

SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale

The Essex Heights Primary School (EHPS) Council has established a dress code for students with authority from a Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Legislative requirements, Department of Education and Training (DET) advice and the EHPS School Council dress code policy are used by such bodies as the Ombudsman in resolving disputes referred to them.

The school will:

- promote a strong sense of identity and pride in the school through students wearing an approved school uniform;
- assist in maintaining individual student safety and group security at school and when travelling to and from school and on school excursions;
- promote active and safe participation in school life;
- reduce the potential for students to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items at school.

Guidelines

- The dress code for Essex Heights Primary School states the expectations the School Council holds with regard to student appearance. The code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school out of school hours. The dress code takes precedence over student's individual preference in matters of dress.
- The wearing of appropriate sun smart hats as protection against harmful exposure to the sun is compulsory during Terms One and Four (see Sunsmart Policy).
- Students and parents/guardians are notified of the approved school uniform and dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.
- A Uniform Committee may be formed **as required** and will be responsible for making recommendations to School Council regarding the range and components of the school uniform and sports attire, and will be delegated the responsibility for the purchasing, organisation, pricing and selling of the school uniform.
- Any significant changes to the existing approved uniform should be subject to extensive consultation with parents, teachers and, where relevant, students, prior to consideration for acceptance by School Council.
- Careful consideration should be given to the safety, acceptability, practicability, durability and cost of school uniform items.
- School Council should ensure that financial considerations do not preclude any student from obtaining the school uniform. The Principal will determine eligibility and arrange for assistance as necessary.
- In order to comply with Equal Opportunity requirements, uniform items should enable all students to participate actively and safely in school life.
- With regard to this dress code, the School Council and Principal cannot discriminate, either directly or indirectly, against students on the basis of their sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs, marital status, colour or disability.

Exemptions from the Dress Code

The Principal will make decisions related to Exemptions from the dress code as set out in School Policy Advisory Guide.

- Enforcement of the dress code:
 - o The school will work in partnership with parents to enforce the dress code.
 - o All students are expected to and encouraged to wear School uniforms as per the Essex Heights Primary School dress code.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Council's review cycle.

Resources / information

Community and Stakeholder Relations Branch: Ph 9637 2442

School Policy and Advisory Guide:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/dresscode.aspx>

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ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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To be read in conjunction with the Student Dress Code

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All uniform items are available from the school suppliers "PSW".

Girls

Summer dress, tunic, skort, short sleeve polo, long sleeve polo, track pants, boot-leg slacks, bomber jacket and Year Six garment.

Boys

Short sleeve polo, long sleeve polo, track pants, grey drill pants, shorts, bomber jacket and Year Six garment.

Hats

Sun hats are compulsory during Terms One and Four. Children who have no hat or an inappropriate hat will remain undercover at recess and lunch times. Students are required to wear either of the official school issue hat – the dark green legionnaire style or wide brim to cover face and neck. These hats are available through the Uniform Shop.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

General

- Children must wear safe appropriate footwear, preferably black.
- Hair must be neat and tidy and off the face for health and safety reasons.
- If additional items of clothing are worn for extra warmth underneath the uniform, e.g. Skivvies, tee shirt, every effort should be made to wear school colours (dark green, white). Black tights/leggings may be worn.

Sporting Activities

- For sporting events, the wearing of sports uniform during school hours should be at the discretion of the class teacher and sports coaches.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn for all Physical Education and sports activities.

Excursions

- Unless otherwise stated, school uniform will be worn.
- If a child is not in school uniform clothes of a similar colour should be worn or second-hand items may be borrowed from the First Aid room.
- Children who are inappropriately dressed may not be permitted to participate.