



THOMAS CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Thomas Chirside 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 the School Council of Thomas Chirside Primary School in 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 Thomas Chirside 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 the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider 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.

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

Thomas Chirside Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Tops

- Jacket – Cranberry with logo
- Sports fleece jacket – green with logo.
- Knit Cardigan – ink navy
- Polo shirt – white with green trim and logo.
- Polo shirt – green with white trim and logo.

Pants

- Track pants, shorts or trousers – ink navy; shorts with logo.
- Culottes are also available – school tartan of ink blue, green, white and cranberry.

Dresses

- School tunic – school tartan of ink blue, green, white and cranberry.
- Summer dress – school tartan of ink blue, green, white and cranberry.



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Footwear

- Socks – white or ink navy only.
- Tights – ink navy only.
- Shoes – Runners or black school shoes. Sandals must be closed toe.

Hats

As per SUNSMART Advice: From 1st September to 30 April at Thomas Chirnside school sunhats are compulsory and must be worn to and from school as well as outside at all times during the school day.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Thomas Chirnside Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn when outdoor from 1st September to the 30th April. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Sunsmart hats must be worn and be consistent with the TCPS Sunsmart policy. i.e. broad brimmed hats with a brim of at least 7.5 cm, or bucket style hats with a brim of at least 6cm. All hats must be green (school colour and logo) and have no pictures, advertising logo or large print.

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 the school, or parents may purchase the cranberry jacket, tartan summer dress or tartan skorts directly from Rushford's Uniform Shop.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant 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/>



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IMPLEMENTATION

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

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

Thomas Chirnside 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.

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on the 17th October 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2021



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APPENDIX A: THOMAS CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper

Green polar fleece zip up with school logo
Ink navy knitted cardigan

Polo shirts

Green / white trim with school logo.
Or White / green trim with school logo

Shorts / Skorts

Ink navy shorts with school logo.
Tartan skorts.

Socks or tights/stockings

Ink navy or white socks.
Ink navy tights.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or runners are permitted.
No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Jacket

Cranberry with school logo and trim.

Headwear

Ink navy, green or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Dresses

Summer tartan dress
Winter tartan tunic

Pants

Plain ink navy blue track pants / dance pants without decoration or brand name.

Skivvies

Plain white or green skivvy to be worn with winter tartan tunic

Hats – to be worn from 1st September to 30 April

Green broad brimmed hats with a brim of at least 7.5 cm, or bucket style hats with a brim of at least 6cm with school logo

Sports uniform

Green polo top with navy blue shorts.

There are specific uniform requirements for year 6 students participating in specialist sports such as netball, football etc. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.