

## Vision Statement

*To see parents and children experience the benefits of Bible-based, Christ-centred, Parent-controlled education in order that they might be prepared and equipped for a life of service as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Mission Statement

*To serve Christian families by operating one or more schools, as the Lord enables and prospers us, and that while remaining faithful to our vision, and to the Reformed faith and the worldview of our founders, to provide Christian education of the highest quality for as many as desire it for their children.*

## Rationale

The Tyndale Christian School Uniform Policy was adopted to foster high standards of presentation, discipline, and to minimise certain influences which distract from the purpose of the school. God has called each of us to uphold high standards and we should pass this ideal onto our children.

Our dress philosophy is that a student should be neat, modest and well-groomed in appearance. All clothing must be clean, properly fitting and in good repair. Everyone is expected to exercise good habits of personal grooming and modesty, not only to abide by the Uniform Policy, but to also live within the spirit of its intention. If a student is asked by a staff member to change clothing or to remove items not appropriate for a school setting, he/she must do so without protest.

In response to important matters of community life, the Board will develop and communicate policies as tools to facilitate consistent and thoughtful action that reflects the character and Biblical foundation of the School.

## Principles

Tyndale Christian School is committed to the use of uniforms for its students. We perceive this policy to have five fundamental benefits:

- Uniforms help identify us as belonging to a particular community. In our case, we are identified as part of a covenantal Christian community which is proud of its heritage and relationship with Christ;
- Uniforms positively affect school discipline – Tyndale Christian School places particular value on a disciplined learning environment. It is our hope that when children wear their uniforms they understand that they are expected to engage in studious activity. Just as parents dress for their work day, wearing a Tyndale Christian School uniform is a signal that education is the focus of our day. This discipline should make it easier for Tyndale Christian School to complete its primary task of educating children;
- Uniforms encourage team spirit – uniforms set our students apart from other schools. They encourage students to operate as part of a body, much like an athletic team identified by common dress. It is our hope that students will take proper pride in the uniform and the school it represents;
- Uniforms prevent the application of subjective dress standards – parents, students and teachers know that the uniform meets Tyndale Christian School's modesty and WH&S standards; and
- Uniforms decrease clothing costs - uniforms are rugged and of high-quality which withstand the wear and tear of school life. Uniforms can often be handed down to other siblings or sold second hand.

Students are expected to be in complete uniform (regulation or optional – defined below) while school is in session and must wear the uniform every day for the duration of the school day, unless otherwise approved by the Principal for special classroom or school events. If a student is unable to comply with this regulation, a parent/guardian must send a written note via their class/roll teacher explaining why his/her child is unable to comply. If students attend school or

school events in the incorrect or incomplete school uniform, they may be sent home to change into the correct or missing items (at the discretion of the Coordinators and Deputy Principals).

## Uniform Requirements

All items of uniform are available in the Uniform Shop and parents are strongly advised to purchase their child's requirements from the shop. **Clothing purchased elsewhere must be identical to the Uniform Shop stock.**

### General Requirements

1. Students are expected to keep their uniforms clean, tidy and in good repair (including shoes)
2. It is also expected that students will not draw undue attention to themselves by way of their appearance
3. Students must provide a note from their parents if, for any reason, they are not in full school uniform
4. The Tyndale school bag is compulsory for all students from Prep to Year 12
5. Every student must have either the Tyndale slouch hat (Navy Slouch Hat with Tyndale crest compulsory for Prep to Year 5) or the Tyndale cap (Years 6 to 12)
6. School ties should be worn appropriately, for example, top button done up and tie pulled up to the top
7. Tyndale school blazer and tie are optional
8. If students opt to wear a Tyndale school blazer, the Tyndale tie must be worn in conjunction with the blazer

### PREP

- Maroon Tyndale polo shirt \*
- Navy Knit shorts\*
- Fleece navy track pants
- Navy Tyndale 'Sloppy Joe' (jumper)\*
- White ankle-length school socks (girls)
- Grey ankle-length school socks (boys)
- Navy Tyndale Slouch Hat \*
- Sports shoes / Joggers
- Tyndale school bag\*

### BOYS - Kindergarten to Year 8

- Grey shorts/long pants
- Royal blue Tyndale polo shirt - long/short sleeve with logo \*
- Plain white skivvy or royal or white undershirt may only be worn under a long sleeve polo shirt for extra warmth
- Tri-coloured (navy/maroon/white) Tyndale jacket \*
- Grey ankle-length school socks
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*
- Tyndale softshell jacket\* (for Years 6-8 only)

### BOYS - Years 9 to 10

- Navy shorts/long pants
- Pale blue Tyndale button-up shirt with logo\*
- School tie \* (optional)
- Navy ankle-length school socks
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*
- Tyndale school blazer\* (optional)

- Tyndale softshell jacket\*

## **BOYS - Years 11 to 12**

- Navy shorts/long pants
- White Tyndale button-up shirt with logo \*
- School tie \* (optional)
- Navy ankle-length school socks
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*
- Tyndale school blazer\* (optional)
- Tyndale softshell jacket\*

## **GIRLS - Kindergarten to Year 8**

- Navy Tyndale tartan dress with white peter pan collar\*
- White ankle-length school socks or navy stockings - white socks are not to be worn with navy stockings
- Navy Tyndale slacks from Uniform Shop - not crepe or stretch fabric\*
- Tri-coloured (navy/maroon/white)Tyndale jacket \*
- White Tyndale polo shirt with logo may be worn with navy pants \*\*
- A plain white skivvy or white undershirt may be worn under a long sleeve polo shirt for extra warmth
- Navy or black bike pants may be worn under girl's dress
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*
- Tyndale softshell jacket\* (for Years 6-8 only)

# For a trial period commencing 2020, for girls in Kindergarten to Year 8, optional skorts purchased from the Uniform Shop are available. These may only be worn with the white Tyndale polo shirt with logo and instead of navy pants.

## **GIRLS - Years 9 to 10**

- Navy Tyndale tartan skirt (same fabric as girl's dress)\*
- Pale blue Tyndale button-up blouse with logo\*
- School tie \*
- White ankle-length school socks or navy or flesh coloured stockings (white socks are not to be worn with stockings)
- Navy slacks from Uniform Shop (not crepe or stretch fabric)
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*
- Tyndale school blazer\* (optional)
- Tyndale softshell jacket\*

## **GIRLS - Years 11 to 12**

- Navy tartan skirt (same fabric as girl's dress) with double box pleat in front\*
- White Tyndale button-up blouse with logo \*
- School tie \* (optional)
- White ankle-length school socks or navy or flesh coloured stockings (white socks are not to be worn over stockings)
- Navy slacks from Uniform Shop (not crepe or stretch fabric\*)
- Black leather lace-up school shoes covering full instep
- Tyndale school bag\*

- Tyndale school blazer\* (optional)
- Tyndale softshell jacket\*

### **SPORTS UNIFORM - Kindergarten to Year 12**

- Navy sports shorts – knit fabric (Kindergarten to Year 5)
- Navy sports shorts – micromesh\* (Years 6 to 12)
- Tri-coloured (navy/maroon/white) Tyndale sports polo shirt\*
- Tri-coloured (navy/maroon/white) Tyndale jacket \*
- Plain white ankle-length sports socks (no insignias or stripes)
- Sports shoes / Joggers
- Track pants navy microfibre (Kindergarten to Year 5)

### **ALL STUDENTS - Kindergarten to Year 12**

- Navy Tyndale woollen jumper \*
- Navy Tyndale fleecy jumper \*
- Navy Tyndale Slouch hat \* or Tyndale Caps\* (Years 6 to 12)
- Tyndale Scarf \* (optional)

\*To be purchased from the School Uniform Shop

### **No Jewellery Other Than That Listed Below May Be Worn**

- Watches - students may wear a wristwatch only
- Earrings - students may only wear one pair of plain silver, gold studs or sleepers (one in each ear lobe). Sleepers and studs must be small and unobtrusive
- Stretchers (for example, tapers, eyelets, plugs, spirals etc.) are not permitted

### **Other**

- Tattoos are not permitted
- Make-up or nail polish must not be worn
- No visible facial and body piercing is allowed other than earlobes

### **Hair**

- Students are expected to keep hair clean, neat and tidy
- Boys need to be clean shaven
- Separate shaved areas of the head, hairs standing up inappropriately from the head (for example, Mohawks or 'horns'), and/or interweaving materials or beads in the hair are not acceptable hair styles
- Hair colouring (including extensions) is to be confined to single natural hair
- School hair clips and 'scrunchies' may be worn. Plain navy, maroon or white head bands allowed Decorative hair clips are not to be worn
- Hair (shoulder length and longer) is to be tied back and long fringes are to be clipped back off the face

### **Uniform dress/skirt length**

- The length of the dress and skirt shall touch the floor when kneeling upright

### **Shoes**

- Plain black leather lace up school shoes to be worn. Shoes must cover full instep and be below ankle, for example, must not be a boot. No soft uppers or punched holes completely through the shoe for safety reasons. Plain black laces. Heels to be no more than 25mm high. Shoes should be kept clean and need to be repaired if broken

## Hats/Caps

- The wearing of hats/caps is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 when outside, including PE, Sport activities, excursions and camps. The wearing of hats/caps is strongly recommended and advised in Terms 2 and 3 as well

## Other Uniform related Items

- Senior students may wear their sports uniform home from school only if their last lesson of the day is either PE or sport
- Kindergarten to Year 5 students wear sports uniform for the duration of their sports day
- *Year 12s Leavers' garment* is a casual uniform item. The leaver's garment does not replace formal uniform items, and as such may not be worn without the school blouse or school shirt underneath it. There will be times when the official school uniform (at the discretion of the Principal or his delegated representative) will take precedence over the wearing of the leavers' jersey, for example, school visits where the nature of the event or occasion requires formal school uniform such as an excursion to state or federal parliament or an ANZAC Day memorial event. They may not be worn underneath the school blazer

## Related Policies

- Discipline Policy