

## UNIFORM POLICY *reviewed and updated Jan 2021*

**RATIONALE:** At Edwardstown Primary School we take great pride in our sense of community, fostering a positive culture that engenders the feeling of belonging and pride in our students. The school culture is underpinned by a set of values that has been shaped by the community. This includes the expectation that all students wear approved school uniform, supporting the school values of Respect, Care and Compassion and Doing Your Best.

Wearing of the uniform is an important factor in ensuring the safety of all students and allows quick and easy identification of students associated with Edwardstown Primary School. It also avoids the issue of competition and purchasing expensive clothing.

Students are expected to wear the uniform with pride at all times during school hours, especially on excursions and while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities outside of school hours.

**PROCEDURE:** The Governing Council has approved the range of uniform options which is in the school colours of navy blue and gold, and is sun safe. (Examples are also provided of items that are NOT considered acceptable.) Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community, including the consultation of the SRC.

The uniform policy is inclusive of, but not limited to, considerations based on gender, disability, religion and culture.

Education Department Regulation 77 on Dress Code provides the following:

- The right for school councils to determine school dress code policy
- Consultation entitlements and processes
- Enforcement obligation and exemptions conditions

## **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

Although the school uniform supplier sells every piece of school uniform, items that do not require a school logo and are consistent with this policy can be purchased at retail outlet.

### **FOOTWEAR**

- Sensible, supportive comfortable closed shoes are to be worn at all times: sports or leather shoes. Sandals (not fashion sandals) preferably white, black, brown or navy.
- No thongs, crocs, surf sandals or scuffs
- Plain white, navy or black socks or navy tights (including sports socks - *not fluoro*)

### **SCHOOL BAGS AND HATS**

**School bags** with EPS logo are available for purchase, however, any appropriate school bag is approved.

Students are required to wear **navy blue bucket or board brim hats** at recess, lunchtime and during outside activities (such as fitness and P.E. lessons) at school. Hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4 during recess and lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons, as per our Sunsmart policy.

Students without an appropriate hat will be required to sit or play in a designated shaded area or visit the Library. Hats cannot be 'on loan' if a student has forgotten or lost their hat.

### **HAIR**

Except for special school events e.g. Sports Day, students are encouraged not have dyed hair (unreasonable colours), although natural colours will be permitted. Hair accessories such as ribbons, hair ties and clips in navy or gold are acceptable. The same colour options apply to students who wear hair coverings for religious and/or cultural reasons. Hair longer than shoulder length or covering their eyes, needs to be neatly tied up. Students are permitted to wear their hair down and styles on special occasions including school photo day.

**Respect, Care and Compassion, Doing your Best**

## THE UNIFORM CONSISTS OF

### Reception to Year 7

- Navy - long pants, shorts/skorts, leggings (No jeans or black pants)
- School short or long-sleeved navy or gold polo shirt with navy/gold trim (school logo)
- School dress - navy and white check summer dress, a navy and white winter pinafore.
- School hat (bucket hat with school logo)
- School navy rugby jumper with gold stripes (school logo)
- School navy jumper with hood (school logo)/ navy zip-up jacket with gold trim
- Closed in sport or leather shoes or navy sandals. (No thongs, crocs, surf sandals or fluoro laces.)

### Other

- Communication bag (JP only)
- Sports Uniforms- approved by Governing Council (Weekend and SAPSASA Sport)

### Optional

- School backpack with logo
- Hair accessories (navy or gold only)
- Sports Day **PLAIN** coloured t-shirts in (yellow, red, blue, green) house colours (No logos) with school navy shorts

## THE SCHOOL UNIFORM DOES NOT INCLUDE WEARING:

- Clothing not in school colours or with brand logos,
- Denim/ Jeans
- Short skirts
- Clothing with offensive graphics and/or wording\*
- Tank tops\* / belly tops\*/ short, tight skirts\*
- Thongs, Crocs or platform shoes\*
- Rings, necklaces or bangles
- Makeup (including nail polish/ false nails)

## CASUAL 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

Students are permitted to wear minimal jewellery, consisting of a watch, earring (stud or sleepers) and medic alert bracelets. No visible piercings other than earlobes. **Coloured nail polish, false nails and makeup are not accepted.**

## Exemptions

Parents/ Caregivers may seek exemptions from adhering to wearing the uniform. Any request for an exemption needs to be in writing and sent to the Principal. The correspondence needs to outline the circumstances, timeline and reason for the exemption is being sought.

Exemptions can only be considered in the following grounds: Religious, Cultural or ethnic, new students (to allow time to purchase), Itinerant student, financial hardship and genuine medical or family sickness reasons.

## MONITORING

School staff monitor the wearing of uniform across the school. If there is a reason that school uniform is unable to be worn on a particular day, please communicate this to your child's teacher. Students who do not have an exemption or appropriate explanation will be supplied with a second-hand item to be worn for that day. Parent/ caregivers will be contacted by staff via a note, email or phone call for persistent unexplained breaches of the uniform and dress code policy.