



EL ARISH STATE SCHOOL

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

At El Arish State School, the student dress code consists of a school uniform that students are expected to wear when attending or representing their school, travelling publicly to and from school and engaging in school activities out of school hours.

The P & C of El Arish State School has endorsed the school's student dress code under the Education General Provisions Act 2006. In particular, the P & C supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a positive and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging; and
- developing mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Our school has an attractive and serviceable uniform which students are required to wear to school each day. The school uniform consists of a range of items from which parents may select a combination that best suits their children's particular requirements. The wearing of enclosed shoes is compulsory.

It is expected students will wear each day the school uniform which complies with the student dress code. The only variances permitted are the Year 6 shirt. Sports house t-shirts are only to be worn during organised house events/activities authorised by the school and on class P.E. day.

The P & C has a Uniform Shop selling uniforms each day at the school administration office. A current list of items and prices is available from the Administration Officer.

Students are to wear the school bucket hat each day to be able to engage in sporting activities, play or other events that require them to be in the sun. Outside activities are a necessary component of the school curriculum and are considered important for learning. Students who persistently do not comply with this requirement may have consequences imposed in accordance with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan.

In cases of hardship, the school will support parents and students. Please make an appointment to speak confidentially with the principal.

The wearing of decorative jewellery such as necklaces, chains, bangles and bracelets, wristbands, anklets, and rings are not part of the school dress code. In reality, these items can be hazardous when children are moving about or playing. Acceptable items under the school's dress code are small wristwatches, small plain ear studs or small gold or silver sleepers, medical tags and school badges. Jewellery items of religious or cultural significance may only be worn if they are small and unobtrusive. All jewellery items should be removed where possible (or covered) during sports or physical education activities.

Hairstyles are required to be 'neat and tidy'. Hair should be worn off the face and tied back if long. Ribbons should preferably be of school colours of navy, jade or white. Overly large bows and highly decorative hair clips are not part of the school uniform. Unnatural hair colouring and the wearing of brightly coloured nail polish are not considered appropriate for school.

Occasionally, the school organises “free dress days” as fundraisers to support a variety of causes. Clothing students wear on these days should not be:

- offensive;
- likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations;
- contrary to sun safety guidelines in relation to skin coverage;
- likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

Girls Uniform

- El Arish SS polo shirt with a black skirt or black shorts, full enclosed shoes, white socks, El Arish SS bucket hat.

Boys Uniform

- El Arish SS polo shirt with black shorts, full enclosed shoes, white socks, El Arish SS bucket hat.

Sports Uniform

A Sports House T-shirt will be required on designated sports days such as cross country and athletics carnivals. This shirt is only to be worn on those days or on class PE day. Administration will allocate a house to your student or if they have siblings at the school, they will be in the same house colour.

Wet Season

Students may wear gumboots to and from school, however must change into enclosed school shoes upon arrival at school.

The two sports houses are Massey – Red and Toft – Yellow.

