

# Policy and Procedures

## *Dress Code / Uniform Policy*

The school has a 'defined dress code' for the following reasons:

- To strengthen a sense of belonging to our school community
- To ensure our students look well presented, and develop pride in their appearance
- To ensure our staff are able to easily identify ETPS students in the school grounds, whilst out on excursions, or when representing the school

East Torrens seeks the support from parents/carers and our school community to make sure all students follow the dress code. Whilst teaching staff and leaders have an important part to play in enforcing the dress code, it is parents and carers who have the responsibility to ensure their children arrive in full uniform every day.

### **Exemptions**

The Principal may exempt students from the dress code upon written request from parents/carers on the grounds of:

- Religious, cultural or ethnic
- New or itinerant students
- Financial hardship
- Medical reasons
- Any other grounds, as the Governing Council may determine

All uniform items, except footwear, can be purchased through East Torrens Primary School, Front Office. Some 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items may be available, depending on donations, and may only be in certain sizes.

### **Hats**

Hats are to be worn for all outside activities during Term 1 and Term 4. Students not wearing a hat when required will need to sit out in an undercover area. "No hat, defined play area". During Terms 2 and 3 the wearing of the school hat for outside activities is optional.

Each student is given a hat by the school on enrolment. If this is lost or destroyed, it becomes the parent/carers responsibility to purchase a new school hat. The school hat is in accordance of recommendations set by the Anti-Cancer Council.

### **Uniform Items consist of choices from the following:**

Blue/green windcheater with ¼ zip, with school logo  
Blue/white windcheater with full zip, with school logo  
Specially designed jackets (for Year 7's only)  
Polo shirts, short sleeved, with school logo  
Polo shirts, long sleeved, with school logo  
T-shirts with school logo

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Ink blue track pants  
Ink blue cargo pants – 2 styles  
Ink blue bootleg pant  
Ink blue shorts  
Ink blue cargo shorts  
Ink blue skorts – 2 styles  
Ink blue bucket hats  
Ink blue or white head scarves

### Alternatives

If students wear items not from the above list, they must be plain dark blue in colour

- with no writing, patterns or other logos
- Plain track pants, no stripes
- Dark blue skirts are acceptable but must be of a reasonable length and appropriate to cover underwear
- Plain navy leggings or tights are also acceptable, only when worn with skirts, shorts or skorts
- Blue and white check dresses are also acceptable
- **Jeans are not acceptable**
- Students wearing inappropriate clothing may be provided with spare/emergency clothing and asked to change

### Footwear

Footwear must be appropriate for all students to participate in sport or fitness daily. Shoes or sneakers provide safety and comfort. Thongs and high heeled shoes are not permitted for safety reasons. Under no circumstances are students to wear football boots to school. They may bring them only when they are representing the school in sporting activities. Socks should be worn with shoes and we encourage plain white, grey or other school colours.

### Hair/ Head Wear

Hair should be worn in a style and colour practical for school. Longer hair should be tied back, preferably with plain school colour ribbons or elastics. Head scarves worn for religious and cultural reasons should be plain colours of dark blue or white. Beanies and scarves worn for warmth should also be school colours or need to be taken off, once at school.

### Jewellery & Make Up

For safety reasons, jewellery should be kept to a minimum. Earrings should be sleepers or studs, no earrings which hang down. Watches are acceptable. Necklaces should be worn inside clothing and only if necessary for cultural or religious reasons. **Make up and coloured nail polish are not appropriate for school. Any students wearing these will be provided with the appropriate cosmetics to remove them.**



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### Casual Days

During the year, the last day of each term is designated as 'Casual Days'. On these days, students are able to wear clothes that are not school uniform but need to include clothing that covers underwear appropriately, their shoulders (to be sun safe) and footwear that is safe for school activities. Often 'Casual Days' will be a fundraising event and a gold coin donation is advertised.

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