UNIFORM POLICY

Tyndale Christian School has a compulsory school uniform. School uniforms play a very important role in the life of the School by:

- Providing a sense of belonging to a community for each of the students;
- Enabling the wider community to identify students as Tyndale students; and
- Restricting the potential for competition between, and comparisons being made by, students in regard to their attire.

The School reserves the right to change or correct the Uniform Policy during the course of the school year. When doing so, the School will give reasonable notice of the change or correction.

Seasonal changes in Uniform

Throughout the year, students are to wear the following uniforms:

Term 1 - Summer uniform
Term 2 - Choice of summer or winter uniform until end of Week 4 then winter only
Term 3 - Winter uniform until September 1st then Choice of summer or winter uniform
Term 4 - Summer uniform

The complete summer or complete winter uniform must be worn in each case. Combinations of summer and winter uniform are not permissible. It is compulsory for Junior and Middle School students that hats be worn from September 1st until the end of Term 1 of the next year.

Adaptation of the uniform during the day

On unusually warm days when the winter uniform is being worn, the relevant Sub-Schools may allow students to adapt their uniform to suit the weather conditions. Similarly, students may be allowed to adapt their uniform to suit the activity being performed at the time.

Official garments

In all cases, the official garments must be worn. Homemade or unauthorised supplier garments are not permitted. Official garments are to be purchased at the School’s uniform shop, located on the ground floor of Block 1 in the Senior School. Second-hand uniforms are also available for purchase. The School’s official uniform supplier is Midford.

Personal Appearance of all Students

- All uniforms to be the correct size and fit and be in good order.
- Nails are to be kept clean and well-manicured. Coloured nail polish or cosmetic nails are not allowed.
- Any facial or oral piercings, other than those in the ear-lobes, must be left unadorned or have a clear stud inserted ONLY. Expectations regarding ear-rings are listed below for Girls and Boys. Extreme piercings are not allowed, and this will be determined by the Principal or approved delegate.
- No other items of jewellery are permitted (including bracelets and rings) with the exception of;
  - One fine gold or silver necklace with one appropriate attachment
  - Medical alert products and watches
- Hair should be kept clean and tidy and must not obscure the face.
- No permanent or non-permanent tattoos are allowed, including henna or other types of
artificial skin markings.

- Extreme hair styles not permitted, including but not limited to: shaved; dread-locks; “mo-hawks”; “rat tails”; non-natural colouring; extreme colouring, any other style that interferes with the wearing of the school uniform.
- Shoes are to be polished, be in good order and with the correct size and fit.
- Approved sneakers may be worn for daily physical activity and at recess and lunch times.
- No T-shirts or non-official skivvies are to be visible, if worn under shirts.
- Shirts are to be tucked in when not participating in approved physical activity (including recess and lunch-times). Shirt cuffs are to be buttoned and shirt sleeves not rolled up.
- Ties are to be worn properly with top button fastened when not participating in approved physical activity (including recess and lunch times).
- The School encourages use of sunglasses during outdoor classes and recreational times which have high sun glare reduction and good UV protection (i.e. they comply with or exceed the requirements of Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067:2003 or are rated EPF 9 or 10) and are plain in colour or design. Novelty glasses are not acceptable. Sunglasses shall not be worn indoors.
- Senior School students are not required to wear the navy blue bucket hat between 1st September and the completion of Term 1. However, they will be encouraged to make wise choices about sun safety whenever they are outside, including the utilisation of areas of shade, the wearing of the school hat, the application of sun screen products and the wearing of approved sunglasses. Sun screen products will be made readily available to students at designated “stations” around the Senior School campus.

Cultural Dress items

The School’s enrolment policy states that Tyndale Christian School is, “as far as its resources shall permit, open to all students regardless of the parents'/care-givers' economic status or religious affiliation, providing that the parents/care-givers accept and support the Vision, Mission, Values and Culture of the School, plus the School’s Statement of Faith.”

Based on this policy, the School recognises that some students may be enrolled who wear cultural dress items. These may include certain types of head-gear, such as turbans or head-scarves. The wearing of such items may be permitted if they do not impede or obscure the wearing of the official school uniform and must be given formal approval by the Principal or the relevant Head of School as a necessary part of any enrolment being accepted.

The wearing of such items must also comply with all WHS and duty of care responsibilities as covered by the School’s policies.

GIRLS

- Accessories: including but not limited to sunglasses, ribbons, clips, headbands and scrunchies must be in keeping with school colours. Elastic hair ties must be in keeping with school colours or natural hair colours.
- Junior and Middle School - one pair of discreet earrings to be worn in earlobes only. One extra piercing in each ear is allowed, and these can be left un-adorned or have a clear stud inserted. Any further piercings MUST be left unadorned.
- Senior School - One pair of discreet earrings to be worn in earlobes only. One extra piercing in each ear is allowed, but these must be left un-adorned or have a clear stud inserted ONLY.
- Junior School girls – hair of shoulder length or longer is to be tied back using the appropriate colour hair tie or accessory.
- Junior and Middle School girls are not permitted to wear make-up.
Senior School girls are permitted to wear tasteful and discreet make-up, including black or brown mascara, permanent mascara, fine-pencilled eye-liner, foundation and blush. NO other type of make-up is allowed.

**BOYS**

- Hair length must not be below the shoulder and must not obscure their face.
- Face must be clean shaven.
- No make-up is allowed.
- Junior School boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
- Middle and Senior School boys are permitted to wear either one or a pair (two studs) of clear, inconspicuous stud(s) in the earlobe(s) only.
BOYS UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM
- Regulation grey Melange shorts or trousers.
- Junior/Middle School students only – long sleeve or short-sleeve green/white striped shirt or Jac shirt style.
- Senior School students only – long or short-sleeve green/white striped shirt.
- Regulation ankle or knee-high grey socks.
- Black lace-up dress shoes with black laces (Clarks “Lesson” school shoe or equivalent design). Junior School students may wear black velcro shoes. Middle School and Senior School students may wear black non-lace-up dress shoes.
- Navy blue bucket hat – to be worn at recess and lunch-times, as well as any outdoor activity, such as PE and fitness lessons.
- Optional:
  - Navy blue windcheater.
  - Year 12 students only - Year 12 windcheater.

WINTER UNIFORM
- Regulation grey Melange trousers.
- Long-sleeve green/white striped shirt “collar and tie” style.
- Navy blue and bottle green striped tie.
- Navy blue windcheater.
- Regulation ankle or knee-high grey socks.
- Black lace-up dress shoes with black laces (Clarks “Lesson” school shoe or equivalent design). Junior School students may wear black velcro shoes. Middle School and Senior School students may wear black non-lace-up dress shoes.
- Navy blue bucket hat (if the winter uniform is worn after Sept 1st).
- Optional:
  - Year 12 students only – Year 12 windcheater.
  - Green, safety yellow or navy raincoat for wet weather (no parkas or other jackets to be worn).
  - Junior school only – Tyndale Navy blue skivvy (may be worn for school photos).
  - Gloves, beanies and scarves may be worn but must be plain, un-adorned and single colour (bottle green, navy blue, black, or white).
GIRLS UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Green and white check dress (must be knee-length).
- Plain white ankle or knee-high socks.
- Black lace-up shoes with black laces (Clarks "Lesson" school shoe or equivalent plain, polished, not brogue pattern or suede) or plain black T-Bar shoes (Clarks "Learn" school shoe or similar design) or black strap school shoe (Grosby "Olivia" style or similar design) or black velcro shoes (Junior School only).
- Navy blue bucket hat – to be worn at recess and lunch-times, as well as any outdoor activity, such as PE and fitness lessons.
- Optional:
  o Navy blue windcheater.
  o Year 12 students only – Year 12 windcheater.

WINTER UNIFORM

- Junior School only – Black-watch pinafore (must be knee-length).
- Middle and Senior Schools only – Black-watch skirt (must be knee-length).
- Long sleeved white blouse.
- Navy blue and bottle green striped tie.
- Navy blue windcheater.
- Navy blue ankle socks or knee-high socks or black or navy tights. Socks and tights must not be worn together.
- Navy blue bucket hat (if the winter uniform is worn after Sept 1st).
- Black lace-up shoes with black laces (Clarks "Lesson" school shoe or equivalent plain, polished, not brogue pattern or suede) or plain black T-Bar shoes (Clarks "Learn" school shoe or similar design) or black strap school shoe (Grosby "Olivia" style or similar design), or black velcro shoes (Junior School only).
- Optional:
  o Year 12 students only - Year 12 windcheater.
  o Junior School only – Tyndale Navy blue skivvy (may be worn for school photos).
  o Green, safety yellow or navy raincoat for wet weather (No parkas or other jackets to be worn).
  o Gloves, beanies and scarves may be worn but must be plain, un-adorned and single colour (bottle green, navy blue, black, or white).
SPORTS UNIFORM - BOYS AND GIRLS

SPECIAL NOTE: The official complete sports uniform must be worn all day on designated PE days. Students without the correct PE uniform must wear the normal (non-sports) uniform for the day and change for the PE lesson.

- Bottle green Polo shirt.
- Navy blue poly mesh shorts.
- Plain white or Tyndale sweat socks only.
- Sneakers – These includes runners, cross trainers or court shoes – volley and skate style shoes are not permitted as they do not provide adequate support for the foot.
- Navy blue bucket hat must be worn from 1st September until the end of Term One.
- Tyndale track pants may be worn with the school windcheater.

OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS

All students in Junior School require an Art shirt and a library bag for their specialist lessons. New or used Art shirts or library bags can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

Where there is a legitimate medical reason for the uniform to be modified for a student, this will be done at the discretion of the relevant Head of School. This may include, but is not limited to, instances where there is a known medical condition or a physical disability.

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