



EDWARDSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

After consultation with the school community, Edwardstown Primary School Council has adopted a school dress code, which all students are expected to follow.

This requires the wearing of the Edwardstown Primary School colours at all times.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tuesday and Friday mornings 8.30 – 9.30am

The Edwardstown Primary Uniform shop provides many items that are of good quality and reasonably priced. Both winter and summer ranges have a number of styles. We ask that purchases from the uniform shop be your first choice, but you may purchase clothing from other sources provided that it is consistent with our school colours. Iron-on logos are also available. *A price list can be obtained from the front office.*

SCHOOL DRESS CODE COLOURS ARE NAVY BLUE AND GOLD

Dress Code colours of Navy Blue and Gold can be worn in any combination. e.g. navy pants-gold top, navy pants-navy top

- Thin, subtle trim in dress code colours is acceptable.
- Navy and white check summer dress (available from retail outlets) is acceptable.
- A winter pinafore is also available (order only) from the school.



MONITORING

Staff and school leaders monitor the dress code across the school on a regular basis.

If Dress Code is unable to be worn on any particular day, please write a brief diary note to your child's teacher.

FOOTWEAR

Sensible footwear is to be worn at all times – e.g. closed-in shoes. Thongs, Crocs or high platform shoes are not permitted.

Summer school sandals with a hard sole and a covered-in toe are acceptable.

HATS

Edwardstown Primary School has a No Hat, Play in the Shade policy for Terms 1 and 4. Students are required to wear a style of hat that gives protection to the face, neck and ears. Hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4 during recess and lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons. Sunsafe hats are available from the uniform shop.

Students without appropriate hats will be required to sit or play in a designated shaded area or visit the Resource Centre.

Hats cannot be 'on loan' if a student has forgotten or lost their hat.

Children are encouraged also to wear a hat to and from school, and to wear 30+ or greater sun screen.

SCHOOL BAGS

School bags are available for purchase.

Please CLEARLY LABEL your child's clothing / hat with his / her name.



The benefits of the dress code are:

- promotes pride in our school
- enhances our public image
- reduces peer pressure
- is cost effective
- dress code items sold by EPS are in accordance with our sun protection policy
- on excursions, and in the school, safety is paramount. The wearing of school dress code ensures student safety by making them identifiable as members of our school
- encourages appropriate clothing for school activities relevant for primary aged students in a school setting
- promotes a sense of equity and inclusiveness.

Dress Code Regulations

Education Department Regulation 77 on Dress Codes provides the following:

1. The right for school councils to determine school dress policy
2. Consultation entitlements and processes
3. Enforcement obligations and exemption conditions.

Exemptions

As per departmental guidelines, parents/carers may seek exemption from wearing the dress code on the following grounds:

- religious
- cultural or ethnic
- new student (to allow time to purchase)
- itinerant student
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons

* An exemption can be sought by writing to the school Principal outlining the reason/s.



Compliance Obligations

Students not wearing school dress code will be spoken to by a staff member and encouraged to observe the dress code policy.

Parents/carers will be contacted by letter or diary note from the principal, if the student persistently breaches the dress code.

Further discussions may be required if non-compliance occurs.

If dress code is not worn on school photo day, or on an excursion day, the student will be given a clean shirt from the second hand supply for use on that day, if an alternative arrangement cannot be made.

Inappropriate Clothing

The following clothing is deemed inappropriate to wear to school.

- board shorts
- brand name logos
- obvious stripes
- jeans
- clothing with offensive graphics and/or wording*
- tank tops* / belly tops*
- short, tight skirts*
- thongs, Crocs or platform shoes*

* On Casual Days and Sports Days, the above clothing marked with an asterisk is still deemed to be inappropriate. Clothing must comply with the school's Sun Protection Policy at all times.

Jewellery and Make-up

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is to be kept to a minimum and long hair should be tied back.

Jewellery and make-up (including nail polish) are not considered appropriate. (For pierced ears, studs or sleepers are recommended) Hair accessories – school coloured ribbons, hair ties and clips are accepted.

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We ask that you support the School's Dress Code Policy for the benefit of all our children.