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Kindness, Cooperation, Resilience, Respect

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Dress Code and Appearance Policy

Rationale:

- All school councils have the authority to create and implement dress codes for their children. This policy reflects the expectations Tarwin Lower Primary School Council holds regarding student dress and appearance.
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. To extend the scope for individuality in regard to appearance that is provided by the guidelines set out below, the school will regularly conduct special days and activities during which the students will be encouraged to dress and adorn themselves in a more flamboyant manner.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To ensure all students are appropriately dressed and adorned so as the safety and well-being of all individuals is not in any way put at risk.
- To provide easy identification of students and to enhance each child's sense of security - particularly when the children are on excursions or out of the school grounds alone.
- To reduce the potential for children to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items at school.

GUIDELINES

- **School Uniform - Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory**
The school uniform consists of the following:
 - Tops/Shirt: Light blue t-shirt, polo shirt or skivvy. Navy, blue windcheater or polar fleece.
 - Pants: Navy track-pants, shorts or leggings
 - Dress: Blue and white gingham, navy blue tunic or skirt
 - Hat: Navy broad-brimmed hat for playing outdoors. The "no hat, no play" rule will apply in Terms 1 and 4.
 - Footwear - Safe, sensible and appropriate for school activities. Sandals must have closed-in heel and toe. Runners recommended for Sports/Phys Ed.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions unless parents are notified of other arrangements.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that the correct uniform is worn.
- School staff will monitor the wearing of the correct uniform. Where children are noted as being continually out of school uniform, a "School Uniform Notice" will be issued to the parent requesting an explanation.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.

- Parents are responsible for placing the student's name on all items of clothing.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

Evaluation:

To be reviewed every **three years**, or as required by developments in relevant legislation or Department of Education requirements etc.

This policy was ratified by School Council on 5th September 2017