



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school's front office on 9407 7100 or email on edgars.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Edgars Creek 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 Edgars Creek 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:

- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition based on clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

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

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

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, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

- Any make up or nail polish must be neutral tones only

Health and safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords 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 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/carer 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 uniform shop at PSW at Unit 4/5 Danaher Drive, South Morang, VIC 3752, or you may order it directly from their website: [PSW](#). Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

Support for Families 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 program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Implementation

Edgars Creek Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. 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/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student 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 Edgars Creek 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 the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may 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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate 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
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

Concerns about this student dress code

Edgars Creek 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on our website or by request at the school's front office.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website.
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

Further information and resources

- Edgars Creek Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Edgars Creek Primary School Complaint Policy
- Edgars Creek Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Edgars Creek Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- student meetings
- focus groups
- information on our website

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Consultation materials will be translated into community languages.

Policy last reviewed	November 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	3 years November 2028

APPENDIX A: Edgars Creek Primary School Uniforms Items

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

Formal Uniform

Choice of:

- Bonded Jacket or V Neck Windcheater
- Checked Shirt – Short or Long Sleeve
- Summer Dress or Shirt with Pants / Shorts / Gaberdine Skort
- Winter Tunic with Shirt or Shirt with Pants / Shorts

Sports Uniform

Choice of:

- Bonded Jacket or V Neck Windcheater
- Light Blue Polo
- Shorts
- Scooter Skort
- Navy Blue Trackpants

Accessories

- School Backpack
- ECPS Beanie
- Bookbag
- Micromesh Hat (Term1 and 4)
- Navy Tights
- Crew Socks – Navy
- Art Smock – Navy

Formal Uniform



Bonded Jacket



Windcheater



S/S Shirt



L/S Shirt



Summer Checked Dress



Twill Winter Tunic



Gaberdine Shorts



Gaberdine Skort



Gaberdine Pant
Double Knee



Elastic Waist Pant



Classic Pant

Sports Uniform



Bonded Jacket



Windcheater



Light Blue Polo



Scooter Skort



Microfibre Short



Navy Tracksuit



Trackpant Zip Cuff

Accessories



Navy Tights



Navy Crew Socks



Beanie



Micromesh Hat



School bag



Bookbag

