

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Cheltenham East 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 Cheltenham East 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 Cheltenham East 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.

SCOPE

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

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

Health and safety

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 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 directly from Primary School Wear (<https://psw.com.au/collections/cheltenham-east-primary-school> phone: 03 9768 0300). Generic uniform pieces (such as track pants, shorts and skorts) can also be purchased from discount stores if the correct school colours and types are available.

Cheltenham East Primary School Parents' Committee also holds regular second-hand uniform sales where donated items are available for a nominal fee for parents to purchase. Dates for these sales are advertised in our newsletter and via Compass as they arise.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or assistant principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed, and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Cheltenham East 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Cheltenham East 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 our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department of Education policies:

- [Student Dress Code](#)
- [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

Cheltenham East Primary School's policies, available on our website:

- Sun Protection Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2026
Consultation	School Council 19 August 2026
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2030

NOTE: The department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

Appendix A

Core Uniform – as pictured below

- Long maroon pants, including tracksuit pants, drill pants and bootleg pants
- Maroon shorts, culottes or skorts
- Maroon and gold long or short sleeved polo top
- Maroon windcheater or bomber jacket
- School dress
- School tunic
- Maroon or grey tights
- White socks
- Black shoes or sports shoes with a closed toe and flat heels
- Maroon hat including wide-brimmed or bucket style, as per our Sun Protection Policy
- CEPS maroon school bag is preferred



Short Sleeve Polo
Embroidered School Logo



Long Sleeve Polo
Embroidered School Logo



Bomber Jacket
Embroidered School Logo



Hooded Zip Jacket
Embroidered School Logo



Rugby Shorts
Unbadged



Junior Shorts
Unbadged



Pinafore



Classic Pant



Bucket Hat



Microfibre Hat

Embroidered School Logo



Trek Junior Backpack 20L

Embroidered School Logo

Sports Uniform (Interschool Sport)

- Maroon shorts or long pants as per core uniform
- Maroon and gold long or short sleeved polo top as per core uniform
- Various items as supplied by the school for basketball, soccer, football and netball

Jewellery and Accessories

- Jewellery is to be limited to a watch and studs or sleepers. Due to safety reasons other forms of earrings are not acceptable.
- Maroon or gold hair accessories