

ELPHINSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**Student Dress Code**  
POLICY 2020

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Elphinstone Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Elphinstone Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Elphinstone Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Elphinstone Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Elphinstone Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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**Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

**Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st Sept to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

**PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from the office at school.

**Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manger to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Elphinstone Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Elphinstone Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Measures taken by Elphinstone Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

**EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

### CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Elphinstone Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on school's website or office.

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Elphinstone Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Elphinstone Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Elphinstone Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on October 2020 and is scheduled for review in October 2021.

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## APPENDIX A: ELPHINSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

### All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

#### **Jumper**

Green polar fleece jumper with school logo

#### **Polo shirts**

Green long sleeved with school logo

Green short sleeved with school logo

#### **Skorts**

Plain navy/black skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue or black tights/stockings

#### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Navy blue, black or white socks

Navy blue or black tights/stockings

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted.

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted

#### **School Rain Coat (Optional Item)**

Navy Blue or black coat

#### **Headwear**

Navy blue, black, green or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

### Summer Uniform

#### **Dresses**

Summer green and white checked dress

#### **Shorts**

Plain navy blue or black shorts without decoration or brand name

### Winter Uniform

#### **Pants**

Plain, navy blue or black track pants without decoration or brand name

#### **Skivvies**

Plain green, navy blue or black skivvy

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Hats – to be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30th April

Green broadbrim with school logo

Sports uniform

Green polo top with navy blue or black shorts/skirt/skort.

Grade 6 Students Jumper

Black polar fleece hoodie with school logo