

COLLEGE BRIEF

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OUR VISION

We seek to support every student to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically and culturally. This is about ensuring that they are ready for today's world and the future. Each individual student has the right to expect academic excellence within the learning environment. Our aim is to support them to strive for the highest academic standards whilst fostering independent, creative, critical thinkers who are the lead learners of the future. Our role is to encourage our students to be intellectually active and self-directed. We respect each student by providing a wealth of opportunities to foster their strengths in becoming life-long learners, embracing their full potential.

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WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS AND PARENTS

FIRST DAY PROCESS

On the first day of school, Monday 1st February 2021, all students are to present to the Forum for an 8.40AM start where they will receive their timetables. Your student will only need to bring a couple of notebooks and a pencil case for the first day.

ATTENDANCE

- Students are expected to maintain regular attendance - 90% or above
- All absences must be explained by a parent/guardian and a Medical Certificate must be provided if an absence is greater than 3 days.
- Unexplained absences will be followed up by the school
- Parents can SMS the school on 0408 930 197 to advise of student absences 24 hours a day

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER? 1 or 3 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that is
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Over 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

If you want your child to be successful at school then
YES, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!
EVERY DAY COUNTS



MOBILE PHONES: OFF AND AWAY

The Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy bans students from using mobile phones from the time they enter school grounds to the conclusion of the school day. This includes smart watches and listening accessories, such as headphones and ear buds. Students must have their mobile phone turned off and out of sight during the school day.

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MACBOOK ROLL OUT

Week 1 Monday - Year 12 students will receive their Macbook
Week 1 Tuesday - Year 11 students will receive their Macbook

Week 2 Monday - Year 10 students will receive their Macbook
Week 2 Tuesday - Year 9 students will receive their Macbook

If your student's Macbook was damaged at the end of last year there may be a delay in them receiving it for 2021 as we are awaiting repairs to be returned.

From Week 3 all Year 7 and 8 students will get their Macbooks for 1 lesson a week only, where they will be learning about cyber safety, Macbook maintenance, trouble shooting and cyber bullying and how to use their Macbook to improve their learning at school, this process will run for approximately 4 weeks. Once this roll out is completed, then students will get the opportunity to take their Macbooks home.

Parents will receive information to help manage student usage and what they can access from home and how to support your child to use an electronic device safely, away from the locked Department of Education systems. Parents will get the opportunity to have a 'profile' attached to their students Macbook with either low, medium or high restrictions. Whilst this is not a 100% solution in blocking what students can access, it will provide a further boundary.

Please be assured that all our learning programming has been tailored to this delayed roll out and the students will not be inconvenienced in anyway.

UNIFORM

The school uniform at Eaton Community College is a visible representation of the standards expected of our students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of our school community and students. The school has been focusing on increasing students adhering to our dress code over the past year, we have done this through introducing a new school jumper and this year we will be continuing to work towards our aim of 100% of our students wearing uniform.

Staff will be completing daily uniform checks.

On the following page you will find our Uniform Policy. The school is currently revising the tracksuit pants, shorts and jackets so that we can provide uniform items that reflect current designs and trends. In 2021 leggings, tights, ripped pants, pants with large logos and denim will not be allowed to be worn at school.

If you are having difficulty in purchasing uniform items please contact the school to discuss how we can support you further.

Uniform Policy

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PURPOSE

A dress code allows all students to be equal; there is no demand on any student to keep up with the fashions or to show membership of a particular group. As members of this community, it is necessary to have a sense of belonging and identity. The way in which we support our dress code tells others in the wider community how we feel about ourselves and the College we belong to. It also allows staff to ensure security of students in their care through an effective means of identification both within and external to the College grounds.

THE DRESS CODE

All Dress Code items are only available from Uniform Concepts.

The Dress Code requires students to comply with the following:

Tops: Years 7-10

School shirt: NAVY BLUE shirt with teal side inserts, gold piping, college logo.

School Jacket: NAVY BLUE microfibre jacket with cinnamon stripe on arms and gold piping, College logo.

School Jumper: NAVY BLUE hooded jumper or rugby jumper, College logo.

Year 10-12

School Shirt: WHITE shirt with teal side inserts or NAVY BLUE shirt with teal inserts, gold piping, College logo.

School Jacket: NAVY BLUE microfibre jacket with cinnamon stripe on arms and gold piping, College logo.

School Jumper: NAVY BLUE hooded jumper or rugby jumper, College logo.

Bottoms:

School Track Pants: NAVY BLUE with school logo.

NAVY BLUE or BLACK pants, skirts or shorts– no denim, no leggings and no large logo, and must be an appropriate length.

Footwear:

Enclosed shoe or jogger and sandals with a heel strap, except when working in 'practical areas' eg: Technologies, Home Economics, Physical Education, Science, Visual Arts, when enclosed shoes MUST be worn.

Physical Education:

(Note: students must change for Physical Education)

NAVY BLUE P.E. shorts.

ECC P.E. sport shirt.

Special Edition Garments:

Items to conform to the College colours and be approved by the Administration, College Board and P & C.

Make-up and Jewellery:

Excessive make-up and jewellery is not permitted.

Free Dress Days:

Tops must have sleeves, be full length (not cropped). Pants and skirts should be an appropriate length. No offensive slogans or pictures are allowed

Camps/Excursions:

Students attending camps and/or excursions are expected to wear College dress, where appropriate.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There are some areas of the College where Health and Safety rules apply.

These areas are Design and Technology, Home Economics, Physical Education, Science and Visual Arts.

Requirements in these areas include:

Hair: Must be tied back or covered appropriately for the area as indicated by staff.

Hats: Recommended for all outdoor activities.

Jewellery: Any items likely to catch or snag are not to be worn. This includes fashion wrist and neck jewellery such as bands, bracelets or necklaces. Students may be asked to remove jewellery before being allowed to play sport.

Shoes: Must be completely enclosed.

Safety Glasses and masks:

Will be supplied by the College where required and they must be worn.

CHANGES TO THE DRESS CODE

Any suggestions to change the Dress Code must be submitted in writing to the College Board.

NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE

If a student does not comply with the uniform policy

- On the first occasion or if there is an acceptable reason for the uniform breach the student will be provided with a uniform pass for the day.
- If there is an ongoing issue with a student wearing the school uniform or if there is a serious breach of the uniform policy the following will occur:
 - The student will be asked to change into a clean uniform provided by the school to use for the remainder of the day, or a parent may be contacted to bring a change of clothing for the student to the school.
 - A meeting will occur to discuss the concern and a plan of action will be created to support the student to adhere with the policy.
 - The student may lose Good Standing if this occurs more than 3 times in a 3 week period.

ENDORSEMENT

- The Dress Code for Eaton Community College has been endorsed by the Eaton Community College School Board.