of uniform code include:-

1. Speak to student to encourage him/her to observe dress code. Advice to parents via letter
2. Negotiation with parents/caregivers - allowing 2 weeks to comply.
3. In the case of continual non-compliance of the above policy, the School's Discipline Policy will be implemented.

EXEMPTION:

Principals may exempt students from the dress code upon written request from the parent. Principals must inform parents of this right.

Grounds of which parents may seek exemption are:

- Religious.
- Cultural or Ethnic.
- New students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform).
- Mobile or transient students.
- Financial hardship.
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons.
- Any other additional grounds as the school council may determine.

These students and their parents will require sensitive and careful consideration by the Principal to minimise the possibility of conflict.

All exempted students will be required to play in the courtyard for safety reasons.

The Leadership Team will work with all families seeking exemptions, especially those using Financial Difficulties as grounds, and the Second Hand clothing shop to ensure that all children have access to school uniform.

Policy Ratified by Thiele Primary School Governing Council on 4/8/2009.