

Uniform & Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

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

This Uniform & Student Dress Code has been developed by Epsom Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Uniform & Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Epsom Primary School'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.

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 Uniform & Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Epsom Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

WINTER

- Black school pants - no stripes, logos or patterns. School Council recommends Centavic Clothing.
- Black microfibre pants - no stripes, logos or patterns. School Council recommends Centavic Clothing.
- Black tracksuit pants - no stripes, logos or patterns. School Council recommends Centavic Clothing
- Red, charcoal and white rugby jumper, with Epsom Primary School logo. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Red, charcoal, black & white tartan, pleated skirt, worn with black tights. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Red, charcoal and white rugby polo shirt with Epsom Primary School logo. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Red, charcoal and white rugby long sleeve polo shirt with Epsom Primary School logo. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.

SUMMER

- Microfibre black shorts - no stripes, logos or patterns. School Council recommends Centavic Clothing.
- Poly/rayon black shorts - no stripes, logos or patterns. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Dress - Red, white & charcoal. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.

- Black skorts (gaberdine). Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Red, charcoal and white rugby polo shirt with Epsom Primary School logo. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Red, charcoal and white rugby jumper with Epsom Primary School logo. Supplied by Centavic Clothing.
- Epsom Primary School hat.
- Hair ties and head bands are to be school colours only.

SHOES

- Whole school recommendation: Lace up, buckle or velcro (enclosed toe and heel) - **black** only. Prep recommendation: Velcro or shoes with buckles for ease to take off and put back on.
- On given Physical Education days, wear black runners or you are to bring your runners to change into before Physical Education.
- Not acceptable: Thongs, slip on & high heels or shoes with open toes.

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Epsom Primary School 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. Only plain red or black garments are permitted.

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.

Hair and Sun Safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside when the UV is 3 or above. Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Centavic Clothing, 2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully 3550. www.centavicclothing.com.au

Support for Families Experiencing Difficulty

Please contact Epsom Primary School's Chaplain via the Office 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

Epsom Primary School will ensure that this Uniform & Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Epsom Primary School students wearing non-compliant uniform items will have a phone call home to ask parents/carers to bring in correct uniform items.

EXEMPTIONS TO UNIFORM & 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 apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Uniform & 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 UNIFORM & STUDENT DRESS CODE

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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

REVIEW CYCLE

This Uniform & Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 17.08.2021 and is scheduled for review in July 2025.