RATIONALE:

School uniform is the single most identifying feature of a school. It helps with pupil identification, safety on excursions and develops a sense of pride and belonging on the part of the students.

AIM:

To ensure school uniform is worn by students at all times unless otherwise specified. That families and students support the expectation that uniforms are well maintained and that Eastwood students are well presented.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The school uniform colours are emerald, black and white. All items worn should be in these school colours.

2. Uniform lists are located outside the office. A list of uniform items can also be found on the school’s website under Parents/School Uniform. Uniforms can be purchased from PSW, 18-20 Railway Ave, Ringwood East.

3. Second hand items are available at school. Parents will be encouraged to donate used uniforms to provide a supply of second-hand stock for purchase and to assist families requiring support. Opening times of the Second Hand Uniform shop are advertised in Epsilon.

4. Families who require assistance to comply with our uniform policy will be offered support to do so.

5. Students are required to wear the uniform to and from school, while at school, on excursions, during inter-school sports and when representing Eastwood Primary School, unless otherwise informed. Teachers will forward a note to parents when a student is not in uniform, requesting that the matter be addressed by a designated date.
6. School sports polo should be worn on days of PE or sporting activities.

7. Uniforms should be well maintained and not defaced in any way. Parents will be asked to replace defaced items and to ensure their child wears full uniform to an acceptable standard. Determination of this standard is at the discretion of the Principal and the Leadership Team.

8. Uniform Policy compliments the Sun Smart Policy. Therefore, a wide-brimmed hat is to be worn outside from September 1 to May 1 and at other times as requested. Hairstyles should allow the functional wearing of hats during this time. Children without hats or wearing hats inappropriately will stay in a designated shaded area.

9. Parents are requested to name all items to assist retrieval. A ‘Lost Property’ area will be maintained by the school.

10. A special commemorative uniform item will be available for purchase to all Year 6 students.

11. Make-up, nail-polish and extreme hairstyles and colour are not permitted. The Principal and the Leadership team have discretionary power to determine extreme hairstyles and take appropriate action.

12. The wearing of jeans, jeggings and leggings are not permitted.

13. Long hair is to be tied back.

14. Jewelry is restricted to studs, sleepers, watches, medical and religious items.

15. Shoes to be predominantly white or black runners or black school shoes.

**EVALUATION:**

This policy is reviewed every three years.

**Approved by School Council:** October, 2013

**Scheduled review:** October, 2016