



## **UNIFORM**

### **POLICY**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

**The purpose of a uniform at East Bentleigh Primary is to:**

- 1.1 Create collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- 1.2 Identify a sense of belonging with East Bentleigh P.S.
- 1.3 Develop school unity by enhancing the atmosphere, tone, spirit and cultural norms of the school.
- 1.4 Provide safety and security for both individuals and groups.
- 1.5 Foster equality for all students.
- 1.6 Enhance the school image within the wider community.

#### **2. GUIDELINES**

**The Uniform requirements will:**

- 2.1 Be decided by the School Council as representatives of the school community.
- 2.2 Apply to all students and be clearly explained to parents and students prior to enrolment and reiterated on a regular basis.
- 2.3 Apply during school hours and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours, except when otherwise advised.
- 2.4 Include a range/choice of quality garments, including second-hand clothing at the Uniform Shop (when available).
- 2.5 Be revised periodically.

#### **3. IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 All students will wear the East Bentleigh Primary School uniform which may be purchased at the school uniform shop.
- 3.2 Parents are responsible for ensuring students are in school uniform and are expected to provide an explanation if the student is out of uniform,
- 3.3 The uniform policy and a list of school uniform items will be annually distributed to all families and is available at the Uniform shop or school office at all times.
- 3.4 Students will preferably wear a school shoe style of shoes, such as T-bar sandal, short elasticated boot, or lace up school shoe, or plain runners - preferably black or white. Loose fitting shoes, such as Ugg boots, knee high boots, open toed shoes or thongs, or shoes with heels are not permitted. Shoes need to be appropriate for physical activity.
- 3.5 Students will wear plain school socks in school colours when socks are visible.
- 3.6 Students will not have decorated nails or, for safety reasons, wear visible jewellery with the exception of a single stud or sleeper in each earlobe and watches.

- 3.7 Artificially coloured hair and unconventional hairstyles are inappropriate for school and are therefore strongly discouraged.
- 3.8 Students with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back.
- 3.9 Students will wear a SunSmart hat such as broad brimmed, or bucket hats in school colours for outside activities during all of Term 1, and from 1<sup>st</sup> September to the end of Term 4, as per SunSmart Policy.
- 3.10 When out of the school on excursions, it is important for safety that all students wear correct school uniform. Parents of students not in correct school uniform before excursions will be given the option to either provide suitable replacement school uniform, allow the school to provide suitable replacement school uniform, or withdraw the student from the excursion. If parents cannot be contacted before the excursion, replacement school uniform will be provided by the school for the duration of the excursion.
- 3.11 The following procedures will apply to students who do not comply with the Uniform Policy:
  1. Parents are required to provide a note to explain a temporary reason for non-uniform items being worn. Class teachers will offer students a correct uniform item to wear during the day if they desire.
  2. Parents of students who are not in uniform without a note will be sent a brief note, with the uniform policy attached, explaining which items are not correct uniform and requesting correct uniform in future.
  3. Parents of students who are regularly out of uniform will be sent a letter reminding them of their responsibility to ensure students are in correct school uniform.
  4. Parents of students who continually wear non uniform items after a letter has been sent home will be asked to meet with the Principal or their delegate and a school council parent representative to discuss continued non-compliance.
  5. If non-compliance continues parents will be notified that their child/children will be provided with correct uniform items to change into for the day at school.
- 3.12 Student Welfare – For families requiring such assistance with the cost of uniform, support from State Schools’ Relief Committee is available upon application at the Principal’s discretion.

#### **4. CORE UNIFORM**

##### **Only listed items are correct East Bentleigh P.S. Uniform**

- 4.1 Long navy pants– excludes jeans/jeggings and denim
- 4.2 Navy shorts, skorts
- 4.3 Sky-blue or White long or short-sleeved polo top, cotton tee shirt,
- 4.4 Navy windcheater or bomber jacket, navy cardigan, vest or jumper, not hooded
- 4.5 East Bentleigh P.S. summer dress
- 4.6 East Bentleigh P.S. tunic
- 4.7 Navy or white tights or leggings (worn under other garments)
- 4.8 Plain school socks in school colours
- 4.9 School shoe style of shoes, such as T-bar sandal, short elasticated boot, or lace up school shoe, or plain runners - preferably black or white
- 4.10 SunSmart hat such as broad brimmed or bucket hat in school colours
- 4.11 “East Bentleigh Primary School” navy bag is preferable

4:12 Navy coats, jackets or raincoats are preferable

**EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed every three years.

This Policy was ratified by School Council in ....

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