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Dress Code Policy & Procedural Guidelines

Policy

Students at Chrysalis School are expected to wear comfortable clothes and shoes appropriate for a broad range of school activities, indoors and out, including physical education and games. Children's clothing must protect them from the elements: the cold, the rain, the mud and the hot sun. Children's choices are heavily influenced through peer pressure, marketing and the media.

The Chrysalis Dress Code aims to provide guidelines which help limit this influence in our school. Primary School refers to Classes 1-6, High School refers to Classes 7-10. A dress code for the Kindergarten will be provided by the teachers on enrolment.

Cooperation and compliance with the dress code is expected, and any breaches of the code will be addressed by staff.

The School reserves the right to determine whether a student's clothing is acceptable at school or for school activities. This should never be confused with it being about personal judgements or preferences.

It is the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure that their child adheres to the dress standards.

Procedural Guidelines

By helping children to select appropriate clothing, we not only allow them to enjoy the activities available to them, but also lay the foundations for a strong and healthy body to serve them throughout their lives.



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Shoes

Students need shoes with strong, flat heels and soles. Platforms, high heels and overly cushioned shoes put a distance between the foot and the earth, hindering the foot's ability to develop optimally and often the student's ability to move freely. Therefore, flat shoes are required. All shoes for school (if they are not fully enclosed) must have a heel strap and tread on the sole. Ugg boots, slides, thongs and smooth-soled sandals are not appropriate footwear for school. Pull on boots, sturdy sports shoes and walking/sports sandals are all ideal. Crocs with heel straps are also acceptable, though we do encourage a more sturdy alternative during wet weather as they can be slippery on some surfaces. Children must wear shoes whilst travelling to and from school on the bus.

Jewellery and Personal Grooming

Primary School

In Primary School the only acceptable jewellery is a pair of stud earrings or small sleepers. Friendship bands and bangles made from natural materials are acceptable. A maximum of three allowed and thin in style.

In primary school dyed hair is not acceptable. Hair needs to be tied up and worn clear of the face.

Hair styles must not be exaggerated or draw attention to the individual. Examples include, patterns etched into shaved hair, coloured or beaded hair extensions.

High School

Subtle makeup and clear nail varnish are acceptable in the High School only; exaggerated synthetic nails will not be worn.

Subtle, natural hair colours or highlights are acceptable in the high school only; hair styles must not be exaggerated.

Nose studs and nose rings are acceptable in the High School. Jewellery (other than ear studs and sleepers) may be worn in the High School only and needs to be kept



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to a minimum for sport, woodwork or other subjects in which they could be a safety hazard. Rings are not permitted for safety reasons.

Hats

Broad-brimmed hats are compulsory in the Kindergarten and Primary School grounds. No hat = no outdoor play. Hats with slogans, cartoons, distracting pictures or brand names larger than pocket-size are not suitable for school. Caps are permitted in the High School.

Clothing

- Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather. In cold and damp weather, we ask parents to insist on warm clothing. Midriff tops and tops with shoe-string straps are not acceptable at any time.
- Clothes with slogans, cartoons, camouflage patterns or distracting pictures are not suitable for a classroom situation and are unacceptable. Brand names are permitted provided they are no larger than pocket-sized and are not offensive.
- Clothes should be clean, neat and tidy, and incorporate colour. 'Designer' rips in clothing are not acceptable.
- No black t-shirts for Classes K - 5 (black clothing is not recommended for children in Kindergarten, or Class 1 through to 5 and may not be worn to school). Plain colours are recommended to be worn.
- Shorts and skirts must be of a length which allows for freedom of movement and play. If wearing a skirt or dress, it is advisable to wear shorts underneath allowing for freedom of movement. Arm straight down the leg with fist closed is the minimal length required.
- Rashies for swimming are compulsory for all grades

Clothing Size

We recognise that clothing is a potent way to make a statement of identity. Nevertheless, we ask that children wear clothing that is clean and fits well. Clothing that is too tight or oversized and "sagging" clothing restricts a child's movement.



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Oversized clothing and dangling accessories can also be a safety hazard during certain school activities. Leggings are appropriate.

Graphics

In our school we work to create simple, beautiful environments free from the influence of marketing and the media. A visually restful environment leaves students free to concentrate on the task of learning and to express their individuality. We request your help in dressing your children in a way that supports this effort. Please carefully consider the patterns, colours and graphics on clothing with this in mind. Graphics depicting drugs, alcohol, rude language, violence, the media, advertising, cartoons or caricatures are not suitable for school attire.

Actions to be taken:

Class teachers will ensure that the Dress Code is adhered to. The Education Director or Assistant Education Director will conduct random periodic clothing inspections to ensure students are upholding the standards of the Dress Code.

Children not following the Chrysalis Dress Code will be asked to remediate this.

Consequences will include:

- Changing into clean used clothes which are kept in the office.
- A reminder will be sent home to parents via SMS on School Pro.
- Staying in at lunch or recess and doing helpful jobs for the school community.
- A meeting with parents which could lead to disciplinary action. Please see our Discipline Policy.