ELLIOTT HEADS STATE SCHOOL IS A “FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE” SCHOOL

The wearing of a school uniform is advocated for the following reasons:

- Promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;
- Promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences.

Closed in footwear is compulsory for safety reasons, and must be worn at all times, except in controlled activities, where the supervising teacher deems it unnecessary, e.g. sandpit play. Uniform shirts need not be tucked in, to promote greater comfort in warmer weather.

School uniform expectations are discussed and reviewed at P&C meetings. The information outlined is representative of parent opinion and expectations.

Uniforms are available for purchase from the tuckshop. Elliott Heads State School became an accredited SUNSMART school in 2004.

UNIFORM (SUMMER)

- Jade and navy school uniform shirt and plain navy skort or shorts.
- Skirts are not appropriated, as our school is geared towards an active play and exercise policy and the wearing of skirts may cause embarrassment to female students.
- Joggers and/or black school shoes and white or navy socks are to be worn at all times at school. Sandals are not deemed appropriate footwear.

UNIFORM (WINTER)

- Summer uniform, as described above with plain navy long pants or plain navy tracksuit bottom and plain navy tracksuit top/zip up jacket.

HATS

- Wide-brimmed navy hat is compulsory, as we are a SunSmart School. School embroidered hats are available from the tuckshop.
- “A NO WIDE-BRIMMED HAT – NO OUTSIDE PLAY” policy exists at Elliott Heads State School. Visor style hats and caps are not acceptable head wear.

JEWELLERY

- The wearing of a suitable watch and sleepers/studs, a fine chain worn under the shirt and a signet ring are permitted.
- Dangling ear rings, spreaders and chunky watches, are not to be worn for safety reasons.

HAIR

- Your cooperation in not allowing your child to come to school with radical hairstyles or hair colours is appreciated.
- Long hair must be tied back to assist in the control of headlice.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE AGREEMENT

I _____________________________ agree to my child/ren ________________________________

adhering to the school and P&F policy known as the Elliott Heads State School Student Dress Code stated above, which means that my child/ren will wear their full school uniform as outlined overleaf.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Dear Parents and Caregivers

At our AGM on Friday 8th March 2013, the P&F voted to support the school on requiring students to wear full school uniform at all times. The P&F voted on and passed the following motion:

“The P&F of Elliott Heads State School supports a Student Dress Code Policy at Elliott Heads State School because it believes that the Student Dress Code policy promotes the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2007 and in particular that it:

a. promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school;

b. promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;

c. promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging; and

d. fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences.”

The P&F recommended that the procedures listed below, should be followed:

- All parents and students, upon enrolment, will be made aware of the Elliott Heads State School Student Dress Code, in the form of a written statement in the enrolment package and a verbal statement by the enrolment officer
- Parents of current students are asked to sign the School Dress Code in support of school and P&F policy
- Regular features re Student Dress Code will appear in the school newsletter
- The Student Dress Code will be spoken about at the initial Parent/Teacher meetings conducted early in each school year
- Grade 7 students will only be permitted to obtain signatures of teachers and classmates on their Grade 7 Shirt, and will be requested to donate any other school uniform items to the school for use in a uniform clothing pool
- Families without younger children to pass uniforms down to, are requested to donate uniform items to the uniform clothing pool once they become too small
- A supply of good quality, second hand school uniforms will be available to all families/students. A quantity of new uniforms will also be available, including shirts, shorts, skorts, hats and jackets
- Written communication will be forwarded to parents of students who choose to disregard the Student Dress Code. The purpose of this letter will be to seek support from families
- An unwillingness by parents to support the Student Dress Code will result in:
  - An invitation being made to meet with the Principal to express their opinions and have these opinions considered. A copy of SC-09 Student Dress Code will be available to parents.
  - Possibly preventing the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing the school
  - Possibly preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program

If at any time a family is unable to supply a school uniform for their child/ren, the Principal and P&F are more than willing to assist parents in utilising the uniform pool and/or subsidising the cost of purchasing a new uniform. Students not wearing uniform will be offered appropriate items from the bank of uniforms held at the school.

In a case of ongoing disregard for the Student Dress Code, a process of conflict resolution or mediation involving Parent/Principal will be held, utilising District Office personnel.

Yours sincerely

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President