

'Smarten Our Safe School' Uniform Policy

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 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 and
- 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:

1. Clothing

The school uniform will consist of:

- Navy blue or maroon **polo top with a collar**.
- navy blue or maroon **windcheater**
- navy blue or maroon **track pants**
- navy blue or maroon **shorts**
- navy blue or maroon **knee-length skirts and skorts**
- Navy blue or maroon and white **checked school dresses**.
- A supply of good quality and inexpensive polo tops, windcheaters, track pants, shorts and hats are available at the school front office for purchase at affordable prices.
- Large logos and brand names are not acceptable
- It is expected that school clothing will adequately cover sensitive areas of the body to protect the skin from damage. (eg 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.

2. Hats

- Students are required to wear a **school approved hat** when engaging in outdoor activities.
- School approved hats are **Legionnaires, Broad brimmed and Narrower brimmed** in both maroon and navy blue. No other hats, caps or beanies may be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable, other than a school hat, is religious headwear such as scarves worn by Muslim girls.

3. Shoes

- Shoes should be appropriate for involvement in physical activity. Closed in shoes are preferable. Slip-on shoes, thongs and high / wedge heels should not be worn as they present a safety risk.

4. Cosmetics and Jewellery

- Cosmetics may not be worn by students at school.
- Body Piercings, large ear-rings and chains are not to be worn.(sleepers and studs may be worn in ears)

Consequences / Enforcement:

- When students arrive for school in clothing that does not fit the school dress code
 1. **Contact** will be made with the parent/caregiver, by phone and/or by letter.
 2. The student will then be offered a **spare school top** which they will wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon.
 3. If the student chooses not to wear the spare top and/or a school uniform and/or a hat, then the student will **sit out of play** in the “No Hat – No Uniform – No Play” area.
- Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with your child’s teacher, the Deputy, Counsellor or the Principal.
- Families will be provided with assistance and support by the school.

Introduction and Staging of Policy

2004

Term 4

- Front Office Uniform shop established
- Policy approved and published in newsletter.
- Students informed of expectations

2005

Term 1

- All students will be expected to wear school approved tops and hats.
- Consequences enforced

Term 2

- All students will be expected to wear school approved tops and bottoms and hats.

Term 3

- Review Policy

Term 4

- Phasing out of the Light Blue tops.

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I _____ have read and understood the Elizabeth Park Uniform Policy.

I will support the school community in implementing the policy.

Parent/caregiver signature _____

Date _____