



Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Eltham East Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Eltham East Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Eltham East Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Eltham East Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Eltham East Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Makeup may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

It is recommended that shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Eltham East Primary School's uniform and dress code includes sun-protective clothing, including:

- loose, cool, closely woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming activities.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 15th August to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the uniform shop at school, or parents/ carers may order it directly [here](#).

Plain solid black bottoms (shorts, skorts, pants, leggings and trackpants) may be purchased from the uniform shop or external retailer.

Second-hand uniform is also available for parents/ carers to purchase from the uniform shop. The uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Eltham East Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Measures taken by Eltham East Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

If a parent/carer would like to seek an exemption to the student dress code, they should speak to the Principal or Principal's nominee

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Eltham East Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Eltham East Primary School's [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Eltham East Primary School's [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Eltham East Primary School's [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed annually to decide whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

Policy last reviewed	2024
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2025 as part of the annual review cycle

APPENDIX A: ELTHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Uniform items only available from the uniform shop

Jumpers with school logo

Purple bomber jacket
Purple hooded jumper

Polo Tops with school logo

Purple short sleeve polo
Purple long sleeve polo
Purple and gold polo

Dresses

Plaid summer dress
Grey winter pinafore

Accessories with school logo

Slouch hat or bucket hat (A hat is compulsory 15th August to 30th April)
Winter beanie
School bag (this is our preferred school bag)
Communication folder

Items available from the uniform shop and or external retailer

Pants: Plain solid black

Track pant reinforced knee
Straight leg pant
Leggings (not available from the uniform shop)

Shorts and Skorts

Plain solid black
Please note – shorts/skorts to comply with the SunSmart policy

Items to purchase from external retailer

Footwear

Black leather school shoes
Sports shoes
Please note – shoes are to have enclosed toes

Accessories - other

Art smocks
Black or white long sleeve top to wear with winter pinafore