

TVAC

Uniform Policy

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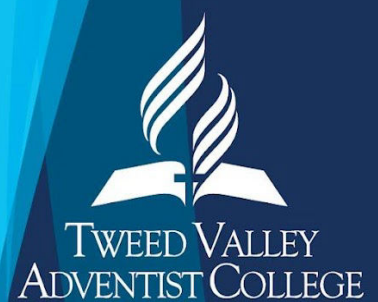
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Rationale:

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. The College's policies, which are regularly reviewed and updated as required, are made pursuant to the registration requirements set out in section 47 of the *NSW Education Act* and the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards.

TVAC Uniform Policy

Tweed Valley Adventist College students are required to wear the full uniform to and from College and during College hours. The uniform is to be worn with pride and respect and parents/carers are asked to encourage and foster this in students.

At time of enrolment, a complete uniform set will need to be purchased, it is compulsory to wear all elements of the College uniform as outlined in the uniform requirements and guidelines.

Parents/guardians seeking exemptions or alterations 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 Principal who will make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

The Deputy Principal and Head of Primary, in conjunction with the teaching staff, will be responsible for implementation of the dress code consistent with the student code of conduct. All uniform items, except for school and sports shoes, are to be purchased from the College uniform shop, located at the Secondary administration building.

1.1 Aim

1. To promote equality among all students.
2. To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, our school.
3. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
4. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

1.2 Requirements

The College uniform is to be worn completely and correctly at all times on and off campus. The college recognises that during teenage years, individuality is often desired and expressed through clothing. However, the uniform is a vital representation of the school and our ethos, value-base and placement as a private school. Therefore, the College enforces the adherence of the uniform policy. The school expects support from parents in directing their students to wear the uniform as required.

1. Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, are prescribed, and required to be worn. Students will be required to wear the formal uniform when representing the College at particular functions, on or off campus, unless otherwise advised by the College.
2. The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
3. Summer uniform is worn Terms 1 & 4. Winter uniform is worn Terms 2 & 3. Changeover dates can vary if the weather remains hot or cold for longer than expected. All changes to the policy will be announced by email or via the TVAC school app.
4. In Primary school, hats are to be worn all year round for all on-campus outside activities and play, and during organised off-campus sporting events. Hats are not to be worn inside. The school has a “no hat, no play” policy.

5. In Secondary school, hats and caps are to be worn Term 1 and Term 4 for all on-campus outside activities and play, and during organised off-campus sporting events. Hats are not to be worn inside.
6. Students must wear their sports uniform to school on sports days.
7. All uniform needs to fit appropriately and be worn in the manner for which they are designed. All items are to be kept in a state of good repair and cleanliness, so as to represent the standards of the school.

1.3 Unavailable Uniform

If a uniform item is not available to be worn on any one day, a note is to be written by a parent/guardian to the Deputy Principal or Head of Primary. Failure to bring a written explanation could result in an infringement being issued.

1.4 Uniform Shop

All uniform items, except for school and sports shoes, are available from the College Uniform Shop, located at the Secondary administration building. The Uniform shops is open on school operating days as follows:

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am– 4:00pm

Friday: 8:30–3:30pm

Email: reception@tvac.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 02 66 722 922

In addition to the regular hours there will be extended trading hours and opportunities for fitting appointments in the week leading up to the commencement of school, and early in Term 1 to accommodate the increased demand.

2. APPENDIX A – UNIFORM GUIDELINES

The following *Uniform Guidelines* provide clarification on the uniform and how the uniform should be worn. The *TVAC Uniform Policy* and the *Uniform Guidelines* are available on the School Webpage and available on request.

The *Uniform Guidelines* also includes non-uniform dress guidelines for on the occasions a student is not required to wear the uniform such as swimming carnivals, or school camps.

Formal Uniform

Primary (K-6) Girls Uniform

Dress: College dress available from College uniform shop.

The College navy blue checkered dress must be touching the knee when standing straight and no shorter than approximately 0.5 cm off the floor when kneeling. Dress may be worn longer if

desired but not shorter. 'Blind hems' are to be used when hemming skirts and a generous hem allowance is to be maintained to ensure a professional finish. All raw edges need to be overlocked.

Socks: College issued white ankle socks with TVAC logo.

Plain navy opaque tights or stockings may be worn during Terms 2 & 3. White socks are not to be worn over the top of tights.

Secondary (7-12) Girls Uniform

Skirt: College navy blue checkered skirt available from College uniform shop.

The College navy blue checkered skirts must be touching the knee when standing straight and no shorter than approximately 0.5 cm off the floor when kneeling. Skirts may be worn longer if desired but not shorter. 'Blind hems' are to be used when hemming skirts and a generous hem allowance is to be maintained to ensure a professional finish. All raw edges need to be overlocked. Skirts are not to be 'rolled.'

Tie: The Years 7-10 will wear the regulation navy button-on crossover tie and the Year 11 & 12 will wear the regulation senior navy button on tie.

Blouse: College issued white blouse available from College uniform shop.

When wearing the College white blouse the girl's undergarments are to be natural in colour (i.e. no black or bright colours). T-shirts and singlets worn under the blouse must not extend beyond the blouse, must be white and not have emblems or slogans etc visible under or through the uniform. Singlets are to be tucked in and not visible below the bottom of the blouse.

Socks: College issued white ankle socks with TVAC logo.

Plain navy opaque tights or stockings may be worn during Terms 2 & 3. White socks are not to be worn over the top of tights.

Primary (K-6) Boys Uniform

Shorts or Trousers: The College navy blue flexi-waist shorts is the standard formal boys uniform but College issued trousers can be worn or in Terms 2 and 3 during the cooler months.

Shirts: College issued navy blue short sleeve shirt available from the uniform shop.

The shirt is to be always tucked into shorts or trousers. T-shirts and singlets worn under the shirt must not extend beyond the shirt, and not have emblems or slogans etc visible under or through the uniform. Singlets are to be tucked in and not visible below the bottom of the shirt.

Socks: College issued grey ankle sock with stripe to be worn.

Secondary (7-12) Boys Uniform

Shorts or Trousers: The College navy blue flexi-waist shorts is the standard formal boys uniform but College issued trousers can be worn or in Terms 2 and 3 during the cooler months.

Tie: The Years 7-10 will wear the regulation navy junior tie and the Year 11 & 12 will wear the regulation senior tie.

Shirts: College issued white short sleeve shirt available from the uniform shop.

The shirt is to be always tucked into shorts/or trousers. T-shirts and singlets worn under the shirt must not extend beyond the shirt, and not have emblems or slogans etc visible under or through the uniform. Singlets are to be tucked in and not visible below the bottom of the shirt.

Socks: College issued grey knee-high socks with stripe to be worn. Socks are to be pulled up to the knee at all times.

Jumper

The College navy blue jumper is identical for Primary and Secondary students and is available from the uniform shop. The College jumper can be worn with the formal dress uniform and the sport uniform.

Sports Uniform

The unisex navy shorts with the College logo and a navy polo shirt are identical for Primary and Secondary students. The sports uniform is available for purchase from the uniform shop. The polo shirt can be worn untucked. The College Sports Jacket cannot be worn with the formal uniform during Terms 1 and 4. During Terms 2 & 3, the College Sports Jacket may be worn over the formal jumper during cold weather only. College issue track pants can be worn only on sports days during Terms 2 & 3. Shorts and track pants are not to be 'rolled.'

College issued sports socks are to be worn.

Footwear

Formal Shoes: Only black, leather or synthetic 'leather look' polished 'Clarke' style school shoes are to be worn with the formal dress uniform. No pattern or embellished stitching is allowed. Shoes should offer appropriate heel and arch support with heels no higher than 3 cm. The toes should be completely enclosed. No slipper, ballerina or flat-soled shoes, skate/street shoes, Volleys, canvas shoes, hiking shoes or black leather Lynx style runners are allowed.

Kindy and Year 1 students may wear as an alternative a synthetic 'leather look' polished school shoes with a Velcro fastening if they cannot tie their shoe laces. These shoes must resemble the lace up version and may not be the Mary Jane style.

Sport Shoes: Any colour sport shoes is allowed but they must be lace up runners / sneakers / joggers / cross trainers that provide support and protection during physical activity. This does not include skate shoes, street shoes, volleys or canvas converse shoes as they do not provide the support required for physical activity. Basketball style shoes that extend above the ankle bone are

not allowed. A final decision on sport shoes will always be at the discretion of the College Administration.

School Hats

The College issued navy bucket hat is expected to be worn during breaks, sport classes, and Agriculture classes. A no hat, no play policy is followed. A sports cap is available for high school students only.

Personal Grooming

Girls

Hair: Hair accessories are to be navy, black or white and unadorned with lace, flowers, bows etc. Hair must be kept away from the face. Hair that is below the shoulder in length must be tied up. Hair colour is to be natural in appearance and close to natural colour. Students may be excluded from school until their hair meets the hair policy requirements. A final decision on hair will always be at the discretion of the College Administration.

Make-up: Nail polish, if worn, is to be natural. Facial make-up, if worn, is to be natural in colour and discreet.

Jewellery: One gold or silver plain stud earring per earlobe (Size 3-4mm) is permitted. No other jewellery is permitted. Any jewellery worn will be confiscated until the end of term. Any piercing is to be done over the Christmas break with a minimum 6 weeks before returning to College as retainers are not to be used with the uniform.

Boys

Hair: Hair must be tidy and clear of the collar, ears and eyebrows. Student's haircuts must trend towards a conservative style. Hair should not be shorter than a No. 2 blade clipper. Hair may be tied in a bun that is positioned low at the back of the head, or product sensibly used if this helps the student comply with the code. Hair colour should look natural. Boys must be clean shaven.

Jewellery: No jewellery is permitted.

Non-Uniform Dress

The non-uniform dress guideline has been designed to ensure that students are dressed practically, safely and modestly.

All Students

Students are to dress modestly to minimize distractions and appropriate to the context to ensure their safety. The final decision regarding modesty and appropriateness rests with the supervising teacher, Head of Primary or Deputy Principal.

- Enclosed shoes must be worn unless specified otherwise.

- A free dress hat must be worn in all outdoor activities and sunscreen where applicable.
- No jewellery permitted as outlined above.
- Clothing must not have any objectionable writing or pictures.
- Students must abide by the hair guidelines as outlined above.

Boys

- Clothing must be neat and tidy and underwear must not be visible.
- Singlets are not to be worn, T-shirts or button up shirts only.

Girls

- Shorts/skirts/dresses must come to the bottom of the fingers when standing straight with arms by the side.
- Singlets, midriff or tank tops are not allowed. Low cut tops are not to be worn and all tops and bottoms must meet.
- Tight/revealing clothing, that is not disqualified by the above criteria, is not appropriate.

Swimwear

- Swimming carnivals and lessons: students are to wear appropriate swimmers for racing (eg one piece for girls and racing swimmers for boys). If girls do not own one-piece swimmers, a shirt/rashie must be worn. Revealing swimwear is not appropriate for racing, sun safety and other water activities.
- Excursions/Camps: During water-based swimming activities on all excursions and camps, all students (boys and girls) are to wear boardies & rashie/shirt.

Students who do not adhere to the non-uniform guidelines will attract a response from the Deputy Principal or Head of Primary which may include phoning home for student pickup, isolation, or removal from future events and/or other privileges.