

Torquay Coast Primary Student Dress Code



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Torquay Coast Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Torquay Coast Primary School'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 Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Torquay Coast Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance a sense of belonging to the school community and the development of an ongoing connectedness to the school culture.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Shoes should be firm fitting and must cover the foot. No thongs, open toed sandals or high heels are allowed.

Torquay Coast Primary Schools compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

TORQUAY COAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 UNIFORM COLLECTION

1108016 Summer Dress
Polyester Cotton Yarn Dyed Poplin 115gsm
Princess line summer dress with open neck, inverted front and back pleat and action back.
▶ Inverted front and back pleat
▶ Full action back
▶ Open reverse collar with button placket
▶ Generous hem
▶ Right side zip pocket
▶ UPF rating 35+

1111947 Micromesh Panel Polo
PSW micromesh Polo with contrast panels
▶ PSW Polyester Mesh 180gsm
▶ Anti Moisture to repel moisture away from body
▶ Contrast side panels with Piping
▶ Stripe Rib Collar
▶ UPF 50+

1112023 LS Micromesh Panel Polo
PSW micromesh Polo with contrast panels
▶ PSW Polyester Mesh 180gsm
▶ Anti Moisture to repel moisture away from body
▶ Contrast side panels with Piping
▶ Stripe Rib Collar
▶ UPF 50+

1101467 Poly Face Fleece Zip Jacket
Poly Face Fleece
▶ 2 stripe Rib Cuff & Basque
▶ Full Zip Front
▶ Panels with front pockets

1100950 Soft Shell Jacket
Polyester Woven Bonded
▶ Zip front pockets
▶ Velcro fastening cuffs
▶ Left side arm zip pocket
▶ Drop back hem

1100375 Skort
Polyester Viscose Square Weave - 200gsm
▶ Front starts for fit
▶ Wrap front with button closure
▶ Non roll elasticated back waistband
▶ Left side zip pocket

1100355 Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts
Polyester Viscose Gaberdine - 250gsm
▶ Multi-needle elasticated waistband
▶ Two internal side pockets
▶ Zip right side pocket

1110400 Elastic Waist Pant
Polyester Viscose Gaberdine - 250gsm
▶ Elasticated waist for easy fit
▶ Back Yoke
▶ False fly front stitching
▶ Two internal side pockets - Zip right side pocket

1110423 Double-knee Track-pant
Poly Cotton Fleece Double-Knee Pant
▶ Elasticated waist with internal drawcord
▶ Two enclosed zip pockets
▶ Double reinforced knee pads
▶ Rib cuffs

1110485 Bootleg Pant
Poly Face Fleece Tracksuiting
▶ Bootleg cut
▶ Elasticated waist
▶ Front zip pocket

8302200 Explorer Backpack
▶ Rip-Stop Nylon with PVC Coating

8300396 - Primary Pete Bookbag

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Please note that the uniform includes blue, royal blue and navy blue items (not black).

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Students will be discouraged from wearing other jewellery items, as these are considered unsafe on play equipment and during sporting activities.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

For safety, health and hygiene reasons, all students with shoulder length hair, or longer, will be required to tie this back. Such measures also help to restrict the spread of nits and lice.

HATS

School uniform hats must be worn outside from August 20 to April 30 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. Hats must be Navy and contain no other logo except a TCPS logo.

Hats must have at least a 6cm brim for coverage. Baseball & legionnaire caps and hats with a limited brim are not acceptable headwear. In winter the school beanie may be worn.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW Geelong or from Surfcoast School Stuff in Torquay.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Torquay Coast Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and enrolment packs. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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 either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code 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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Torquay Coast Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Torquay Coast Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Torquay Coast Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Torquay Coast Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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