

Uniform Policy

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.
Rationale	This policy seeks to set out clear guidelines for the wearing of the college uniform.
Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The College Council is responsible for the determination and development of policy related to uniform.• The uniform should assist in minimising socio-economic differences that may exist between students, and ensure students' physical health and wellbeing.• College Council should liaise regularly with appropriate suppliers to ensure the availability of uniform items.• In determining the college uniform, careful consideration should be given to lasting quality, practicality, cost, and the implications on equal opportunity.• To ensure adequate notice is given to parents and retailers, changes to the uniform should be implemented with at least twelve months lead time.• The principal has the ultimate authority to interpret the college uniform.• Items of uniform worn should be identical with those in the Epping Secondary College Policy.• There are specific cool weather and warm weather expectations for the ESC Uniform• "College Uniform" refers to ESC specific uniform with ESC logo.
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are expected to wear the college uniform, 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.• Students are expected to provide a note from parents giving good reasons why they are not in uniform.• 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.• College uniform should be clean and tidy at all times.• Where necessary, hair should be tied to keep it safe. Any head bands, hair ties or head scarfs must be either plain navy or black. (no colours or patterns permitted). 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.

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- 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 may only wear school jackets travelling to and from school and whilst at school.
 - Only college caps, scarves and beanies are permitted. Gloves (optional) must be plain navy blue.
 - 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.
 - Clothing items of cultural and/or religious significance may be allowed while still complying with school policy.
 - Students attending excursions must be in full ESC uniform. Exceptions may be made due to the nature of the excursion. This will be clearly stated on the excursion form. ie bushing walking
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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

Cool Weather Uniform Options

Skirts/Slacks Combinations

College Winter Skirt, short or long
 Black plain Tights (with Skirt only)
 Black Plain Socks with black tights only
 Or White Plain Socks (not with tights)
 College White Shirt
 College Jumper
 College Slacks (with college shirt), with black socks
 College Rugby Top with Trousers, Slacks or Shorts Only

Trouser Combinations

College Trousers (with college shirt), with plain black socks
 College White Shirt (with trousers)

College Jumper
College Rugby Top with Trousers, Slacks or Shorts Only

Jacket – Unisex

College Blazer
College Soft Shell Jacket
College Spray Jacket
Year 12 Jacket

Footwear

**Visual Guide Available

Black Leather School Shoes, lace-up, buckle, Velcro

PE: Sports Shoes

Accessories – Unisex

College Backpack (compulsory)
College Tie (to be worn with shirt, not polo)
College Beanie (optional)
College Scarf (optional)
College Cap (optional)

PE Uniform

College Rugby Top (optional)
College Blue Polo Top
College PE shorts
College Track Pants
Sports Gym Towel if needed

Warm Weather Uniform Options

Dress Combinations

College Summer Dress
White Plain Socks
College Jumper
College Rugby Top with Trousers, Slacks or Shorts Only

Shorts Combinations

College Shorts, with plain white socks
College White Polo (with shorts only)
College White Shirt
College Jumper
College Rugby Top with Trousers, Slacks or Shorts Only

Full School Uniform for VCE, VET/VETis and VCAL Students

Year 11 and 12 students are expected to be in full school uniform and have the school back pack.

VET/VETis students are to wear full school uniform. The only exceptions are students undertaking Sport & Recreation who may be required to wear their school PE uniform

or work related uniforms such as overalls, as advised by the co-ordinator.

- 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).
- Students are expected to wear tidy, clean and undamaged uniform.
- Students cannot modify any items of uniform