SILVER TREE
STEINER SCHOOL

Dress Code Policy

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Dress Code Policy

The purpose of the Dress Code policy is to provide guidelines to the Silver Tree Steiner School community on what is acceptable attire for students to wear to school. 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 enforce uniforms at our school we do have a dress code which meets our safety and sun protection policy requirements and reflects our school philosophy.

The school reserves the right, at the discretion of the Head of School to send home any student not complying with the school's dress code.

Guidelines

Children are to be dressed neatly (holes, tears or tatty clothes are not appropriate). Clothes need to be comfortable and practical for classroom activities.

The following are not allowed:

- Large logos or advertising
- Singlets and tank-tops (Shirts, T-shirts and dresses need to cover the shoulders)
- Exposed midriffs (Shirts and T-shirts need to be long enough to cover the belly button. Hipster pants are not permitted.)
- Extremely short skirts, shorts and dresses (clothing is to be of modest length)

Hats/Sun Protection

All students need to wear broad-brimmed hats which adequately cover their faces, during break times and sports lessons during Terms 1 and 4. If a student does not have a hat on, during lunch or recess time, we will ask them to remain in the shade (no hat, play in the shade) in line with the School's Sun Protection policy.

Wherever possible parents/guardians should consider purchasing clothing that offers UV protection.

Jewellery and Makeup

Stud or sleeper earrings are acceptable. However, no other jewellery is to be worn. There may be exceptions made for items of cultural significance in consultation with Class Teachers.

No makeup or nail polish of any kind.

Shoes

All students are expected to wear enclosed shoes during winter and sturdy sandals are acceptable during the summer months. Thongs, crocs and open backed shoes are not acceptable.

Some class teachers may encourage children, especially those in the younger classes, to wear slippers inside the classroom over the colder months. This however, is at the discretion of the Class Teacher.

Hair

Hair should be kept clean, neat/combed and in a tidy manner and off the face. Hair should not impair vision at any time. Hair that touches shoulders or longer should be tied back, so as not to allow it to fall onto the face. Bandanas are acceptable but do not replace hair being tied back.

Games/Physical Education Lessons

During Physical Education/Games lessons, appropriate sports shoes MUST be worn, otherwise students will be unable to participate. Hair should be tied back off the face. Comfortable loose clothing should be worn. Jeans, dresses and skirts should be avoided. Students must wear a broad brimmed hat during Terms 1 and 4.

Woodwork Lessons

During Woodwork lessons, enclosed shoes MUST be worn otherwise students will be unable to participate. Long hair must be tied back off the face.

Corrective Action

If children do not follow the dress code, then the following will occur:

1. The class teacher or staff member will remind the child of our school dress code. The child will be asked to change into an appropriate alternative. Shirts with advertising can be turned inside out. Singlets or midriff tops will need to have a T-shirt or jumper worn over the top.
2. If the child wears inappropriate clothing again, a note will be sent home to the parents reminding them of the dress code.
3. If the child continues to wear inappropriate clothing, the child's parents will be phoned and asked to bring a change of suitable clothing to school or to collect the child.