SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale
A school uniform assists students in developing connectedness to the school. Pride in the school is demonstrated when students choose at all times to wear clothing that supports the school’s dress code.

Purpose
1. To strengthen the sense of unity, belonging and pride in our school and build school and team spirit.
2. To clearly identify students as members of our school community, within and beyond the school grounds.
3. To promote our school in the eyes of the wider community.
4. To support our Sun Smart policy in the interest of student health.
5. To encourage equity among students by minimizing peer/trend pressure.
6. To ensure that students are always safely dressed for school activities and the environment.

Guidelines for Implementation
1. On enrolling students at the school parents accept this policy and agree to abide by it.
2. The school colours are navy and light blue. The wearing of the school colours is compulsory and is a collective responsibility (parents, students and staff). It is expected that all students attending Eaglehawk North Primary School will dress in the school uniform colours each day.
3. Whilst preferring all students to wear the designated uniform, Council acknowledge that families may well have good reasons for their child wearing clothing matching the school uniform but without the school emblem imprinted upon it.
4. The Official School Emblem is the only acceptable logo on all items of uniform – no other logos or slogans are permitted.
5. The uniform includes a range of articles to enable parents to best meet student preferences whilst conforming to the School Dress Code. The uniform includes:

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<td>▪ Short-sleeved light blue or navy blue polo shirts</td>
<td>▪ Long sleeved light blue or navy blue polo shirts</td>
<td>▪ Navy bike shorts may be worn at athletics carnivals</td>
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<td>▪ Navy-blue shorts/skorts/netball skirts</td>
<td>▪ Navy Polar Fleece jackets</td>
<td>▪ Over-sized clothing is not to be worn</td>
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<td>▪ Blue and white checked dresses (girls)</td>
<td>▪ Navy rugby tops</td>
<td>▪ Running shoes will be worn</td>
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<td>▪ Navy track pants</td>
<td>▪ The navy and pale blue dress code applies for inter-school activities</td>
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<td>▪ Navy school trousers</td>
<td>▪ House colours may be worn for school-based activities.</td>
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6. The current supplier for our school uniform is Lowes, which is situated currently at the Market Place shopping centre.
7. Clothing purchased from commercial outlets may be worn provided it meets the school dress code in colour, safety and appropriateness.
8. All clothing must be clearly and permanently labelled with names.
9. Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff members will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.
10. New and itinerant students may be given time to fully adopt the school dress code. Any perceived difficulties in conforming to the dress code will be discussed with the principal on enrolment.

11. Families experiencing financial difficulties regarding the purchase of items of clothing as stipulated in the dress code should contact the principal to discuss a solution.

12. If for any reason a child comes to school out of uniform a written explanation to the principal must be provided. School uniform from the front office will be supplied and parents will be notified with a letter in regards to this. We will request that students return these as soon as possible.

13. Footwear should be chosen so that a child is appropriately and safely prepared to engage in a range of school activities e.g. technology, sport.
   - Sandals may be worn in summer provided that the foot is securely held and toes and heels are protected
   - Lace-up or Velcro fastened shoes, which cover the feet are acceptable
   - Scuffs, massage sandals, thongs, plastic sandals, shoes with high heels or platform soles, clogs and Ugg boots are not acceptable

14. Headwear
   - The navy broad-brimmed and bucket hat are the only forms of acceptable headwear. Hats are expected to be worn referring to our Sunsmart policy when outside, and at other times if requested to do so by teachers
   - Navy beanies may be worn in winter

15. Jewellery
   - Studs or small sleepers are the only jewellery permitted. (medic-alert excepted)

16. A set of uniforms for special groups such as sports teams, school choir and peer mediation may be supplied by the school as required.

17. Peer Mediators are expected to wear the Peer Mediation Singlet over their uniform whilst on duty.

18. Choir will wear full school uniform or designated choir robes provided by the school whilst performing.

19. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back for safety reasons and to reduce the risk of infestation with head lice.

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21. Parents of students who repeatedly do not conform to the School Dress Code will be reminded of the school’s policy by letter.

22. Sanctions for Non-compliance
   - Students who do not follow the dress code may receive counselling by the Principal or Principal’s nominee on the benefits of a dress code
   - Students not following the dress code may be denied the opportunity to represent their school at school activities or in official photographs.