



# Toowoomba SHS: Student Dress Code Policy

The policy on school dress standards for students has been determined by the Toowoomba State High School P&C Association in consultation with the community, school Principal and endorsed by the School Council. It is designed to contribute to and support a healthy and safe learning environment which allows students to participate in all school activities. The policy is under constant review with resulting changes being effective from the commencement of the following year. Any changes to the school uniform are phased in over a period of not less than two years. In this document the term 'community' is used as a synonym for 'community members, parents, teachers and students.'

## Legislation

This policy is in accord with the following documents:

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)
- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 1989 (Qld)
- Workplace Health and Safety Act and Other Acts Amendment Act 1990 (Qld)

## Guidelines

The principles of appropriate school dress standards for students are interrelated and have been addressed in this collaboratively developed policy. They include:

- Responsiveness and sensitivity
- Access and participation
- Upholding community expectations
- School community awareness
- Continuity and fair trade practice

## Procedures

All students are required to wear the community approved, correct school uniform and take pride in it. If the circumstances are such that a student cannot wear the uniform on a particular day, a note from parents/caregivers giving the reasons must be supplied. If there is no note, the school will presume that the student is deliberately resisting the uniform policy without parental permission.

In these circumstances and in some cases even though a note has been supplied, the school reserves the right to provide the student with a uniform for the day from the school's emergency uniform pool. If the student is out of uniform without a reasonable explanation, he/she can expect consequences, e.g. detention.

- **Uniform Exemption Pass:** In exceptional circumstances where a student is unable to wear the approved uniform, a uniform exemption pass may be issued for a negotiated period of time by the Year Coordinator.
- **Safety Regulations Note:** Should the dress of students not comply with the safety regulations set down for certain subjects, those students will be refused entry to work in those areas.

- **Hair:** should be clean and well groomed in a neat and appropriate style: Headbands must be functional, in school colours and without adornment (flowers etc). Long hair must be kept back and off the face.
- **Undershirts:** Undershirts must remain tucked in and not be visible around the waist, neck line or sleeve.
- **Hats:** Students must wear hats whenever they are exposed to the sun - for HPE lessons, sport activities or when participating in games or sports during recess.
- **Girls Skirts:** Short skirts are not part of the school uniform. They should be below knee-length (so the knee cannot be seen).
- **Jumpers:** Hoodies are totally banned. Students may wear a plain navy or black duffle coat/jacket in very cold weather. Students must plan for the cold by obtaining the appropriate school pullover, fleecy jumper, jacket, blazer, vest or plain navy cardigan. TSHS red and navy striped scarves or plain navy/black scarves are also acceptable. Year 12 students may wear their jersey as part of the school sport uniform on Wednesdays. The DP and YC may permit an exemption under certain conditions as approved by the Principal.
- **Senior Jerseys:** Year 12 students may wear the approved Senior Jersey and/or Senior Jacket in their graduating year only, with approval from the Principal.
- **Representative Apparel:** Uniform apparel designed specifically for Students who are members of teams representing the school at sporting, cultural or public events and/or activities, may be permitted to wear such apparel as part of the school uniform, for a limited period of time, with approval from the Principal and P&C Association. Approval may specify a limited time frame and/or specific days of the week.
- **Jewellery :** Students are permitted to wear either one silver or gold sleeper or stud per ear (*Workplace Health and Safety Regulations* ). With the exception of a wristwatch and medical identification requirements, no other form of jewellery may be worn.
- **Facial piercings:** Students are permitted to wear clear or flesh coloured retainers for facial piercings.
- **Personal Appearance :** Students must be clean, neat and tidy at all times. Personal hygiene is a very important consideration for each student and will be encouraged by the school. Excessive facial make-up is inappropriate with school uniform and must not be used. A clear or very pale nail varnish may be worn.
- **Changing for Activities:** At Mt Lofty and Wilsonton, the formal school uniform is to be worn to and from school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with the exception that students having HPE/Sport in period 7&8 may wear their sport uniform home. When it is necessary to change for activities e.g. Physical Education, this must be done immediately before/after such lessons. On Wednesdays (Sport Day at Both Campuses) or Sporting Carnival Days, the sport uniform may be worn to and from school. (Optional). Even if sports uniform is worn, students must change into black uniform shoes for certain subjects to meet safety regulations previously outlined.
- **Uniform for Excursions and Official School Functions:** Students must wear formal school uniform, including a tie, to official functions. School blazers may also be a requirement .

School blazers can be purchased through the Uniform Shops. A number of school blazers are also available for student borrowing from Mt Lofty text book hire and Wilsonton Library. School Captains will wear the School Captain's blazer with a white shirt and school leaders' (prefect) tie. In most cases, students must wear formal school uniform on excursions. Students should check with the teacher organising the excursion or function to clarify requirements.

### **General Information on Student Dress Standards**

- The phase in/out period for any change to school uniform as a result of a review is (2) years.
- Darling Downs tracksuits are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.
- 15+ Sunscreen is freely available to all students free of charge upon request.
- Students are encouraged to purchase and wear the school badge available from the uniform shop.

### **Expectations for the wearing of the TSHS Uniform**

The Toowoomba SHS P&C approved a new school uniform for implementation in 2015. The new uniform provides a clear distinction between students in Junior Secondary (Year 7, 8 & 9) and Senior School (Year 10, 11 & 12). Our Uniform Policy provides a two year phase-out for changes to the Uniform.

Below are the guidelines for the wearing of the TSHS Formal Uniform in 2017.

- All newly enrolled students to the school are required to purchase and wear the correct school uniform.

## **TSHS UNIFORM**

### **BOYS FORMAL UNIFORM**

- Shorts – plain navy, poly/viscose
- Trousers – plain navy, poly/viscose (optional plain black belt)
- Shirts (Junior) – mid blue, poly/cotton with embroidered school logo (short and longsleeved)
- Shirts (Senior) – white, poly/cotton with embroidered school logo (short and long-sleeved)
- Socks – navy with double red stripes, knee length
- Woollen Pullover – navy with embroidered school crest
- Polar Fleece Jumper – navy with embroidered school crest
- Spray Jacket – navy and red with embroidered school crest
- Blazer – navy, wool-blend with embroidered school crest
- Vest – plain navy, knitted
- Cardigan – plain navy, knitted
- Tie – navy with diagonal red stripe (Junior – optional, Senior – compulsory)
- Prefect Tie – navy with diagonal red and white stripes, embroidered school crest (school leaders only)
- Shoes – black, polishable, leather, lace-up
- Scarf – TSHS navy and red striped or plain navy/black knitted.

## **GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM**

- Skirt – navy, poly/viscose rayon, drop-waisted with two inverted front pleats. To be worn below knee length (so the knee cannot be seen)
- Trousers – plain navy, poly/viscose, tailored
- Blouse (Junior) – mid blue, poly/viscose rayon, over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo
- Blouse (Senior) – white, poly/viscose rayon, over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo
- Blouse (Senior) – white, poly/viscose rayon, tuck-in blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered school logo
- Socks – white, crew length, turn down (not anklets)
- Stockings/Tights – plain black or plain navy
- Woollen Pullover – navy with embroidered school crest
- Polar Fleece Jumper – navy with embroidered school crest
- Spray Jacket – navy and red with embroidered school crest
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- Shoes – black, polishable, leather, lace-up (please refer to pictures above for acceptable shoes)
- Scarf – TSHS navy and red striped or plain navy/black knitted.

## **SPORTS UNIFORM (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

- Shorts – navy, microfibre with embroidered school logo
- Shorts – Canterbury, plain navy, microfibre (navy logo)
- Track pants – navy, taslon
- Polo Shirt – red with navy side-panels and navy and red collar. Screenprinted navy and white stars and school crest on front.
- Socks – white, crew length
- Shoes – sports shoes/ joggers, fully enclosed (please refer to pictures above for acceptable shoes)
- Hat – TSHS bucket hat

NB: “Junior” refers to students in years’ 7, 8 & 9. “Senior” refers to students in years’ 10, 11 & 12.



[Blazer order form \(PDF, 162 KB\)](#)

The following items are available now from the school uniform shop:

- Tie (optional for Junior, compulsory for Senior)
- Boys Socks - navy, knee-length with double red stripes
- Boys Junior Shirt - mid blue with logo
- Blazer - navy, wool-blend with school crest - orders only through Uniform Shops
- Woollen Pullover - navy with school crest
- Polar Fleece Jacket - navy with school crest (Uniform Shops only)
- Spray Jacket - navy with school crest (Uniform Shops only)
- Scarf - knitted acrylic with navy and red, wide, horizontal stripes and white TSHS on the ends
- Hat - TSHS navy and red bucket hat
- Swimming Cap - silicon, navy with red and white stars (Uniform Shops only)
- Sports Shorts - navy with school logo (Uniform Shops only)
- Track Pants - taslon, navy

The following Uniform items will be available for sale at Uniform Shop and Hannas:

- Boys Senior Shirt - white with embroidered logo
- Girls Junior Blouse - mid blue over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered logo
- Girls Senior Blouse - white over-blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered logo
- Girls Senior Blouse - white tuck-in blouse with navy piping on collar and sleeves and embroidered logo
- Girls Skirt - navy, drop-waisted with two inverted front pleats
- Sports Polo - red with navy side-panels, school crest and navy and white stars design





TSHS scarves are available from the uniform shops

### TSHS Uniform: What works?

**YES:** Black leather polish-able lace-up formal (not casual or runner style) traditional style school shoes offering safe, full-foot protection (with black laces).



**NO:** Insufficient foot coverage and foot support or non-impervious uppers.



### TSHS Sports Uniform: What works?

**YES:** Fully enclosed, plain white or black (shoe and laces), lace-up runners, safe, full-foot protection



**NO:** Insufficient foot coverage and foot support or non-protective uppers

