
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



PURPOSE

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

RATIONALE

- It is an expectation that students at East Gippsland Specialist School wear a school uniform to meet the student dress code requirement
- A student uniform reinforces student pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the student uniform.

POLICY

- The student uniform will provide choice for students, e.g. skirts, shorts, long pants and will allow for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
- The school uniform will cater for the financial constraints of families and individual needs.
- The student uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and for school photographs. Parents will be notified in writing if a special day or excursion allows for the wearing of casual clothing.
- The school logo for school uniform is optional for secondary students (ie. middle and senior)
- Broad brimmed or bucket style navy or maroon hats must be worn when outside in terms 1 & 4. Consistent with the Cancer Council advice.
- Hats or hoods are to be removed when inside.
- Students are encouraged to wear black school shoes, runners or sneakers.
- All shoes must have closed toes and backs for reasons of occupational health and safety.
- The student uniform, including details of uniform items and places/manner of purchase, will be available from the school office.
- At no time are students to wear singlet tops or clothing that shows underwear (including bra) or bare chest.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the student uniform in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct/Student Engagement Guidelines. Classroom teachers will be responsible for implementing the dress code on a day to day basis
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 01/11/2019 is scheduled for review on November 2022.