

TIMBOON P-12 SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 55983381.

School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Timboon P-12 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 Timboon P-12 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 Timboon P-12 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.
- Foster school spirit by an identifiable common link.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective, serviceable and appropriate for students and their 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

The full list of Timboon P-12 School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be neutral tones only

Health and safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn in Terms 1 & 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/carers or student choice.

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 Lowes, Gateway Plaza, 21-22/154 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool, phone (03) 5562 0191.

The Timboon Opportunity Shop (TOPS) also sells second-hand uniform. Address: 17 Timboon-Curdievale Rd, Timboon VIC 3268

Limited items (hats) are available from the school canteen for purchase

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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Timboon P-12 School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletters. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code actions and consequences will be in line with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and our Compass Chronicle guidelines.

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

Timboon P-12 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*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Timboon P-12 School Sun Protection Policy

- Timboon P-12 School Parent Complaint Policy
- Timboon P-12 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

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the one or more of the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- public meetings
- student meetings

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Policy last reviewed	School Council – 9 September 2025
Consultation	Parent body - 2025 Student body - 2025 School Council – 9 September 2025
Approved by	School Council – 9 September 2025
Next scheduled review date	2027

NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: Timboon P-12 School Uniform Items

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season and for school photos
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the Year 6 and Year 12 tops are accepted as part of the uniform.
- For House events, students are encouraged to wear house colours.
- There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, football, soccer, running events and athletics. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.
- Legacy school uniform items are accepted.

COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS

Pale blue short or long sleeve polo

Plain navy shorts, pants, track pants or skort without decoration or retail brand name

Navy polar fleece, school jacket or puffer jacket (available in P-2 and 3-12 styles) with School logo

Timboon Style Navy and white checked dress

Timboon Style winter skirt

Navy, bucket or hybrid hat with School logo (Terms 1 and 4)

Black or white socks

Timboon P-12 School Sports polo top (worn in Year 5-12 PE and sports classes.)

Navy backpack with school logo

VET/VCE

Students undertaking VET subjects are required to wear a Timboon P-12 School Corangamite Trade Training Cluster VET top on VET days.

VCE Rugby jumper

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Pale blue skivvies (Prep to 6)

Navy blue tights (under winter skirt only)

Navy beanie with school logo

Timboon style scarf or plain navy scarf

Navy blue/white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies”

Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs

FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is to be worn including:

- Black leather school shoes
- Covered (heel and toe) black leather sandal or T Bar style (not permitted in 7-12 wood, food, art, science and metal classes)
- Black Runners (not permitted in 7-12 wood, food, art, science and metal classes)

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

