



## Clothing Policy

### Policy

The School's policy on dress is quite liberal and accommodating and where common sense prevails, there is rarely any need to speak to students about their dress. Although we do not wear uniforms at our school we do have a dress code that meets our care and safety procedures and reflects our school's philosophy. The following is our dress code:

### Dress Code:

- \* Students are to be dressed neatly (holes, tears or tatty clothes are not appropriate).
- \* Brightly and/or plain coloured clothes of natural materials to be worn where possible, with no logos or advertising.
- \* Class 6 Students are allowed to wear one item of black clothing (in the earlier grades we ask that students wear lighter, brighter colours in keeping with the cheerful mood of the early and middle childhood years).
- \* Shirts, T-shirts, dresses need to cover the shoulders (singlets and tank tops are not permitted).
- \* Shirts and T-shirts need to be long enough to cover the belly button.
- \* Hipster pants and skirts are not permitted.
- \* Hats are to be worn for outside play and outside class activities (no hat, no play).
- \* Clothes need to be comfortable and practical for classroom activities, outdoor play and movement activities.
- \* No necklaces, bangles, bracelets or dangly earrings. Only studs or sleeper earrings.
- \* No makeup of any kind.

Students are expected to wear enclosed shoes at all times while at school. We encourage children, especially those in younger classes, to wear slippers inside.

We insist that all students wear a hat that adequately covers their face (all year round unless wearing a warm hat in the winter/colder months), during break times and sports lessons. If a student does not have a hat on, during lunch or recess time, we will ask them to remain in the shade usually under the veranda.

We encourage natural materials that allow the skin to breathe and are much healthier for our students to wear than synthetics. Synthetics are also far more flammable than natural cotton or wool and so pose a greater risk to children.

The Blue Mountains is a place of changeable seasons and students should also be dressed with layered clothing and to be prepared for all weathers. A singlet under clothing is highly recommended and warmth in winter is essential for students to be able to concentrate at school. Children should have their hands and feet checked as a

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general gauge to their temperature rather than being asked, as they usually cannot make this judgement for themselves (warning: this is not to be used as a temperature gauge method for any medical/health condition only for a child's general body response to the weather conditions).

If students do not follow the dress code:

- 1) The class teacher will remind the student of our school dress code:
  - Shirts with advertising can be turned inside out.
  - Singlets or midriff tops may need to have a jumper or longer top put over the top of the other clothes.
- 2) If the student wears inappropriate clothing again, a note should be sent home to the parents reminding them of the dress code.
- 3) If the student continues to wear inappropriate clothing the student's parents may be phoned and asked to bring a change of suitable clothing to school.

**Other policies that may be relevant:**

- Sun Protection Policy and Procedures
- Clothing Policy: Staff