



Policy:

UNIFORM

Approved at School Council Meeting: May 2023

Review: March 2024

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Approved school uniform consists of:

- Navy polo shirt with sky inserts with school logo (No singlet tops).
- Navy bomber jacket with school logo.
- Plain navy shorts. School shorts preferred. Shorts purchased outside our school uniform must be relaxed fit and an appropriate length-no shorter than mid thigh). No fitness/bike shorts or logoss.
- Plain navy tracksuit pants.
- A school dress, navy tunic or navy blue skirt with navy tights may be worn.
- Navy or sky blue skivvy may be worn under tunic and polos.
- Head scarves, as appropriate, must be plain white or navy blue.
- Beanie with the Shepparton East logo
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Long hair must be tied back with school coloured accessories.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable hats are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart Policy. Hats are not be worn inside.
- Footwear – Black school shoes, black boots or black runners with black, navy or white socks.
- The School Council is responsible for the sale of school uniform which they do voluntarily on a non profit basis. Second hand uniform is available to families by making a gold coin donation to the school.
- The uniform list, including details of uniform items and cost will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and on the website.
- On approved out of uniform days, singlet tops, thongs and shoestring straps are not permitted.
- **Wearing of approved school uniform is compulsory.**

Support for families experiencing difficulty:

Please contact the Principal or Business manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Exceptions to the dress code:

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally. Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

Concerns about this dress code:

Shepparton East Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.
- Policy updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

Note: Bring runners for PE if necessary