



# CHRYSALIS STEINER SCHOOL

## educating the whole child

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### **Dress Code Procedures 2014**

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, games and eurythmy. Children's clothing must protect them from the elements – the cold, the rain, the mud, and the hot sun.

#### **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.

#### **Shoes**

Shoes are worn to protect the feet. Healthy feet develop best through their own activity. This means that students need shoes with strong, flat heels and soles. The soles should prevent sliding. Likewise, shoes need backs to keep the foot snugly in place. 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. Shoes that tie are preferred.

#### **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 restricts a child's movement and encourages unhealthy self-consciousness. Oversized and "sagging" clothing inhibits movement and promotes an inappropriately relaxed attitude. Oversized clothing and dangling accessories can also be a safety hazard during certain school activities.

#### **Graphics**

In our school we work to create simple, beautiful environments. A visually restful environment leaves students free to concentrate on the task of learning. 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. (for example, a beautiful batik flower on a T-shirt is appropriate; large, distracting graphics are not.) Graphics depicting drugs, alcohol, violence, the media, advertising, cartoons or caricatures are not suitable for school attire. Camouflage carries a variety of connotations, none of which belongs in our primary school.

#### **Actions to be taken:**

Children not following the Chrysalis Dress Code will be asked to remediate this. Actions may include:

Being asked to put on another alternative clothing or shoes, and or removing non compliant clothing or jewelry. (Some replacement clothing is kept at the school for this purpose)

Children wearing inappropriate shoes may be withdrawn from some activities for safety reasons.