**Uniform Policy**

**Rationale**

Uniforms are correctly worn, and contribute to the tone and atmosphere of the school. They encourage a sense of belonging and confidence in children, and enable parents to ensure equity in dress.

**Purpose**

* To ensure the uniform is worn as per the Uniform Schedule.
* To give children a sense of identity and pride as belonging to Te Awamutu Primary School.
* To ensure that a standard is maintained.
* To place all children on an equal footing.

**Guidelines**

* Wearing the school uniform is a condition of attendance at Te Awamutu Primary School.
* The uniform will be made up of approved items as per the Uniform Schedule.
* In circumstances of extreme financial hardship, the Principal will endeavour to work with the concerned party to reach a mutually satisfactory outcome.
* The uniform is to be worn at all times when involved in any school activities.
* The uniform should be in good repair and a clean and tidy condition.
* Any non-uniform items will be removed and placed in school bag, unless an explanatory note is received from parents.
* New parents will be given a copy of the Uniform Policy when enrolling their child.
* On enrolment, parents will be made aware of the requirement for their child to wear the school uniform.
* For children transferring from another school, parents must submit a uniform order when enrolling.
* New Entrants are expected to wear the uniform from their first day of attendance.
* Parents are requested to name all clothing items.
* To support our sun safe policy, school uniform hats must be worn from term four until the end of term one.
* Uniforms will be available from the school, including a selection of second-hand items when they become available.
* Footwear must be sensible. High heel shoes and jandals are unsuitable for school wear.
* Hair ties, when worn, are to be brown, black, white or navy blue.
* Scarves, if worn, must be navy blue.
* No jewellery is permitted at school except for watches and studs for pierced ears.
* No jeans or hoodies are permitted.
* We strongly discourage children from having their hair streaked or coloured.
* The Board of Trustees will approve the colour and pattern of the uniform.
* The Principal may, for reasons approved by the Board of Trustees, exempt a pupil from wearing the uniform.
* Teachers will be supported by the Board in enforcing the wearing of uniforms.
* The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the community, will review the uniform and implementation procedures on a regular basis with a maximum time between reviews being two years.

**UNIFORM SCHEDULE**

* Navy/Royal short sleeved dri-fit polo shirt with TAPS monogram
* Navy/Royal polar sweat with TAPS monogram
* Navy Skort
* Navy Shorts (not jeans/rugby type)
* Navy track pants
* Navy bucket hat
* Navy knee high or ankle socks or full stockings (no footless tights)
* Black or blue shoes or sandals
* Plain navy or black long sleeve thermal can be worn in winter under short sleeve dri-fit polo

**Implementation of this uniform policy**

* Implementation of the uniform policy is always subject to uniform availability.
* We realise that occasional one-off situations will occur when a child cannot wear the uniform. Parents are requested to provide the classroom teacher with a note in these instances.
* A child who is not wearing the approved uniform will not be permitted to participate in activities offered outside of the curriculum such as trips and some sporting activities.
* If a child is not wearing the approved uniform on two consecutive days a note will be sent home.
* The same will occur if the uniform is not in good repair or clean and tidy condition. If the situation is not remedied then the following actions will be taken.
	+ If the response remains negative after a further five school days then this will be followed by a formal letter outlining the consequences and signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.
	+ If the pupil is not wearing the approved school uniform five school days after the letter has been sent this will be followed up by a meeting with the Board of Trustees.
	+ The Principal has the right under the Education Act 1989 Section 14(1)
1. (continual disobedience) to stand-down or suspend the pupil.

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