



# UNIFORM POLICY

## PURPOSE

The School Uniform Policy exists so that Eltham Primary School can ensure students are able to present themselves neatly and uniformly with pride by having access to good quality and price competitive clothing.

### GOALS:

1. To ensure that students and their parents understand and meet the school's expectation that all students will wear school uniform.
2. To assist parents in the provision of school clothing for students that is economical, serviceable and appropriate.

Eltham Primary School believe that a school uniform:

1. Provides practical and affordable clothing for students, reflecting equal opportunity and social justice.
2. Facilitates identification of the school group which assists promotion of our school and enhances our presentation in the community.
3. Fosters a sense of belonging and pride in our student group and their school leading to development of a positive school culture.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Eltham Primary School

## POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Eltham Primary School believe that a dress code, including school uniform and acceptable wearing of other items (e.g. jewellery), facilitates a sense of pride, belonging and safety.

1. Students are expected to wear our school uniform in school colours (maroon and yellow) as specified.
2. The uniform should be comfortable and facilitate free movement
3. Official supplier for school uniform and school bag is Primary School Wear (PSW) located at Unit 4/5 Danaher Drive, South Morang – phone number (03) 9404-1711.
4. Annual stock take will take place and a Uniform Annual profit and loss statement will be reported to School Council.
5. Second hand uniform is available from the school, please see office staff. Parents may donate uniform items in good condition for re-sale.

6. Parents of new students to our school should be made aware of our uniform policy.
7. All clothing should be labelled with the student's name to facilitate prompt return of lost items. Any unlabelled items of clothing will be put in the lost property box. Unclaimed items will be removed at the end of each term.
8. Students are expected to wear appropriate school uniform when participating in school excursions or outside sporting events.
9. Suitable footwear should be worn at all times (lace up leather shoes, runners). Thongs, open toed, slip on shoes or heeled shoes are inappropriate and unacceptable.
10. Students are expected to wear an approved hat in terms during SunSmart periods in accordance with our SunSmart Policy. Hats are not to be worn inside. Baseball caps are not acceptable. New hats can be purchased from the school office.
11. A note of explanation should be given to the class teacher if a student is out of school uniform. If a student needs to be out of uniform he/she should be dressed in clothing which is as similar as possible to the Eltham Primary School Uniform.
12. For continual non-wearing of uniform, contact will be made via a note or personally by the class teacher to parents/guardians concerned. A signed note is to be returned to the Principal, acknowledging this fact.
13. Any parent experiencing difficulty meeting the schools uniform requirements should discuss this with the Principal.
14. Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship, must apply in writing to the Principal.
15. There should be no additional ornamentation on items of school uniform (i.e., ribbons, lace, large commercial logos, etc.) Charity badges sold at school may be worn.
16. All shoulder length hair should be tied up. Potentially dangerous hair ornaments must not be worn to school.
17. Students should not wear make-up. The only jewellery permitted is a watch and/or plain pierced ear-keepers, (sleepers and studs). Other visible body piercing is unacceptable.
18. A special top will be reserved for use by grade 6 students.
19. Mufti days (non-uniform days) may be organised with the permission of the Principal.
20. If the School Council makes a change to the dress code, students can continue to wear old uniform items for up to two years after the change. (Date of changeover needs to be publicised.)

**Camps and casual dress days:**

1. Students will continue to observe SunSmart policy requirements for wearing appropriate SunSmart head wear and clothing outside during SunSmart periods.
2. T-shirts and other clothing featuring offensive language or graphics will not be worn at school or on camps.
3. Singlets and tank tops are not to be worn at any time.

4. For safety reasons, thongs, open toed shoes, slip on shoes or heeled shoes are not to be worn.

Responsibility for the purchasing and selling of uniforms will rest with the uniform co-ordinator and/or Business Manager who will report to the Sub Committee of School Council.

1. School Council, through the Management sub-committee will evaluate regular formal and informal feedback from all members of the school community.
2. The uniform shop coordinator will report to Council via a monthly update to the management sub-committee with regard to changes.
3. Observations will be noted regarding regular and appropriate wearing of uniform by all students.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The uniform code has been formulated through the school decision-making process i.e. informal/formal discussions with staff, School Council Sub-Committee and School Council. Any change to this policy will go through the same process.

### Related School Policies

SunSmart Policy

### Related DET Resources

- [Developing and Reviewing Dress Codes](#)
- [Dress Code Exemptions](#)
- [Dress Code Legislation](#)
- [Implementing and Enforcing Dress Codes](#)
- [Health and Safety Considerations](#)
- [Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements](#)
- [State Schools' Relief](#)
- [Uniform Supply Arrangements](#)

## REVIEW CYCLE

THIS VERSION FIRST ISSUED	LAST UPDATED	STATUS	DUE FOR REVIEW
2018	2018	This policy will be reviewed as necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances	2021