



UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

At Edgars Creek Secondary College the uniform dress code reinforces in students a sense of respect in their own appearance, and recognizes that they are a part of a large college community by assisting in developing pride in representing their college. In addition the dress code provides a common standard of dress, which is non-competitive and safe, and enhances the image of the college in the community. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the 'Student General Appearance' policy and guidelines that promotes a sense of inclusiveness and cohesion, citizenship and school spirit.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our college
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our college environment
- To increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of students in public places
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the college in the community
- To ensure issues of Occupational Health and Safety are addressed

Implementation:

- On enrolment it is an expectation that students and parents agree to abide by the College Uniform policy and dress code.
- The Dress code is compulsory and applies during school hours while travelling to and from the college and when students are on school excursions.
- The college uniform must be neat, clean and tidy in appearance.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and must be worn.
- A change over of uniform (from summer to winter) will take place within the first two weeks of term 2 (a grace period), with the full implementation of winter uniform taking effect on the first day of the third week. In Term 3 all students must wear the Winter College uniform.
- A change over of uniform (from winter to summer) will take place in the first two weeks of Term 4 (a grace period), with full implementation of summer

uniform taking effect on the first day of the third week. In Term 1 all students must wear Summer College uniform.

- The College sports uniform is to be worn only for timetabled Physical Education classes, House activities – Athletics day, Swimming sports and Interschool sporting events.
- Only items of clothing and accessories with the college logo will be deemed acceptable uniform. Variations will not be accepted.
- All items of the uniform are to be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- College uniform should be worn in an inoffensive manner.
- Coloured or monogrammed T-shirts, singlets or skivvies must not be worn under shirts at any time.
- **Shoes:** All shoes must be black leather lace-ups. T-bars are permitted.
- Runners for PE and Sport lessons must be supportive and have a rubber sole. Vans/skate shoes/Converse-type and high-top basketball shoes are not permitted.
- **Hats:** Students are encouraged to wear the College hat or cap when outdoors. The Uniform suppliers stock a suitable hat and cap for older students with a College logo. Hats are not to be worn in the classroom.
- The College strongly recommends the use of Bicycle Safety Vests when students are riding bicycles to and from the school; helmets are compulsory by law for all bicycle riders.
- Out of Uniform days are sometimes held in order to raise money for social services. On these days, neat casual dress and safe footwear (no thongs) is permitted. The Principal reserves the right to decide what is acceptable.
- Staff who observe students not following the correct uniform requirements should endeavor to rectify the situation immediately
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- Parents/Guardians are required to provide a written explanation if their child is out of uniform
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools relief for families experiencing economic hardship
- If a student is out of uniform, one of the following practices will be appropriate depending on the age of the child and the circumstance:
 - In an emergency, parent/guardian must write a note of explanation/call asking that an exemption be granted for that day
 - a uniform pass will be issued by the teacher
 - if the parent can be contacted the student will be sent home to return only when in full school uniform
 - if the parent cannot be contacted the student will be provided with emergency clothing for that day
 - when there is a long term difficulty the school will consult with parents to find a solution.
 - If the student continues to attend school without the appropriate uniform the school may give appropriate consequences.