

Ellen Stirling Primary School

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PARENT INFORMATION BOOK 2024



Welcome to Ellen Stirling Primary School

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Moral Purpose

Ellen Stirling Primary School will provide a safe, enriched learning and teaching environment driven by high expectations for success.

Our Statement of Purpose

Within the spirit of excellence and mutual respect, Ellen Stirling Primary School is a safe and supportive environment with a clear focus on values, literacy and numeracy.

As they progress through their primary learning, all students are encouraged to reach their full potential as confident, independent and responsible contributors to society.

A sense of community and collaborative partnerships enhance our school's effectiveness.

We thank you for entrusting your child to our care and for giving us the privilege of sharing with you the responsibility of furthering his/her education.

We view education as a partnership venture in which the parent, as well as the school, play a significant role. We trust that by working together we may cater for the individual needs and abilities of each child, allowing him/her to develop physically, socially and intellectually in a happy atmosphere of cooperation between parents, teachers and children.

We welcome your child and look forward to a positive association with you in the coming years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The school comprises:-

- **Administration Block** including offices, reception area, interview rooms, conference room, staff room and medical room.
- **Library Block.**
- **Covered Enclosed Assembly Area** incorporating;music room, canteen, gardening store and sports store.
- **Block 1** – Pre-primary and Year 1 Classrooms
- **Block 2** – Year 2, and 3 classrooms
- **Block 3** – Year 3 and 4 classrooms
- **Block 4** – Year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms and Physical Education Office and STEM Room
- **Block 5** – Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 6 classrooms.
- **Block 6** – Year 5 classrooms
- **School oval**, cricket pitch, cricket nets and fenced basketball/tennis/netball courts and a fitness track.

The school has a computer network including connection to the Internet through the Department of Education, District Office and Central Office. A school public address system links all indoor learning areas to the Administration Area. A security-monitoring device protects the entire school as well as multiple security cameras onsite.

SCHOOL ADDRESS

23 Strathmore Parkway ELLENBROOK WA 6069

EMAIL CONTACTS

School: ellenstirling.ps@education.wa.edu.au

For more information on the Internet:

<http://ellenstirlingps.wa.edu.au>

OFFICE HOURS

The Administration Office is open Monday to Friday: 8:15 am to 3:30 pm

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Principal
Associate Principal
Associate Principal
Manager Corporate Services

Dr Dean Goldspink
Mrs Vickee Ashworth
Miss Emma Salomon
Mr Santosh Pande

RELEVANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ellen Stirling Primary School	Phone	6497 4200
Ellen's Lunch Box		6497 4249
Dental Therapy Unit (Anne Hamersley PS)		9297 7021
Education Security		1800 177 777
North Metropolitan Education Region		9285 3600
Department of Education (WA)		9264 4111
Ellenbrook Police Station		9297 9800

PERIMETER GATES

Will be open by approximately 8:20 am before school and relocked by 8:55 am and opened by approximately 2:25 pm in the afternoon.

THE SCHOOL DAY

8:30 am	Classes open
8:45 am – 9:25 am	School Learning Time 1
9:25 am – 10:10 am	School Learning Time 2
10:10 am – 10:55 am	School Learning Time 3
10:55 am – 11:15 am	Morning recess
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	School Learning Time 4
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	School Learning Time 5
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	School Learning Time 6
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	School Learning Time 7
2:45 pm	School dismissed

Kindergarten

Children attend two full day sessions one week and three full day sessions alternate weeks.

The roster of Kindergarten on Wednesday attendance days will appear on the Term Planner on the Website..

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30 am AS SUPERVISION CANNOT BE PROVIDED BEFORE THIS TIME.

STUDENTS WILL BE SENT TO SIT OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY FOR COLLECTION BY PARENT IF LEFT FOR MORE THAN TEN MINUTES AFTER END OF DAY SIREN.

Please note that there is a before and after school care facility operating in our Undercover Area. This service is operated by Camp Australia starting at 6:30 am and closing at 6:30 pm.

STUDENT SCHOOL TERM DATES

2024

Semester 1

Term 1	Wednesday, 31 January – Thursday, 28 March
Term 2	Monday, 15 April – Friday, 28 June

Semester 2

Term 3	Tuesday, 16 July – Friday, 20 September
Term 4	Tuesday, 8 October – Thursday, 12 December

STAFF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

2024

Monday, 29 January
Tuesday, 30 January
Friday, 26 April
Monday, 15 July
Monday, 7 October
Friday, 13 December

STUDENT SCHOOL TERM DATES

2025

Semester 1

Term 1	Wednesday, 5 February – Friday, 11 April
Term 2	Tuesday, 29 April – Friday, 4 July

Semester 2

Term 3	Tuesday, 22 July – Friday, 26 September
Term 4	Tuesday, 14 October – Thursday, 18 December



Ellen Stirling Primary School Expectations for Communication



Connect

- Class events
- Student progress via Marks book
- Homework tasks
- Class policies
- Visits to the office for good work
- Honour Certificates if unable to access via phone call
- School events (eg Sports)
- School wide notices (eg Canteen)
- Days to attend (K) and important dates
- Emergency or School lockdown
- Specialist teacher notes
- General information
- Advertising
- Special events and photos
- Congratulations / recognition of students and staff

Verbal Meetings with Parents

- IEPs/GEPS/IBMPs
- General class information
- Parent meetings
- Attendance
- Academic progress (positive and negative)

Website

- Policies
- General information
- Term dates
- Canteen menu
- Special events and photos

Phone Call

- More major injuries / illness
- Behaviour – (CT and Admin)
- Follow up absentee notes
- Pastoral care
- Request for parent meeting
- Late pick ups

Email

- Request for parent meeting
- Reminder about excursion notes

Text (Admin use only)

- Not for class teacher use
- Urgent Admin use only

Other

- Class noticeboards outside rooms – only info that exists elsewhere for parents to access. Reminders are fine.



ATTENDANCE

Punctuality

Parents should ensure that children arrive at school in plenty of time prior to the 8:45 am siren. Classroom doors open at 8:30 am. Students at school before 8:30 am without parents must go to the Eastern side of the Library to wait. At the conclusion of the school day children should vacate the school premises promptly.

Absences and Legal Responsibility

The Department of Education regulations require a CONNECT notification, written note, email, text message via Message You ☎ 0438 980 461 or telephone call ☎ 6497 4200 with an explanation for **all absences** from school for students Year K – 6.

These notes are filed and must be produced for the Education Regional Attendance Team on their visit. A telephone call is considered sufficient as long as a reasonable reason is provided. Persistent absence or lateness without reasonable cause will be referred to the Education Regional Attendance Team. Many absences even with a reason will be referred. It is recommended that everyone aims for 90% attendance rate or more.

Please advise the school via the CONNECT application, telephone, text or email as early as possible in the morning to explain why your child is absent. If the school does not receive notice of an absence we will telephone or text message you to request a reason for absence.

Notification in writing or by email is also required if a parent:-

- wishes to take students on vacation during term time
- wishes a child to be excluded from sport, physical education or any other program
- wishes a child to leave the school grounds

The Principal is responsible for the welfare of the children in the school from the time they reach school in the morning until they leave in the afternoon. Therefore NO child can go home unattended before the designated closing time of the school unless the child has a **written note** from a parent and/or a Government Leave Pass from Administration.

If parents arrive to take their child home they are asked to sign their child out of the school in the Sign-Out Book located in the Administration Area. Children will not be permitted to go to the shops during school hours.

BICYCLES/SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS



blocks.

Bike racks are provided at the school for children riding bikes/scooters. These are located on the Western and Eastern sides of the school. Students **must wear** a helmet and walk their bike/scooter in/out of the school grounds and it is suggested that they provide themselves with an efficient bike-locking device. The bike areas are out of bounds during the school day. Any student who ignores these rules will not be permitted to bring his/her bike/scooter to school. These cannot be stored in classes or learning

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic (Australia) Pty Ltd operates a book purchase scheme through the school on a regular basis. Order forms are sent home with children and must be returned with the payment to the class teachers.

Online Ordering Available - Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the App.

Ordering By Order Form

When ordering with Scholastic Book Club order forms please ensure that:

- Orders are enclosed in an envelope with the correct amount of money, cheque or vouchers
- Please ensure that your child's name and room number are recorded on the order form
- Orders are handed to the class teacher and then given to the School Office for collection.

CANTEEN

The school Canteen 'Ellen's Lunch Box' operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lunch bags are available for purchase from the Canteen and most supermarkets.

Orders can be placed by using the website OurOnlineCanteen www.QuickCliQ.com.au or by ordering on lunch bags which are collected at the classroom and taken to the Canteen.

A menu is available on our website <http://ellenstirlingps.wa.edu.au/canteen/> or from the Administration Office or the Canteen. Volunteers are always welcome. If you are available to assist, even for only a couple of hours please contact the Canteen on 6497 4249



CAR PARKING

Parents are **NOT permitted to use the Staff Carpark** off Strathmore Parkway for picking up/setting down children. Parents who are delivering children to school should use designated parking areas around the school.

Do not park in the access way to the garden/canteen area. Please obey ALL parking signs on roads or risk incurring a traffic fine. Please **do not** park in clearly marked specialised designated bays unless you have a legitimate permit.



CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

School Chaplains make a valuable contribution to the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of school communities across Western Australia. This might include support and guidance about ethics, values, relationships and helping students engage with the broader community. They are part of the school's pastoral care team.

The role of the Chaplain at this school is to predominately to assist and work alongside Teachers, Administrative Staff and the School Psychologist in the pastoral care of students, which is focused on building, supporting and restoring emotional and social stability.

School Chaplains are in the prevention and rescue business. They're helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown, loneliness, stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend. All have a passion to improve the lives of young people.

If you have a concern with your child and would like to speak to someone on the Pastoral Care team, please feel free to contact Administration and arrange an appointment. Chaplain Mandy works at Ellen Stirling on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

The school facilities are available for use by community organisations, through arrangements with the Manager of Corporate Services and the Principal.

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION

The Department of Education in conjunction with P & C Associations has decided for it to be **compulsory** for volunteers who work with children to complete a *Confidential Declaration*, which testifies to the fact that they are free of criminal offences. They are available from the School Office.

CONNECT APP

Parents are requested to set up a CONNECT account in order to receive information from class teachers. This School App has links to advise student absentee notification. Administration Staff will send updates for the School and Canteen and P & C information. This App is also used for Administration to advise parents of any unexpected occurrences or emergencies.

DISCIPLINE

A high standard of acceptable behaviour is the expectation of Ellen Stirling Primary School. Swearing, insolence, answering back, snide remarks or other such anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. Participation in all school activities is expected.

At the commencement of the year the Expectations of Behaviour and Learning Policy, which sets out the rights and expectations of the pupils, will be discussed with the children.

DOGS

With the exception of Service and Therapy Dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. We educate our students not to approach Service and Therapy dogs whilst the dogs are working.

Service and Therapy dogs are distinguishable by their brightly coloured harness. Service and Therapy dogs can be many different shapes, sizes and breeds of dog. Please ensure siblings do not approach the dog/s whilst working.

If you wish to bring a Service or Therapy dog on site, as a courtesy would you please inform our Administration, so that we may remind our students about the importance of letting the dogs do their work.

ENROLMENT

Boundaries

The Department of Education has mandated that Ellen Stirling Primary School is a Local Area Intake School, and as such children outside the local intake area will not be accepted. If you feel that you can present extenuating circumstances for your child to cross boundary, you are welcome to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss your situation.

Birth Certificate

A Birth Certificate, extract of Birth Entry or other proof of age such as passport or visa must be sighted before a child can be enrolled. Children from overseas must have proof of residential status before they can be accepted for enrolment.

Immunisation Record

It is a Health Department requirement that a child's Immunisation History Statement as issued by Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (Telephone number 1800 653 809) or Medicare be sighted and photocopied at enrolment. This document can also be obtained via the myGov website. <https://my.gov.au/> Parents are urged to seek immunisation through their own medical adviser.

KINDERGARTEN

Ellen Stirling Kindergarten operates on a sessional basis. Kindergarten enrolment is non-compulsary.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ellen Stirling Primary School caters for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

HIGH SCHOOL

Most students attending Ellen Stirling Primary will go on to Ellenbrook Secondary College or Aveley Secondary College which cater for students from Years 7 – 12. Cross boundary applications need to be made to other Government High Schools of your choice, if you do not wish your child to attend your local Ellenbrook schools. Information will be sent home via Year 6 students during the year concerning transition to High School.

FACTIONS

Each child is allocated to a faction for sport.

The faction names were chosen with explorers in mind.

Eyre
Giles
Forrest
Gibson

Blue
Red
Green
Gold



FORMAL REPORTS

At the end of each Semester student's Academic Formal Reports will be published via CONNECT.

HEALTH SERVICES

The School Health Nurse visits the school and checks children of Kindergarten and Pre-primary age for physical development and follows up any problems that may be noted. Parents are welcome to make contact with the Health Nurse while she is in the school on matters affecting the health of their children.

HOMework

Homework is set to develop organisational skills. Parental help will be needed to establish these patterns. Homework can be another opportunity for child/parent contact.

A note is required if other activities interfere with homework. Teachers set varying amounts of homework according to the child's age. Individual class teachers will indicate homework expectations at the beginning of the school year.



ILLNESS AND EMERGENCY CALLS



Sick children should be kept home from school. They are usually unhappy within themselves and may infect others. Also the school does not have the facilities to cater for them. Minor illness or injury, occurring during the day, will normally be treated at school. In more serious emergencies every endeavour will be made to contact a parent to arrange for the child to be collected from school. In extreme emergencies the child may be taken to a medical practitioner before parents can be notified.

It is essential that all parents provide an up-to-date contact number through which they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Parents are asked **not** to send sick children to school. We do not have the facilities to cater for such children and parents will be contacted and asked to make other arrangements for their children if this happens.

Certain contagious conditions require children to be excluded from school until all signs of condition are gone. Help and advice can be obtained from the school or on the Health Department website using the Communicable Disease Guidelines handbook or follow the link

<https://www2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/communicable%20diseases/PDF/2101-communicable-disease-guidelines.pdf>

Some common diseases are:-

CONJUNCTIVITIS

A common, acute, viral or bacterial infection of the eyes. Symptoms include sore, itchy eyes and discharge.

Transmission: Direct or indirect contact with secretions from infected eyes.

Incubation period: 1 to 3 days.

Infectious period: While eye discharge is present.

Exclusion: Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.

Treatment: Treatment as recommended by Doctor – refer to Doctor.

Contacts: Do not exclude.

Immunisation: None available.

COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)

*NOTIFIABLE – discuss with your Public Health staff

A respiratory infection caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms are usually mild, commonly including a cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, headache and fatigue. Other symptoms include muscle aches, breathing difficulty and altered smell and taste.

Transmission: by exposure to infectious respiratory droplets and particles

Incubation period: 3– 6 days, with a range of 1 to 14 days.

Infectious period: From 1–2 days prior to symptom onset, until 7–10 days after symptom onset.

Infectiousness is higher while symptoms persist

Exclusion: Exclude and advise to stay at home for at least 5 days and until acute symptoms (eg fever, sore throat, runny nose) have resolved

Treatment: Generally symptomatic treatment only (e.g. paracetamol)

Contacts: Do not exclude if asymptomatic

Immunisation: Vaccine available

https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-vaccine

HEAD LICE (Pediculosis)

A common, parasitic infestation of the scalp hair. Symptoms include scratching and the presence of 'nits' (eggs) and lice in the scalp hair.

Transmission: Head-to-head contact with an infested person.

Incubation period: 7 to 10 days.

Infectious period: Until lice and eggs (nits) are killed.

Exclusion: Exclude until after treatment has commenced and live lice removed.

Treatment: See website for more information https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_1/Head-lice

Contacts: Do not exclude.

Immunisation: None.

INFLUENZA (Flu)

*NOTIFIABLE – discuss with your Public Health staff.

A common, acute, respiratory, viral infection. Symptoms include fever, malaise, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat and cough.

Transmission: Airborne or droplet

Incubation period: Usually 1 to 7 days (usually 2 to 3 days)

Infectious period: Usually 1 day before onset of symptoms. Until 7 days after.

Exclusion: Exclude until all symptoms are resolved,

Treatment: Varies according to symptoms. Antiviral treatment available, if recommended by a Doctor.

Contacts: Do not exclude.

Immunisation: Vaccine-preventable disease

IMPETIGO (School Svarieores)

A common, acute, bacterial infection of the skin caused by staphylococcal or streptococcal bacteria. Symptoms include itchy pustules and scabs.

Transmission: Direct contact with skin lesions

Incubation period: Usually 1 to 3 days for streptococcal infections, and 4 to 10 days for staphylococcal infections

Infectious period: As long as there is discharge from untreated lesions.

Exclusion: Exclude for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing.

Treatment: Antibiotic treatment available— refer to Doctor.

Contacts: Do not exclude.

Immunisation: None available.

CHICKENPOX (Varicella)

*NOTIFIABLE – discuss with your Public Health staff.

A common, acute infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus. Symptoms include runny nose, mild fever, fatigue, then a generalised rash characterised by small vesicles (blisters) that dry out then crust over.

Transmission: Airborne or droplet; direct or indirect contact with fluid from vesicles of an infected person.

Incubation period: 10 to 21 days.

Infectious period: From 2 days before rash appears until all blisters have formed crusts.

Exclusion: Exclude until blisters have dried and formed crusts, which is usually 5 days after rash appears. Note that crusts alone do not warrant exclusion.

Treatment: Antiviral treatment available for complicated or severe cases..

Contacts: Refer any immunosuppressed children (e.g. leukemia patients) to their doctor. Do not exclude other contacts. Post-exposure vaccination can be offered to non-immune contacts, if not contraindicated

Immunisation: Recommended for people 18 months of age or older who have not had chickenpox.

LIBRARY BAGS

Children can also use their Take Home Bags as a library bag so that library books can be carried home safely. Library books may not be taken home without being placed in a protective bag.

LOST PROPERTY

Articles left at school will be placed in the Lost Property cupboard, which is situated in the Administration Block. Any item **unclaimed** by the **end of year** will be processed for re-sale or donated to a local charity.

MEDICATION

Students requiring daily medication will be catered for at the school. Consent forms authorising school Administration Staff to administer medication may be obtained from the School Office. Classroom teachers will not dispense any medication.

P & C ASSOCIATION

Ellen Stirling Primary School has an active P & C Association, which holds meetings twice every term on a Monday night at 6:30 pm in the school Staffroom. The first P & C meeting for the year will be our Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

All teachers are prepared to discuss with parents, student progress or problems.

Parents are always welcome at the school whether through involvement in activities within the classroom or when wishing to find out about their children's progress. Parents are urged to contact the school and make an appointment with classroom teachers if you have any concerns. Please note it is usually not possible to simply request an interview immediately as this can interrupt teaching and learning programs.



PEAC (Primary Extension and Academic Challenge)

Primary Extension Academic Challenge program caters for academically talented children in Years 5 and 6. All Year 4 students are tested in Term 3 to determine their suitability. Students who are not successful through testing may be nominated by teachers if they fit certain criteria. Their acceptance is then determined by the Centre for Gifted and Talented Education. The parents of PEAC children are responsible for transporting their children to and from the PEAC Centre.

The Early Years Extension (EYE) Program is designed for students who may benefit from extension. Students are nominated by their teachers in Year 1 and if selected, they will commence the program in Term 4. Students will attend weekly sessions for five weeks, at a location off site. Parents will need to take their child to these locations. The EYE program will continue for these students in Year 2.

SAFETY HELMETS

It is compulsory for your child to wear an approved bicycle safety helmet if he/she rides a bicycle, skateboard or scooter to school.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies, conducted by each class in rotation, are held on a Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Assemblies will normally conclude by 2:45 pm. These assemblies feature some aspects of the children's work and parents are encouraged to attend. The roster of assemblies will appear on the CONNECT application and Website calendar.

We endeavour to Live Stream or tape all assemblies for parents to view.

Minor assemblies will be conducted on some Fridays for '*housekeeping*' purposes where necessary.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board comprising of elected parents and staff plus the Principal, meets at least once a term to consider items of School Policy and the School Business Plan. All enquiries as to the operation of these bodies should be addressed to the Principal.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Department of Education regulations allow each school to raise funds for incidental materials by asking parents to voluntarily contribute to the School Amenity Fund. The maximum amount that can be asked for under this regulation is \$60.00 per child.

Voluntary Contribution	<i>1 Child</i>	<i>2 Children</i>	<i>3 Children</i>	<i>4 or more Children</i>
2024. Kindy – Year 6	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

The contribution and charges are included on the Personal Items List and it would be appreciated if this amount could be paid when you place your order. If you have not paid this amount with your Personal Items Requirement List, please call into the office with your payment as soon as possible. The office has an EFTPOS facility available to extend payment options.

SCHOOL INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS

Excursions and incursions are considered an important part of the school learning program and all children are expected to participate unless expressly excluded through a written request from parents or for disciplinary reasons. The number of excursions and their cost is kept under review and they must be of proven educational value.

Payment for these events can be made by EFTPOS at the School Office, or by placing cash into envelope attached to information letter and sending money and permission slip to classroom teacher or the School Office.

School uniform must be worn on all school outings.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

This school has the services of a School Psychologist who visits the school on a weekly basis to help with problems of a social or emotional nature as well as learning difficulties. Referrals to the School Psychologist are made via the class teacher and are prioritised by the student services team.

SMOKING

Our school is a smoke free zone. Parents are asked to comply by refraining from smoking on or around the school site.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Year 6 students hold elections at the beginning of the school year. The successful candidates will form the Student Council and will be coordinated by a senior staff member.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

The school provides a Personal Item Requirements List stating items needed for the school year. The workbooks listed are essential and used daily for learning. These may be paid for on the Personal Item Requirements List or at the School Office. It is necessary for each child to provide workbooks and items of a personal nature such as pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils etc. Class teachers may collect these items and hold them to ensure that children have an adequate supply throughout the year.



Also on the Personal Items Requirement List is a Take Home Bag which may be purchased from the School Office this may also be used as a Library Bag to protect books when taken home. from the Library. Also listed may be an art shirt to protect clothing and a box of tissues etc.

Parents may obtain the items on their child's Personal Items Requirement List through a supplier selected by our School Board or purchase from a stationery outlet of their choice. Orders are delivered to your front door prior to the commencement of the school year if orders are placed before the cut off date. Parents are encouraged to purchase through the recommended supplier, as the school receives a commission, which further supports your child's education.

All items should be marked with the child's name unless otherwise advised.

STUDENT SCHOOL UNIFORM – Dress Requirements

Ellen Stirling Primary School has a dress code for all students. This code has been established under the Education Act guidelines, in full consultation with the school community and ratified by the School Board. The school colours are aqua blue, terracotta and navy blue. Ellen Stirling Primary School's Dress Code will take into consideration a student's religious or cultural beliefs and practices.

The dress code promotes a positive image of the school and a sense of identity. Management of the dress code is a sensitive balance between school standards, individual difference and cultural background. Parents and the school, work in a partnership to promote and foster positive self image of the individual and school identity. Ellen Stirling Primary School Community believes that dress code:

- ◆ Fosters a sense of community
- ◆ Encourages equity among students
- ◆ Protects students from UV radiation
- ◆ Assists in building school and team spirit
- ◆ Enhances the public image of the school
- ◆ Ensures students are dressed safely for school

Guidelines

- Acceptance of enrolment at Ellen Stirling Primary School assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the Dress Code, including any negotiated exemptions
- Students must wear school uniform when representing the school at sporting events and excursions
- The wearing of clothing showing motifs or pictures that may be seen to be offensive to others or inappropriate is not acceptable
- Jewellery and make-up are unacceptable. (Studs and sleepers are acceptable earrings)
- No coloured or glittered nail polish to be worn
- Hair that is shoulder length or greater should be tied back
- Hair should not restrict vision
- Shoes should be tied in order to allow children to be able to participate safely in all school activities including dance and sport. (Roller shoes are inappropriate)
- No visible temporary tattoos
- Sunglasses – Where practical, students can choose to wear close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible

The Ellen Stirling Primary School Uniform Shop is run by Lowes of Ellenbrook.

The shop is located at the Ellenbrook Central, Shop 70/71, The Promenade, Ellenbrook

Polo shirt	- Collared blue with terracotta stripe and logo
Unisex shorts	- Navy blue
Cargo shorts	- Navy blue
Uniform dress	- Blue check
Bootleg jazz pants	- Navy blue (Winter)
Track pants	- Navy blue (Winter)
Zip jacket	- Navy blue (Winter)
*Hat	- Broad brimmed – navy
Footwear	- Appropriate shoes, sneakers or buckle-on sandals. <i>no thongs</i>

Acceptable Dress:

- Aqua blue plain polo shirts with collar
- Plain navy blue coloured windcheaters, jumpers or cardigans (no hoodies)
- Plain navy blue long sleeved undershirt may be worn under polo shirt or dress
- Navy blue shorts (no football shorts, brief shorts/board shorts)
- Navy blue track pants or long pants (no denim or jeans)
- Navy blue leggings may only be worn under dresses/skirts/shorts
- Appropriate footwear (no thongs, sandals without backs, ugg boots, rubber boots clogs) platform heels
- *Hats – navy blue with reasonable brimmed collar (no caps)
- Special event clothing as agreed to (eg Graduation shirt; Free Dress Days)

Labelling of belongings - Please ensure that every article belonging to your child, including clothing, is marked with his/her full name.

TERM PLANNERS

A Term Planner will be available on our Website which will give notifications of upcoming events.

THERAPY DOGS

What is a Therapy Dog?

A therapy dog is a dog is trained to provide affection, comfort and love. The dog must pass an obedience evaluation and training, but most importantly, the dog should have a friendly, easy-going personality. Therapy dogs are being used to support all children in general, as well as children with social and emotional learning needs, which in turn can assist with literacy development, decreasing learner anxiety behaviours resulting in *improved learning outcomes*.

Meet Bella:

Bella is a female Weimaraner and a Qualified Therapy Dog who accompanies Chaplain Mandy at school. Bella may be walking around the school with Chaplain Mandy, she might even be up in the office and sometimes she may go classrooms to pick up students.



At times, Bella needs some 'rest time' where she can relax, have a snack, have a break or a sleep. Bella can do this on her bed in the Chaplain's Office in Block 4. (Bella should not be disturbed when on her rest periods).

Bella will be working with Chaplain Mandy across a variety of settings in the school. All students will be explicitly taught how to interact with the Therapy Dogs through in-class presentations, however, if students choose not to interact, that is fine too.

PERSONAL VALUABLE ITEMS – TOYS/SPORTS EQUIPMENT etc.

The school can not take responsibility for any valuables brought to school by the children. Damage or theft of valuables or expensive toys does happen and children are asked not to bring such things to school.

WEBSITE

Our website <http://ellenstirlingps.wa.edu.au/> provides most information you will require. Please take the time to explore it.

We hope that your child's stay at Ellen Stirling Primary School will be a happy and rewarding experience.

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