

## Uniform Policy

Dear Families,

**All Elizabeth Park students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times**

### Purpose:

Students attending Elizabeth Park School wear clothing that allows them to:

- participate safely and easily in all areas of the curriculum and
- identify themselves and be identified by others as members of our school community.

### Rationale:

Wearing of school uniform enables students to:

- Develop a strong **sense of identity** as members of the school community.
- Minimise the likelihood of **undue pressure** from friends and others impacting on students' choice of clothing.
- Concentrate on **learning** instead of being distracted by what is "in" fashion.
- Reduces **pressure on families** to provide popular (and often expensive) brands of clothing.
- Enables students to get dressed with **minimal fuss** in the mornings
- Ensures that **children are safe** throughout the school day as staff can easily identify Elizabeth Park students from intruders and outsiders.

**Wearing of school uniform enhances school pride and the positive image of Elizabeth Park School.**

### Guidelines:

**The school uniform** will consist of:

TOPS	BOTTOMS	DRESSES	Hats	Shoes	COSMETICS / JEWELLERY	HEADWEAR
Navy blue or maroon	Navy blue, black or maroon	Navy blue or maroon	Navy blue or maroon			Navy blue or maroon
Polo top with a collar	Track pants or Jeans	Checked school dresses	Legionnaires, broad brimmed and bucket hats	Closed in shoes or sandals	<b>NO</b> cosmetics may be worn by students	Religious scarves
Windcheater	Track pants with vertical stripes	Close to knee length shorts	Blue or maroon beanies can be worn outside under school hats	Appropriate for physical activity	<b>NO</b> jewellery, body piercings, large earrings or chains. Only sleepers and studs may be worn	Hair Bows, head bands and head clips
Jackets / Coats	Close to knee length shorts			<b>NO</b> slip on shoes, thongs, high heel / wedges may be worn	<b>NO</b> fake nails as they are a safety issue or nail polish	
Under shirts / Skivvy	Close to knee skirts and skorts				Religious jewellery may be worn with a note from parent / guardian	
	Leggings worn <b>under</b> skirts, skorts and shorts				Watches may be worn	

- All clothing including hats must not have graffiti on it, students name is acceptable in one place only.
- Large Logos and brand name clothing are not acceptable.
- Students will remove all make-up or parents/caregivers will be contacted.
- It is expected that school clothing will adequately cover sensitive areas of the body to protect the skin from damage (e.g. strapless, sleeveless and shoe string tops are not to be worn).
- Families are welcome to purchase clothing of school colours from other retail outlets.
- The dress code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions.
- The school is not responsible for the loss or damage of any clothing or jewellery.

#### **Implementation:**

- The school has a uniform shop Prices are kept as low as possible so that families can afford the uniform. This helps reduce the pressure on families to provide expensive brands of clothing.
- Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with your child's teacher, the Assistant Principals or the Principal.
- Families will be provided with assistance and support by the school if deemed necessary.

#### **Consequences / Enforcement:**

When students arrive for school in clothing that does not fit the school dress code, a variety of options will be actioned:

1. If a student is out of school uniform and/or a hat, then the student will **sit out of play** on the "No Hat – No Uniform – No Play" bench. The student will be given a 'No Uniform' note by their teacher to be signed by the teacher on yard duty.
2. Contact will be made with the parent/caregiver by phone and/or by letter if needed.

#### **Temporary Exemptions:**

Parent/Caregivers can write a note or contact the school to give a reason for their child being out of uniform for **that day only**. This is a 'ONE OFF' exemption and cannot continue each day.

The class teacher will give the student an exemption slip that they can carry with them to show the teacher on duty.

#### **An Important Safety Rationale**

The student uniform must be visible at all times while at school to ensure that children are safe throughout the school day as **staff can easily identify Elizabeth Park students from intruders and outsiders.**