

UNIFORM POLICY

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This policy is applicable to Tyndale Christian School – Murray Bridge.

INTERPRETATION

Within this policy, unless specifically defined otherwise, the following terms shall have these meanings:

School or schools shall mean Tyndale Christian School – Murray Bridge.

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND (OPTIONAL)

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.

POLICY

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 1 September 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 1 September 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-school 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 in the Main Administration Office. Second-hand uniforms are also available for purchase. The School's official uniform supplier is Midford.

Special tops may only be worn for the duration prescribed by the School.

Notification of Incorrect Uniform

Students presenting in garments other than the school uniform or incorrectly worn uniform are required to supply parent/guardian notification with them on the day of the breach.

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.
- Expectations regarding piercings are listed below for girls and boys. Extreme piercings are not allowed, and this will be determined by the sub-school 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 lunchtimes). 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 1 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 section of the school.

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 Head of Schools or the relevant sub-school principal as a necessary part of any enrolment being accepted.

The wearing of such items must also comply with all work health and safety (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 School - one pair of discreet earrings, to be worn in the earlobes only. One extra piercing in each ear is allowed, which may have a clear stud inserted. All other piercings to be unadorned.
- Middle and Senior School – one pair of discreet earrings, to be worn in the earlobes only. All other piercings to have a clear stud or nothing at all.
- Junior School girls – hair of shoulder length or longer is to be tied back using the appropriate colour hair tie or accessory.
- Junior and Year 6 - 8 Middle School girls are not permitted to wear make-up.
- Year 9 and Senior School girls may 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 the face. Where Middle and Senior School students have hair obscuring the face and/or past the shoulder, it must be tied back. Face and neck must be clean shaven, apart from Year 12 boys who may have plain, neatly trimmed facial hair.
- No make-up is allowed.
- Junior School – Junior School boys are not permitted to wear earrings. All piercings to be unadorned.
- Middle and Senior School – All piercings to have a clear stud or nothing at all.

Reception – Year 1 Student Uniform Change

In recent years, a number of discussions have arisen as to the ongoing suitability of the current Junior School uniform, especially for our youngest students. The advent of nature play areas in the near future have also convinced us to reconsider the current Summer and Winter Uniform for Reception and Year 1 students.

Therefore, **from 2020 the uniform for Reception students will be transitioning solely to the current Sports Uniform for boys and girls** as follows:

2021 - Transition Period

Reception students must wear only the Sports Uniform. Year 1 students may wear current Summer/Winter Uniform (and Sports Uniform on nominated Physical Education days) OR Sports Uniform full time.

2022 - Onwards

It will be compulsory for all Reception – Year 1 students to wear the Sports Uniform full time.

Reception – Year 1 Sports Uniform

- Tyndale navy blue stretch micro-fibre shorts
- Tyndale navy blue polo shirt
- Tyndale track pants
- Tyndale PE Jacket
- Plain white socks only
- Sneakers
- Tyndale bucket hat from 1 September until end of Term 1

School Photo Days – 2022 Onwards

It will be compulsory for Reception students only to wear the following set items from the Reception – Year 1 Sports Uniform for school photographs from 2022.

- Tyndale track pants
- Tyndale navy blue polo shirt
- Tyndale PE Jacket
- Plain white socks only
- Sneakers

BOYS UNIFORM Year 2 - 12

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Regulation grey Melange shorts or trousers.
- Long sleeve or short-sleeve striped shirt or Jac shirt style.
- Regulation ankle or knee-high grey socks.
- Black lace-up school shoes with black laces (Clarks "Lesson" school shoe or equivalent design, plain and polished, not brogue pattern, suede or canvas). Junior School students may wear black velcro school shoes. Middle and Senior School students may wear black non-lace-up dress shoes. Raised heels are required.
- Navy blue bucket hat – to be worn at recess and lunchtimes, as well as any outdoor activity, such as PE and fitness lessons.

Optional:

- Navy blue woollen jumper.
- Year 12 students only - Year 12 jumper.

WINTER UNIFORM

- Regulation grey Melange trousers.
- Long-sleeve striped shirt "collar and tie" style.
- Navy blue striped tie.
- Navy blue woollen jumper.
- Regulation ankle or knee-high grey socks.
- Black lace-up school shoes with black laces (Clarks "Lesson" school shoe or equivalent design, plain and polished, not brogue pattern, suede or canvas). Junior School students may wear black velcro school shoes. Middle and Senior School students may wear black non-lace-up dress shoes. Raised heels are required.
- Navy blue bucket hat (if the winter uniform is worn after 1 September).

Optional:

- Year 12 students only – Year 12 jumper.
- Green, safety yellow or navy raincoat for wet weather (no parkas or other jackets to be worn).
- 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 Year 2 - 12

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Blue and white check dress (must be knee-length).
- Plain white ankle or knee-high socks.
- Black lace-up school 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, plain and polished, not brogue pattern, suede or canvas) or black strap school shoe (Grosby "Olivia" style or similar design) Junior School students may wear black velcro school shoes. Raised heels are required.
- Navy blue bucket hat – to be worn at recess and lunchtimes, as well as any outdoor activity, such as PE and fitness lessons.

Optional:

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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 striped tie.
- Navy blue woollen jumper.
- 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 1 September).
- Black lace-up school shoes with black laces (Clarks "Lesson" school shoe or equivalent plain, polished, not brogue pattern, suede or canvas) or plain black T-Bar shoes (Clarks "Learn" school shoe or similar design) or black strap school shoe (Grosby "Olivia" style or similar design). Junior School students may wear black velcro school shoes. Raised heels are required.

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SPORTS UNIFORM - BOYS AND GIRLS Year 2 - 12

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.

- Navy blue 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 1 September until the end of Term 1.
- Tyndale track pants
- The School PE Jacket.

OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS

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 sub-school principal. This may include, but is not limited to, instances where there is a known medical condition or a physical disability.

REFERENCES

POLICY INFORMATION

Policy title		U1.01 Uniform policy
Classification		U Uniforms
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Officer responsible for this policy		Principal – Murray Bridge