

Geelong East Primary School

Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Geelong East Primary School 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 Geelong East 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 Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Geelong East 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.

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

The full list of Geelong East Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available below:-

SUMMER UNIFORM

Bottle green shorts
Red/Green polo shirt
Green/white check dress/skorts
Green windcheater (with school logo)
Green bomber jacket
Black school shoes or runners
White or grey socks
Green wide brim hats

WINTER UNIFORM

Bottle green tracksuit pants and/or tartan skirt
Green/white check dress
Red/Green polo shirt or skivvy
Green windcheater (with school logo)
Green bomber jacket
Bottle green leggings or tights under kilts/ dresses
White or grey socks
Black school shoes or runners
Green beanie

Sports uniform

There are specific uniform requirements for students when participating in activities/sports outside the school grounds.

*When travelling to and from sporting events students must wear their school uniform. In cold weather school tracksuit pants and school windcheater can also be worn during events.

*Girls leggings are not part of the sports uniform and only allowed at Regional or higher athletic events.

These following uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports event.

* black netball skirt

* black and red polo top

* school football and soccer tops

Students to provide:

* bottle green shorts or black shorts for team events (no pockets)

*bottle green tracksuit pants

* white socks (netball, basketball, t-ball, etc)

* black socks (football, soccer or rugby only)

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Geelong East 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.

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.

Any type of artificial nails are not permitted and due to safety reasons parents/carers will be called to ensure children comply.

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 in term 1 and 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. 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 the office at school, or parents/carers may choose to buy from Kmart, Target, Beleeza and A+.

Geelong East Primary School Parents/carers' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers which runs at nominated times before assembly.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the office 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

Geelong East Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through enrolment procedures, our website and App and the student handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Assistant Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Geelong East Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

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/carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this 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

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the parents/ carers
- ensure parents/carers 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 parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Geelong East Primary School 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 App or website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Geelong East Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Geelong East Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Geelong East 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 Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 13/08/2019 and is scheduled for review in August 2020.