



# Uniform Policy

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## OUR VISION

*'To work together as a community to support the health, well being, academic and social success of our students.'*

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## 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

- a) All schools have dress requirements<sup>1</sup> for students which are developed by School Councils in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school.
- b) The Principal may grant exemptions and sanctions as provided in Regulations 35 and 36 of the *School Education Act 1999* and according to processes approved by the School Council.
- c) Denim items must be excluded from all school dress codes.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- a) School dress requirements are evidence of the standards expected of students. A school's dress requirements play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students.
- b) The Principal must inform parents and students in writing at the time of the student's enrolment at the school about the school's dress requirements. (Regulation 34)

## 3. DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The dress requirements at East Maddington Primary School have been determined in consultation with the school community and School Council. In determining these dress requirements, the following has been taken into consideration; clothing that is affordable, comfortable, made from easy care fabric, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.

### **Uniform includes: plain navy, no logos or stripes etc other than school logos**

- Navy blue polo shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue skorts
- Navy blue track pants
- Navy blue sports zip jacket with gold stripe
- Navy blue zip jacket
- Navy blue windcheater/jumper
- Faction T-shirt with school faction colour and logo (Friday)
- Sneakers, shoes and socks, no thongs
- Sun safe navy hat: bucket: preferred, full brim or legionnaire

### Optional

- Navy leggings (only under skorts in winter)
- Navy skivvies under polo shirts
- Navy blue skirt
- Navy hat with red stripe (optional for those with anaphylaxis)

### **Jewellery**

For safety and security reasons, students are only permitted to wear:

- one set of small studs or sleepers/small hoops in ears
- a watch
- jewellery for religious reasons permitted on approval
- no facial piercings

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<sup>1</sup> 'Dress requirements' in this document refers to 'dress codes' for primary school students and 'school uniforms' for secondary school students.

### **Hair and make-up**

- Long hair must be tied back (to prevent the spread of head lice).
- No hair dyes to be used. (Coloured hair spray only permitted on Faction Carnival Day.)
- Hair ties should be conservative and navy, black, brown or neutral ie hair colours.
- No make-up or nail polish.
- No permanent or temporary tattoos.

### **Physical education and daily fitness**

- For safety reasons, students are required to wear a hat and closed in shoes for Physical Education and fitness.

## **4. SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE**

- a) The P&C committee run a uniform shop which offers clothing at an affordable cost. Should parents and carers wish to buy clothing that from another supplier that conforms to this uniform policy, they are welcome to do so. School logos will be made available to purchase.
- b) The uniform shop sells second hand uniforms when available.
- c) Lay-by or payment plans are also available.

## **5. INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTIONS**

The Principal will consider applications for individual exemptions in regards to the dress code. Decisions approving or revoking exemptions must be made in writing.

Exemptions may cover short term or longer term periods on the following grounds:

- *the unavailability of an item;*
- *a matter relating to the student's health;*
- *a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or family;*
- *a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or family; or*

## **6. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

- a) All students are expected to meet dress requirements unless an exemption has been granted in writing from the Principal.
- b) Students who do not comply with the uniform requirements will be sent to the office.
- c) Parents of students who do not comply with the dress requirements will be contacted to determine the reasons for non-compliance and solutions identified to support compliance.
- d) Administration will provide a uniform on loan if possible for the day. (A store of second hand uniforms will be made available from the Uniform Shop or through purchase by the school.)
- e) If no replacement item is available the student will be sent back to class.
- f) If it can be demonstrated that financial reasons are not a contributing factor, the Principal can apply sanctions prescribed in the legislation. Regulation 36 (2) These include:
  - preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school; or
  - preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program.

**POLICY ENDORSED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL 21.5.2014**