

Parramatta East Public School supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff.

Parramatta East Public School Uniform is expected to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and while engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the school community to:

- define an identity for the school within its community
- develop students' sense of belonging to the school community
- · provide an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promote positive community perceptions of public education
- make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of the standards set by the wearing of our uniform.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform include:

- Initially students should present a written explanation from a parent/caregiver as to the need to be out of uniform, and to contact the classroom teacher/school executive if the situation is of an ongoing nature.
- Contact with the Principal should be made if the nature of the situation involves financial hardship, conscientious objections to the wearing of a uniform or any other reason.
- Where a student fails to wear the agreed school uniform, or part thereof, on a consistent basis, Stage Supervisors will initiate contact with parents.
- Students that fail to wear the uniform will be unable to attend any events in which they represent the school outside of the school including excursions, sport or cultural activities. Alternative arrangements for meeting the curriculum will be provided.

Please remember that if your family is experiencing difficulty in purchasing uniforms, you may apply to the school for assistance.



The NSW Department of Education and Training's guidelines in relation to safety and footwear in school, under the 'Occupational Health and Safety Requirements' prohibit students participating in practical activities in school if not wearing substantial footwear deemed safe by the Department.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings; platform or high heels; shoes made from unprotective, openweave materials such as canvas and cottons or similar; and other materials that do not provide adequate protection.

We at Parramatta East Public have developed a uniform policy in conjunction with the Department and its OHS guidelines, ensuring safety and comfort for our students.

School shoes are to be all black; the entire foot is to be enclosed by the shoe, including the upper section of the foot; the shoe is to have a stout sole and firm leather uppers; and, the shoe is to have low heels.

This information is to help guide you with what shoes are allowed and what are not. We thank you for embracing and upholding our uniform policy.

SPORTS SHOES

Sports and P.E. shoes have similar restrictions placed upon them as our black school shoe. These shoes are also worn in the classrooms and school grounds, therefore, are applicable to the Department's OHS guidelines.

The Parramatta East uniform policy allows more flexibility in the choice of colour for Sports and P.E. shoes.

All other requirements are the same as our uniform policy for the black school shoe.

Please keep in mind that choosing the correct sports shoes for your children will enhance their physical activity and provide sound protection for their feet and body.





Operation of the Parramatta East Public School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop at Parramatta East Public School is operated by volunteers of the P & C. The Uniform Shop operates from a store in the school. Times that the uniform shop is open at the school is advertised to the school community. More information about uniform purchases can be obtained from the Parramatta East Public School Website.

Major changes or decisions:

As in all matters, the school principal will consult with the wider community to make the final decision on any aspect to do with the school uniform itself or the workings of the shop.

| SUMMER | WINTER |
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| Shorts – Navy Blue | Pants – Navy Blue (Not Tracksuit Pants) |
| Short Sleeve Blue Polo Shirt WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | Long Sleeve Blue Polo Shirt WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| Navy Blue Skort (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | Navy Blue Zip Jacket WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| Summer Dress (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | Navy Blue Tunic (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| White Socks, Black Shoes | White Socks, Black Shoes, Navy Stockings |
| SUMMER SPORTS | WINTER SPORTS |
| Yellow Short Sleeve Polo (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | Yellow Short Sleeve Polo (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| Navy Blue Skort (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | Navy Blue Skort (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| Sport Short | Navy Blue Fleecy Tracksuit Pant |
| White Socks, Joggers/Runners | White Socks, Joggers/Runners |
| HAT | HAT |
| Broad Brimmed Hat WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO | Broad Brimmed Hat WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO |
| (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) | (This can only be purchased at the Uniform Shop) |
| ACCESSORIES | ACCESSORIES |
| Excursion/Library Bag | Excursion/Library Bag |
| School Bag | School Bag |



The following items are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn to school.

- Leggings
- Coloured tights
- Nail Polish
- Makeup
- Necklaces, bracelets, large earrings Sleepers/Studs and religious jewellery only
- Hair accessories that are not Navy Blue, Sky Blue or Gold

Sun Smart Policy

The school promotes sun smart behaviour. A 'No Hat, No Play' policy applies for all students. All students are required to wear the school's broad brimmed royal blue hat at all times in the playground. Students not wearing this hat must stay under cover.

Fitness

Depending on the class/stage, students will be required to wear either their full school uniform with black shoes or their sports uniform with sports shoes for fitness lessons. The class teacher will inform parents of the requirement for their class/stage at the beginning of each year.

NB. As soon as the new uniform arrives, we will take photographs of our students in full uniform to publish on the school website and in the school newsletter.