



Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the School Office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility's School Council to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

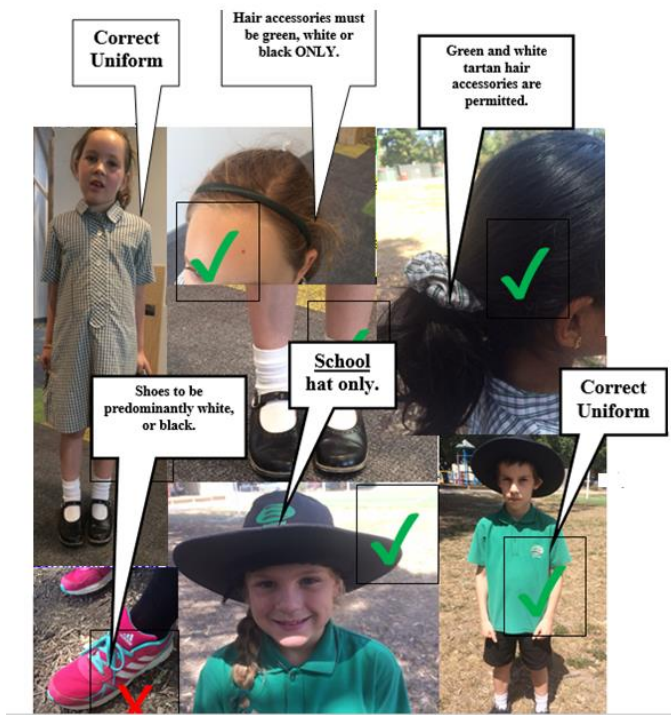
Parents will be notified in writing when a student is out of uniform and asked to ensure that their child is attired in accordance with the Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility and Deaf Facility uniform code.

All clothing and the school bag should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Our uniform consists of the following options:

- Black track pants or slacks (no leggings allowed), emerald green school windcheater /jacket and school polo shirt
- School dress or tunic

- Cool Weather—Black track pants or slacks (no leggings allowed), emerald green windcheater / jacket and long or short sleeved school polo shirt, black or white skivvy.
- school tunic with black tights
- Warm Weather— School dress, black shorts, school polo shirt and school hat.
- Sport - Black shorts and the Eastwood House Polo top.



Eastwood House Polo Tops

Eastwood House Polo tops are available in every House colour. These House Polos can be worn when students have their Specialist day each week and for any House or sports event including House Athletics, House Cross Country, Ride 2 School Day, House Swimming Carnival, etc. The House Tops will be worn by Senior students during Interscholar sports.



Footwear: Students are required to wear sturdy, supportive footwear to protect their feet during vigorous physical activity which is part of daily school life.

Black school shoes or black or white athletic runners are the school uniform (please note that thongs, very light sandals or shoes with heels are not to be worn on free dress days).

During Term 4 arrangements are made for Year 5 students to purchase a commemorative Year 6 windcheater.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. Hair ties must be green, white or black only. Hair dye is not permitted.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW in Croydon or online via <http://www.psw.com.au/schools/eastwood-primary-school-html>

Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility Parents' and Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents on certain days – communicated via COMPASS notification. For further information contact the School Office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, enrolment processes and via the School Office. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Parents will be notified in writing when a student is out of uniform and asked to ensure that their child is attired in accordance with the Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility uniform code.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT 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 notify the principal in writing or in person if they are unable to comply with Student Dress Code due to:

- an aspect of this code which prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their gender affirmation, 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 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility 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*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility Sunsmart Policy
- Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility Parent Complaint Policy
- Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	22 February 2023
Consultation	School community offered the opportunity to provide feedback on update policy via the newsletter, Epsilon.
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2026