

## Uniform Policy

Thorndon Park Primary School’s uniform policy is based on the colours of bottle green, gold and black. Our Governing Council, after wide consultation, formally adopted a mandatory dress code. The school dress code will support students, teachers and families by:

- enabling the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their school
- encouraging the selection of clothing that supports 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 more easily recognisable both within school and during out of school activities

The dress code requires that all students wear the school uniform based on the colours of bottle green, gold and black.

### Exemption

Thorndon Park Primary School is sensitive to students’ cultural values, background and economic circumstances. The Principal may exempt students from the Dress Code upon direct communication from the parent.

*Grounds for exemption are:*

- religious
- financial hardship
- new students (time to purchase)
- cultural or ethnic
- itinerant students
- any other additional grounds as the Governing Council may determine

If a student is unable to wear any part of the uniform on a particular day because of unforeseen circumstances (eg. clothing being repaired) parents are to inform the class teacher stating the reason. If no note is received and the class teacher is dissatisfied with the compliance level, a note will be sent home in the diary. If no reply is received from home and the student continues not wearing full uniform, the Principal or Deputy Principal will make home contact and continue management as necessary.



*School Uniform for all students consists of:*

- bottle green stripped short sleeved polo shirt with school logo, gold or bottle green short sleeved without logo
- gold or bottle green long sleeved skivvy. These can be worn under the short sleeved polo shirt or underneath girls pinafore
- bottle green windcheater or jacket
- TPPS school jacket (bottle green with yellow sleeves and the school logo)
- plain black or bottle green pants (no stripes, large motifs)
- gold legionnaires (compulsory)
- socks -, black or white
- shoes – suitable protective footwear enclosed, protecting the heel and toes, for sporting and active play, Shoes to be either sneakers or school shoes and must be predominantly black or white in colour.

## **Coats**

School bottle green raincoats are available with or without logos. Other coats or parkas are acceptable to be worn outside during play time only.

## **Boys**

- bottle green or black plain shorts or long pants

## **Girls**

- bottle green pleated skirt – length to just above the knee or longer, bike pants may be worn under skirts during warm weather, bottle green or black leggings may be worn under skirts in cold weather
- green/white check dress (bike pants can be worn under dresses during warm weather, leggings may be worn under dresses in cold weather)
- bottle green or black shorts (skorts) – length to be just above the knee or longer
- a bottle green and gold winter pinafore may be worn with a bottle green or gold polo shirt or skivvy.
- leggings may be worn underneath shorts or skirts (not by themselves)
- No other colour pinafores may be worn.

*Year 7 students have added option of purchasing a Year 7 windcheater and polo shirt which is designed annually with student input.*

***Black or any other colour jackets, jumpers, cardigans etc are not to be worn.***

## **Accessories**

- Hair accessories must be functional and not large. Bottle green, black or gold headbands and ribbons may be worn.
- Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied up neatly.
- Minimal jewellery to ensure student safety (watch, stud/sleeper earrings and medi alert bracelets)
- Please note Thorndon Park Primary and DECD do not take responsibility for any jewellery items lost or damaged.
- Nail polish and makeup are not to be worn.

*Inappropriate clothing includes: tank tops, bare midriff tops, short tight shorts/skirts, clothing carrying large and/or offensive graphics, logos or wording, snap pants, revealing clothing or clothing that allows bare shoulders. Appropriate SunSmart clothing and footwear must be worn on casual days.*

## **Hats**

Thorndon Park Primary School has a Sun Smart policy in place throughout the year. Hats must be worn in terms 1, 3 and 4. The policy applies between 8:30am till the end of each day where any outdoor activity occurs.

The wearing of a hat is seen to be an important part of the school dress code and to ensure sun safety. The school, gold legionnaire-style are the only hats that are to be worn. Any hat that has been written on, (other than identifying name inside), or if it is damaged in anyway, will need to be replaced. No writing on the uniform or hat is allowed without prior approval from the Principal. *Writing* – refers to anything other than their name written inside the hat. Students not wearing these hats will be required to sit outside in the shade during the recess or lunch break. Hats must also be worn for outdoor sporting events and practices e.g. cricket, netball, basketball etc.

### **Sunglasses**

Sunglasses may also be worn as part on the school uniform during this time.

### **Staff Authority**

In defining what may not be worn and what does not constitute the school's dress code, the Principal, in consultation with staff, has the authority to request that certain items of clothing or accessories are not worn at school. This addresses the issue of new and/or fad clothing or accessories that students may wish to wear to school that are not deemed appropriate. Parents will be informed of such decisions by newsletter.

### Hats and excursions

Hats **MUST** be used during camps and excursion.

### **School Uniform Shop**

The school uniform is available for purchase from J S Sports Express store at Shop 5, 272 Montacute Road, Rostrevor (near the St George Bakehouse).

Store hours are

Mondays - 8am – 12pm

Saturday – 9am – 12pm

### **Review**

This policy was updated August 2016 in consultation with staff and Governing Council. This policy will be reviewed as required.