



CHRYsalIS STEINER SCHOOL

educating the whole child

High School Dress Code Policy

Policy

Students at Chrysalis School are expected to wear comfortable and practical clothes and shoes appropriate for a broad range of school activities, indoors and out, including Physical Education, Woodwork, Food Technology, Craft and day to day activities. Student'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. High School refers to Classes 7-10. 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.

When verbally challenged by students regarding clothing which they are wearing which does not meet dress code policy, staff will advise the student that their clothing **"does not meet Dress Code Policy"** and can refer the student to the section of the policy which they are not meeting. Challenges beyond that can be referred to the High School Coordinator or Education Director.

Jewellery and Personal Grooming

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.

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 to a minimum for sport, woodwork or other subjects in which they could be a safety hazard. Rings may be asked to be removed for certain subjects due to safety reasons.

Hats

Hats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4. No hat = no outdoor play. Students are not permitted off the verandahs without a hat in Terms 1 and 4. Hats with inappropriate slogans are not permitted 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. Shoulders must be covered and clothing needs to be modest for school.

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. Clothing with rips or holes is not acceptable for school.

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. 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 High School Coordinator 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 an email from the office.
- Staying in at lunch or recess and doing helpful jobs for the school community.
- A meeting with parents which could lead to disciplinary action as a result of insubordination. Please see our Discipline Policy.