



Narrabundah

Early Childhood School

DRESS STANDARD AND COLOUR CODE POLICY

The Narrabundah Early Childhood School Board endorses the wearing of school uniform to create a visible identity and a school culture in which every student can experience a sense of belonging.

1. Rationale

- 1.1. At Narrabundah Early Childhood School, students are involved in a diverse range of learning experiences that encourage active engagement. Our school uniform supports our hands-on, inquiry-based learning and includes items that are comfortable, made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics, are appropriate for all activities and promote inclusion and gender equality.
- 1.2. The wearing of our uniform contributes to a sense of belonging, connectedness and pride for students. Our uniform reflects the distinctive nature of NECS and:
 - promotes a positive image of our school;
 - provides easy identification of NECS students;
 - has been developed considering SunSmart requirements, functionality, availability and cost effectiveness;
 - is reflective of our community and *Cockatoo Dreaming* story;
 - was designed in consultation with our school community – students, staff and families.

2. Definitions

Uniform at NECS refers to the following clothing items available for purchase from the school:

- Gold patterned polo shirts with school logo, long and short sleeve
- Black and gold hoodie with school logo
- Gold bucket hat with school logo
- Gold beanie with school logo

The school colour code incorporates the gold, green and black from the school logo.

3. Guidelines

- 3.1. All students at NECS from Preschool to Year 2 are encouraged to wear school uniform. Items can be purchased from the Front Office.
- 3.2. Parents and carers are encouraged to supplement uniform items with:
 - black bottoms (shorts, skirts, skorts, tracksuit pants, leggings)
 - plain gold cotton polo shirts.

These can be purchased from a retailer of parents' and carers' choice.

Related policies and procedures

Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools 2016 Policy (ETD)

Sun (UV) Protections for Students Policy (ETD)

NECS Sun (UV) Protection for Students Policy

- 3.3. Logo badges can be purchased from the school and attached to clothing and bags if desired.
- 3.4. Students are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat between August and May as per the Directorate's sun protection policy.
- 3.5. Students are required to wear appropriate footwear designed to securely enclose the foot. Sneakers are recommended as they are durable and meet Workplace Health and Safety requirements and allow students to actively participate in school activities. Thongs, Crocs and open sandals are not appropriate footwear for school.
- 3.6. For families experiencing financial hardship, our school offers assistance with uniforms. Parents and carers can discuss this in confidence with the Front Office or member of the Executive.
- 3.7. Parents and carers will be informed of the *Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy* and information will be provided about the significance and story of the shirt design.
- 3.8. The *Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy* will be made available on the school website and displayed at the Front Office where uniform items are available for sale.