

East Brisbane State School

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East Brisbane State School Student Dress Code Policy

Rationale:

East Brisbane State School and its community supports the wearing of a uniform at school. The uniform is expected to be worn when:

- Attending or representing the school
- Travelling to and from school, and
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours (if requested)

The East Brisbane State School community has collaboratively developed a Student Dress Code Policy and believes that the code:

- Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and nonstudents of the school.
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school.
- Minimises visible evidence of economic, class or social differences between students at the school.
- Promotes a supportive environment within the school by fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the school.
- Creates a good image of the school within the community and encourages students to uphold and enhance that image.

Uniform Mode of Dress:

The uniform adopted consists of the following:

School Uniform for Prep to 6

East Brisbane State School offers two uniform options. Parents can elect to purchase both options or choose one. It is recommended that the formal uniform is worn on the school's Assembly day, Monday. It is also recommended that the sports uniform (and sports shoes) are worn on PE days.

Formal Uniform	Sports Uniform
Dark green and white check, short sleeved dress for girls Unisex dark green and white check shirt Girls dark green and white check blouse Green skort for girls Green formal shorts for boys	Green unisex polo shirt Green unisex knit shorts

- Predominantly black or white joggers with black, white or green socks. Joggers are suitable for every day wear. Black school shoes are an <u>optional</u> extra. (For the safety of students, laces, buckles or Velcro are required. Large oversized shoes are not appropriate.)
- School's green sun safe broad brimmed hat or bucket hat.
- Caps are not acceptable.

Winter Items for Prep to 6

- Green long sleeved fleecy jacket with school logo. (This jacket can be purchased at the uniform shop.)
- Bottle Green Fleecy Track pants (to match fleecy jacket) (can be purchased at uniform shop)
- Bottle green tights. (School tights can be purchased at the uniform shop.)
- Several additional winter uniform pieces can be purchased at local department stores. Acceptable uniform pieces such as plain jumpers, jackets, skivvies and track pants must conform to the school colour bottle green.

School Sports Days

- Lewis: predominantly yellow t-shirt or polo shirt (not available from the school uniform shop.)
- Freeman: predominantly red t-shirt or polo shirt (not available from the school uniform shop.)
- Perkins: predominantly blue t-shirt (not available from the school uniform shop.)

Representative Sports Uniform Year

When representing the school in Inter-school sport, District sport or Budgie Cup Events the school green/gold polo shirt must be worn. Students will be required to wear specified safety equipment applicable to the sports as required by the Department of Education. All sports teams are to wear the school's broad brimmed hat or bucket hat.

Specific Issues

Body Art

Students wearing fake tattoos (on exposed skin areas), nail polish and make-up will be requested to remove them.

Excursions

Students are required to follow the school's dress code policy when representing the school at competitions, excursions and performances.

Swimming

Swim shirts and modest swimwear (one piece preferred) must be worn by students during all water-based activities including swimming lessons. Bathing caps are to be worn at all times in school pool. Bathing caps (in school's sports house colours) can be purchased from the school's uniform shop. The only exception will be that swim shirts do not need to be worn during races at school swimming carnivals. In race situations, if girls are not wearing a swim shirt, a one piece bathing suit is required. Spectators at these events are required to adopt a range of sun protection measures.

Free Dress Days or School Camps

Our school has free dress days to raise money for various projects. Senior students participate in an annual school camp. On these days there are some guidelines that need to be considered:

- 1. Sun safe clothing no singlet tops, sleeveless shirts, exposed midriffs, mini-skirts or short shorts.
- 2. Suitable closed in footwear no thongs, high heels, Ugg boots, boots, slippers, crocs or the like.
- 3. No make-up, fingernail polish, jewellery.

- 4. Appropriate messages on T-shirts no offensive language, drawings or messages are acceptable.
- 5. School hats worn on free dress days. Any broad brimmed hat/bucket hat is acceptable for school camps.

Optional School Bag

An ergonomically friendly back pack is available in green with the school logo. Swim/library bags are also available.

Year 6 Leaders shirt

In recognition of the leadership status of our Year 6 students, each Year 6 student is able to purchase a leader's shirt from Term 2.

Hair

Hair should be maintained in a tidy and neat manner that ensures the safety and hygiene of the student and others. Hair at shoulder length or longer should be tied back. Headbands are to be green, black or white. Student's hair should be <u>appropriately</u> styled and coloured. Extreme haircuts (rats tail, mow hawks etc) are strongly discouraged. A range of hair accessories are available for purchase in school colours from the uniform shop.

Jewellery

Minimal jewellery should be worn to school. These items include a wrist watch, studs or sleepers. Necklaces for medical or religious significance may be worn. These must be worn on the inside of the child's uniform. Medic alert bracelets are also acceptable.

Exemption/Special needs

An exemption from wearing the school uniform or modification of the school uniform will be granted in cases of genuine or special need, including religious, cultural, medical or impairment grounds. In such cases, the parent or caregiver is to apply in writing to the Principal.

Sun Safety

To ensure both short and long term protection from the sun, the school has adopted a style of hat which is mandatory for outdoor activities. Acceptable hats include:

- School broad brimmed hat with logo
- School bucket hat with logo
- Bottle green broad brimmed hat (no logo)

The school is committed to a **'no hat, no play'** rule and all children without the accepted hats will remain in the undercover eating area during breaks.

Areas of responsibility

Principal

The Principal is to negotiate a position with students and parents who are consistently not complying with the dress code. Should a student be inappropriately dressed the Principal or nominee may offer appropriate items from the school's bank of uniforms if necessary. In relation to inappropriate dress, the Principal or nominee will take action that prevents risk to students or others, or action that maintains normal school operations. The Principal will inform the student's parents or carers of the matter and if necessary discuss it further with the relevant parties.

The Principal willingly assists families with the provision of donated uniforms as available and required. The Principal will make every effort to ensure all students who attend our school have access to a school uniform and is happy to provide assistance to parents to meet this goal. Families who may be experiencing economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time, to purchase school uniforms should contact the Principal, Mrs Tanya Abell for confidential assistance.

Parents

Parents are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the uniform mode of dress. They are to ensure their children are appropriately dressed each school day. It is also parent's responsibility to ensure all children's clothing items are clearly labelled with the student's name. An explanation note signed by the parent is required should a student come to school out of uniform. Upon leaving the school, parents may wish to sell their children's uniform items through the P&C's Uniform Shop or donate the items to the school office. **Students**

Students are responsible for wearing the uniform dress in a manner that shows pride in oneself and promotes the good image of the school within the community and encourages students to uphold and enhance that image. They are also responsible for checking lost property for missing items.

Parents and Citizens Association

The P&C operates a Uniform Shop from the school site for the convenience of parents. The Uniform Shop sells new as well as good quality second hand items on consignment. The Parents and Citizens Association will review the uniform mode of dress as required and will make modifications in consultation with the community.

Teachers

Teachers will encourage children to adhere to the dress code and ensure children wear protective clothing and equipment as required. If a child is inappropriately dressed, the student will be sent to the Principal/office to access appropriate items from the back of uniforms held at the school.

Parent and Citizens Endorsement of Student Dress Code

The Parents and Citizens Association of East Brisbane State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for East Brisbane State School because it believes that a student dress code at East Brisbane State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the Parents and Citizens Association of East Brisbane State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment.