

# Uniform Policy

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Preamble	Epping Secondary College recognises that a college uniform provides an effective means for all students to share a positive identity with the college, ensure student safety, and is a ready means for the whole community to identify with the college.
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Rationale	This policy seeks to set out clear guidelines for the wearing of the college uniform.
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| Guidelines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The College Council is responsible for the determination and development of policy related to uniform.</li><li>• The uniform should assist in minimising socio-economic differences that may exist between students, and ensure students' physical health and wellbeing.</li><li>• College Council should liaise regularly with appropriate suppliers to ensure the availability of uniform items.</li><li>• In determining the college uniform, careful consideration should be given to lasting quality, practicality, cost, and the implications on equal opportunity.</li><li>• To ensure adequate notice is given to parents and retailers, changes to the uniform should be implemented with at least twelve months lead time.</li><li>• The principal has the ultimate authority to interpret the college uniform.</li><li>• Items of uniform worn should be identical with those described in the College Uniform brochure available from the general office, and detailed in the school planner.</li><li>• There are specific winter and summer uniform expectations for boys and girls that must be adhered to.</li></ul> |
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| Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students are expected to wear the college uniform (including the school bag) at all times, unless otherwise stated. Students may be exempted for medical reasons (with medical certificate) and will be expected to wear items that are similar to the standard uniform.</li><li>• Students are expected to provide a note from parents giving good reasons why they are not in uniform.</li><li>• Uniform passes may be issued by the Year Level Co-ordinator, Student Manager, or Assistant Principal, and students are expected to carry this at all times when not in uniform.</li><li>• College uniform should be clean and tidy at all times and where</li></ul> |
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necessary, hair should be tied to keep it safe, and only natural hair toning is permitted as determined by the principal. Vivid or bright variations of colour are not permitted as determined by the principal.

- Minimal jewellery and make-up (in natural skin tones) is permitted.
- Students may have minimal visible piercing (except for earrings) as determined by the principal.
- Tattoos and body art must be covered with uniform.
- Students must wear the select school shoes as shown on school uniform pamphlets.
- Sanctions will be applied to students out of uniform without permission, or who have had notes on more than four occasions.
- Families in financial need can access assistance for uniforms through the Student Welfare Co-ordinator.

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#### Sanctions

- If a student attends school out of uniform and does not collect a uniform pass, they will receive an administration detention.
- If a student attends school out of uniform without a note from their parents they will receive an administration detention.
- If a student has attended school more than 4 times out of uniform, (whether they have a note or not) they will receive an administration detention. A fifth breach of uniform policy will incur a suspension.
- If a student breaches the uniform policy for a sixth time, a meeting will be held with parents and further suspensions can be incurred or enrolment at the school will be reviewed.

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#### Other Expectations

##### **Girls' Winter Uniform**

College Winter Skirt  
College White Shirt  
College Jumper  
Black Tights  
Black School Shoes (see booklet)  
College Spray Jacket or Blazer  
Optional  
College Tie  
College Scarf

##### **Boy's Winter Uniform**

College Trousers  
College White Shirt (**Not Polo**)  
College Jumper  
College Spray Jacket or Blazer  
Black School Shoes (see booklet)  
Black or white socks

##### **Optional**

College Tie  
College Cap  
College Beanie

##### **Girls' Summer Uniform**

College Summer Dress  
College White Knee high or short socks  
College Jumper  
Black School Shoes (see Booklet)  
College Spray Jacket or Blazer

##### **Boys Summer Uniform**

College Trousers or Shorts  
College Polo or White Shirt  
College Jumper  
College Spray Jacket or Blazer  
Black School Shoes (see booklet)  
White socks

##### **Optional**

College Tie  
College Cap

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- Students cannot wear long sleeved tops under polo tops or under short sleeved shirts.
  - Students cannot wear jumpers without either a white shirt or polo top underneath, and the collar must be visible.
  - Summer dress must only be worn with white socks (knee or ankle high) and never black tights or stockings.
  - Students cannot wear white socks over black tights. Students may wear black socks under black tights in winter.
  - Students cannot wear black socks with the winter skirt or the summer dress.
  - Students cannot carry casual dress bags as school bags to school. All students should have appropriate school backpacks with the college logo.
  - Students cannot carry back packs during lunchtime or recess.
  - Students cannot wear caps to class. (Caps are to be kept in lockers during class time).
  - Skirts must be an appropriate length of no more than 5cms above the knee. (Check with Principal, Assistant Principals or Year Level Coordinators if unsure).
  - Girls cannot wear polo tops as these are boys uniform only.
  - Students cannot wear torn, shabby or dishevelled pants or uniform generally.
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Ratified

This policy will be review by the Student Wellbeing & Engagement Team and School Council every 3 years.

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This policy was ratified by School Council in... **June 2013**

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