



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 a safe working environment minimising distraction, and promoting 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 Parents/Carers to ensure their child/ren are dressed in accordance with our Dress Code Policy whilst attending Thiele Primary School.

ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING/ ACCESSORIES

- Polo shirt – with Campus logo is preferred, however, maroon polo shirt is acceptable
- Windcheater/jumper/cardigan – plain maroon, with Campus logo is preferred
- Trousers / Pants (including cargo or track pants) - maroon or grey
- Shorts - maroon or grey
- Netball skirt, plaid skirt or skort- maroon (mid-thigh length with bike shorts, sports brief or leggings to be worn underneath)
- School dress- Campus plaid (knee length)
- Pinafore - (knee length) with a maroon, blue or grey top underneath
- Hair – if below shoulder length, must be worn up irrespective of gender.
 - blue, maroon hair accessories, if worn
- Year 6/7 Senior top (optional) - maroon with student names, teachers, year level.
- Socks - preferred black, grey, white, maroon or light blue
- Tights / leggings (only under summer or winter dress or netball skirt) – grey or maroon
- Bike shorts or sports briefs – maroon (under netball skirt or summer school dress only)
- Closed shoes
- Hats - Campus wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat with cord removed
- Beanie maroon with Thiele logo (Term 2 when UV < 3). Not to be worn in lieu of a legionnaire or wide brimmed hat
- Plain ear studs/sleepers
- Sunscreen (must be supplied and applied by Parents/Carers or student)
- Jackets / raincoats, gloves – school colours preferred.

UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING/ ACCESSORIES

- Black pants, black leggings, black skirts or black shorts
- Denim pants/ shorts/ skirt
- Tank and crop tops due to Skin Protection Policy (including Sports Day and events, excursions and casual days)
- Non-school logos or pictures on any items stated with the exception of footwear
- Fashion jewellery and body piercings other than ear lobes, due to safety
- Unnatural hair colour or extravagant hair accessories
- Ugg boots, thongs, high heeled shoes, crocs, wheelies, slides, plastic footwear or ballet shoes
- Coloured nail polish, acrylic nails
- Visible tattoos & skin art
- Facial make-up, including glitter
- Scarves to be worn to & from school only, due to safety

SPORTS DAY / CASUAL DAY DRESS CODE

- Skin protection clothing and sunscreen (must be supplied and applied by Parents/Carers or student)
- No excessive hair colour or face paint (must be applied at home)
- Clothing must be tidy, modest, logos/pictures must be acceptable (no profanity or lewd pictures)
- Footwear must be safe and enclosed.

HATS / BEANIE

Thiele Primary School has a "No Hat, No Play" Policy. Thiele Primary School promotes Skin Protection and complies with wearing a maroon wide brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats when outside in Terms 1, 3, 4 and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above. Caps and hats with graffiti or that are torn or tattered are not acceptable. Beanie maroon with Thiele logo (Term 2 when UV < 3). Not to be worn in lieu of a legionnaire or wide brimmed hat

SHOES

Closed in sneakers/sandals are recommended footwear for school. Students 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, Art Rooms, garden or other activities as requested by the classroom teacher to abide to WHS.

OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE

- Devon Clothing Uniform Shop, 84 Daws Road Edwardstown 5039 Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Saturday 9.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Online: <https://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/aberfoyle-park-primary-school-campus/uniform-store>
- Onsite uniform shop, Monday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 9:30 am during the term
- Plain maroon and grey uniform items may be purchased at other stores. (eg. Target, Big W, KMart).
- The opportunity is available for Parents/Carers 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 comply with this Dress Code Policy on a particular day because of exceptional circumstances (e.g. clothing being repaired) communication from Parent/Carer 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, however the School's Discipline Policy may be implemented.

PERSISTENT NON-COMPLIANCE TO THE DRESS CODE

- Staff encourage students to comply with the Dress Code Policy
- Negotiate and support Parents/Carers to comply with the Dress Code Policy
- In the case of continual non-compliance of the Dress Code Policy, the School's Discipline Policy will be implemented.

EXEMPTION

In exceptional circumstances, with written request from the Parent/Carer, the Principal may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy. However, to comply with WHS, this may result in exempted students being required to play in the courtyard, remain indoors and/ or withdraw from some programs. This will be communicated to Parents/Carers.

GROUNDS IN WHICH PARENTS MAY SEEK EXEMPTION

- 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 Governing Council may determine.

These students and their Parents/Carers 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.