



Thiele Primary School

DRESS CODE POLICY

Thiele Primary School is one of three schools on the Aberfoyle Park Campus. A Campus Dress Code policy was formally introduced in 1996. Our School Dress Code Policy supports students, teachers and families within and beyond the school-learning environment in the following ways by:

- Enabling the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in our school and the Campus.
- Supporting active participation in all school activities.
- Diffusing a competitive / harassing environment where students are labelled according to clothing / fashion.
- Providing an aspect of safety whereby students are identified both within school and out of school activities.

REGULATIONS:

Thiele Primary School Governing Council developed this policy in accordance with the Acts of Parliament and within the Department for Education guidelines. [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 is aware of and respects cultural and religious values, economic circumstances and other implications impacting on the implementation of our Dress Code Policy. Thiele Primary School will support all families in the application of our Dress Code Policy, however, the ultimate responsibility relies on the Parents/Caregivers to ensure their child/ren are dressed in accordance to our Dress Code Policy whilst attending Thiele Primary School.

ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLES / ACCESSORIES (with Logo optional):

- Polo shirt - Campus sport uniform is preferred, however, maroon polo shirt is acceptable
- Windcheater/jumper/cardigan - maroon
- Trousers / Pants (including cargo or track pants) - maroon or grey
- Shorts - maroon or grey
- Netball skirt or skort - maroon (mid-thigh length)
- Dress (summer) - Campus plaid (knee length)
- Pinafore/skirt (summer) - Campus - thin blue stripe
- Pinafore/skirt (winter) - grey, maroon stripe
- Year 7 Senior Top (optional) - maroon with student names, teachers, year level.
- Socks - plain colour (grey, white or maroon)
- Tights / leggings (under summer or winter dress only) - grey
- Bike shorts or sports brief - maroon (under netball skirt or summer school dress only).
- Closed shoes
- Campus wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat
- Ear studs or sleepers are acceptable
- Sunscreen (must be supplied and applied by Parent/Caregiver or student)

UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLE / ACCESSORIES

- Black pants, leggings, shorts
- 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, chains, slides and hair colour or extravagant hair accessories
- Ugg Boots, thongs
- High heeled shoes, clogs
- Nail Polish
- Fluorescent Colours
- Visible tattoos
- Facial Make Up including glitter
- Skate shoes of any type eg wheelies
- Plastic footwear or ballet shoes

SPORTS DAY / CASUAL DAY DRESS CODE

- Sun safe clothing and sunscreen (must be supplied and applied by Parent/Caregiver or student)
- Clothing must be clean, tidy, modest, Logos/pictures must be acceptable (no profanity or lewd pictures)
- Footwear must be safe

HATS

Thiele Primary School has a "No Hat, No Play" policy. Thiele Primary School is a Sun safe School and complies with wearing hats at all times in Terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above (as reflected in DFE Inclement weather and sun protection procedure updated October 2017). Our School Policy is that all children will wear a sun safe hat, which is either a Campus legionnaire, wide brimmed or bucket hat. Hats with graffiti or hats that are torn or tattered are not acceptable.

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.

ON ENROLMENT TO SCHOOL

On enrolment to Thiele Primary School, Parents/Caregivers and students will be informed of the Dress Code policy and any resulting issues will be discussed.

OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE

- The Uniform Shop is open on Campus each Monday 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am – 9.30am. Maroon and grey uniform items may be purchased at the following retail shops (eg. Target, Big W, KMart).
- The opportunity is available for Parents/Caregivers to donate, buy or sell second hand clothing. Please contact the Front Office for more information regarding this.

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 Parent/Caregiver explaining the circumstance is required. Department for Education's 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.

PERSISTENT NON COMPLIANCE TO THE DRESS CODE

- Staff to encourage students to observe the Dress Code Policy
- Negotiation and support with Parents/Caregivers
- In the case of continual non-compliance of the above policy, the School's Discipline Policy will be implemented.

EXEMPTION

In exceptional circumstances, with written request from the Parent/Caregiver, the Principal may exempt students from the Dress Code. However, to comply with WHS, this may result in exempted students being required to play in the courtyard and withdrawal of some programs. Principals must inform Parents/Caregivers 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 staff are required to comply with the WHS regulations by dressing in a professional and modest manner