

 <p>Tallangatta Secondary College</p> <p>Policy Manual</p>	<p>UNIFORM POLICY</p>	<p>Council Meeting:</p> <p>March 2023</p>
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<p>Manager: Assistant Principal</p>		

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to outline Tallangatta Secondary College’s requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This policy has been developed by Tallangatta Secondary College’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 School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

The Uniform Policy aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Tallangatta Secondary College’s commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Uniform Policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

All students are required to dress in a manner which brings credit to themselves and to the school. It is expected that Uniform will be:

- neat and clean
- not be inappropriately brief

TSC respect the individuality of their students and appreciate their efforts to reflect the values of the school through their personal expression. The uniform policy supports individual expression provided that jewellery, make up and accessories are suitable for school and compliant with OH&S requirements of individual subjects. Individual cases can be discussed and negotiated as needed.

UNIFORM DETAILS

BOYS' UNIFORM

- Tailored navy-blue trousers /pants or shorts.
- Short and long sleeve shirt with T.S.C. logo
- Windcheater with T.S.C logo
- Black lace up shoes which can be a sneaker
- White socks – no lettering or logo
- School hat

GIRLS' UNIFORM

- Skirt in a blue based tartan
- Tailored navy pants or shorts.
- Short and long sleeve shirt with T.S.C. logo
- Windcheater with T.S.C logo
- White socks (no lettering or logo) or blue tights / stockings
- Black solid / enclosed shoes which can have a buckle– socks must be worn
- Summer school dress
- School hat

Year 12 students have an approved school jumper.

Sun safety

As a SunSmart College we require all students to wear their school hat outside during terms 1 and 4 and a rashie top during outdoor swimming. Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities.

Physical Education and Sport uniform

Students must have a change of uniform for sport and P.E. practical classes. A sport T shirt (short and long sleeve) with TSC logo and navy-blue sport shorts / tracksuit pants with TSC logo is required for all P.E. classes and representative school sport. Physical Education attire is not to be worn during other classes. The school hat must be worn for all PE classes / Sport events during Term 1 and 4. VET Sport and Recreation students have an approved school sport shirt.

Swimwear

Rash vests or t-shirts are required during water sport activities and classes and while students are waiting to compete in outdoor swimming competitions.

Rash vests or t-shirts are recommended, but not mandatory, during race conditions such as races during the swimming carnival.

Swimwear is to be modest and, during race conditions, comply with Swimming Australia's Inclusive Swimwear policy.

Rashies to be worn during marshalling and taken off when moving to the edge of the pool ready to race.

Practical classes

Students in all practical classes must wear fully enclosed footwear, appropriate clothing and jewellery due to OH&S regulations. These classes include Physical Education, Design & Creativity, Home Economics and Science departments. Class teachers will clearly explain what is appropriate for each subject.

Casual Wear Days

Casual clothes days are conducted by the SLT as a fund-raising activity. Participating students are expected to support this fund-raising in return for the privilege of coming out of uniform. At least 7 days before casual clothes days, parents will be notified in the weekly College Newsletter. Casual wear on such days should be in accordance with College expectations and bring credit to the school. Students must wear appropriate clothing and shoes that do not contravene the values, health and safety expectations of the school.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL LAYERS - for added warmth

- Blue College beanie with TSC logo during term 2 and 3
- Blue College scarf with TSC logo during term 2 and 3
- Soft Shell Winter Jacket with TSC logo
- Students may wear a long sleeved white collarless T shirt under their uniform long sleeve shirt (not short sleeve).

NOT PERMITTED

- School hats / beanies inside
- Caps
- Tracksuit pants are not deemed part of the everyday school uniform.
- Hooded jumpers cannot be worn under school uniform.

IMPLEMENTATION

Tallangatta Secondary College will ensure that this Uniform Policy is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

The College recognises there are times when uniform is wet or damaged. While it is appreciated that students bring notes for such times, it is expected that students not wearing full uniform report to their Engagement Leader or Assistant Principal before the commencement of the school day, where they will be required to change into uniform provided by the school.

If medical reasons temporarily prevent the wearing of an item of the uniform, parents should provide the Engagement Leader or Assistant Principal with a note specifying the time of requested exemption from the Uniform Policy.

Measures taken by Tallangatta Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Uniform Policy will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

All uniform items can be purchased from the College. Please contact the front 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/> .

We also have uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

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 in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Uniform Policy if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic, or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).