

Dress Code Guidelines

School is a place of learning and culture. One way we can support children to respect this, is to ensure that the way they dress for school is appropriate. Clothing may have a distracting or counterproductive influence on our children's educational experience at school. Clothes can become an arena for peer pressure, fashion trends, advertising, messages and slogans. This is one reason why many schools have uniforms. Orana prefers not to have a uniform but a dress code of common sense and simplicity. Clothing worn to school must be safe, practical and appropriate for the range of activities students take part in during the school day. Teachers are very conscious of trying to ensure that children are warm and have adequate protection from the elements. The following items set out what is allowed and required across all classes at Orana.

General Guidelines

We do not have a school uniform but there is an expectation that all students will dress modestly and in a manner that reflects a respectful attitude to learning. All clothing should be neat and tidy. Students may wear plain colours or clothing made from all-over patterns (not all-over pictures), i.e. items where the whole garment is made from patterned fabric such as checks and stripes.

Students need to be aware of their daily timetables as there are specific rules for lessons that take place in laboratories, workshops and PE lessons. For these lessons safety is paramount and this guides expectations of dress.

Orana promotes sun safety so students are expected to wear hats when outdoors and we encourage the use of sunscreen cream.

The dress code applies to all hours of school activity, including excursions and after-hours school activities, especially when students are representing Orana.

Some camps may have specific requirements for clothes. Please check the camp information that is sent out prior to camps.

Company logos stitched on clothing may not be bigger than a business card.

The following are not allowed: short shorts, miniskirts, crop tops, singlets, tanks, thongs.

Leggings (including jeggings) may be worn provided a shirt or skirt that meets the four finger rule is worn as an outer layer.

A general guideline is that the outer layer whether it be a dress, shirt, shorts or skirt must reach four fingers above the knee.

Underwear should not be visible.

The Orana P&F shop has a supply appropriate tops in different solid colours in various sizes.

Logos

Logos, brand names or advertising are not acceptable. Clothing manufacturer labels should not be bigger than a fist. Clothing with references to alcohol, drugs, violence, offensive language or images are not permitted.

Hats

For Early Childhood and Primary: broad-brimmed or bucket hats only. "No hat no play" at all times. Hats are to be worn outdoors only. No hat logo to be larger than a business card. Students must wear a hat at all times when outdoors. On winter morning broad-brimmed hats may be replaced by beanies.

In respect to the Cancer Council's recommendation, Primary School students may be hat free in winter. Students will be advised when this alternative arrangement is in force.

Sun hats are compulsory for all High School Students from Class 8-12. Hats are to be worn outdoors only.

Shoes

Students may wear sandals with a back strap. Thongs or Crocs may not be worn at any time. Feet are to be fully covered for safety reasons in woodwork, PE and science classes. Shoes must not have heels higher than 3cm.

Inside shoes are required for Early Childhood Classes and Classes 1 to Class 7.

Hair

Hair dyed with natural colour only.

Make Up

Minimal make up is acceptable (discreet mascara, lip gloss, etc) but should not be obvious or unnatural (coloured eye shadow, bright lipstick, dark eyeliner, etc). Clear or neutral coloured nail polish may be worn.

Jewellery and Body Piercing

Only ear piercings are acceptable. Jewellery may be worn but must be practical for a school environment and activities. Long dangling earrings are not appropriate for school.

Special Events

Sports, music performances, plays and Class 12 project presentations also have particular clothing requirements depending on the event. Students will be told of these before an event and must be adhered to.

PE, Woodwork and Science Classes

The requirements for these subjects are for health and safety reasons and are not negotiable. Students who do not wear the correct gear will not be able to participate in

these lessons. Students who miss lessons for dress code reasons will be managed according to the school's disciplinary processes.

Flat, enclosed shoes with a leather upper (no sandals or ballet flats) should be worn for science and technology (all work done in the woodwork/technology block and handwork). For PE activities, students must wear proper runners which provide adequate support and good tread. Jewellery should not be worn in these classes and long hair must be tied back.

Swimming

Students must wear sun hats and we strongly urge students to wear sunscreen. No bikinis may be worn at any time without a sun shirt. Sun shirts must be worn at outdoor swimming events.

**Early Childhood and Primary School
Dress Code Summary for Girls**

Skirts:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with an all over pattern (no pictures, no texts)
Shorts:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with an all over pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers)
Dresses:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Sleeves:</u> Shoulders must be covered <u>Colour:</u> plain or with an all over pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers)
Shirts:	<u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts) <u>Sleeves:</u> shoulders must be covered
Trousers:	<u>Colour:</u> plain Colour or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers) <u>No leggings.</u> Skinny jeans denim only. Holes and rips are not acceptable.
Hats:	Broad brimmed or bucket hats only at all times outside. Beanies on winter mornings.
Shoes:	Students may wear sandals with a back strap. Toes must be enclosed. Thongs and Crocs may not be worn at any time. Feet to be fully covered for safety reasons in Technology and Science classes. Shoes must not have heels higher than 3cm

**Early Childhood and Primary School
Dress Code Summary for Boys**

Shorts:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers)
Shirts:	<u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers) <u>Sleeves:</u> Shoulders must be covered
Trousers:	<u>Colour:</u> plain Colour or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers). Holes and rips are not acceptable
Hats:	Broad brimmed or bucket hats only at all times outside. Beanies on winter mornings.
Shoes:	Students may wear sandals with a back strap. Toes must be enclosed. Thongs and Crocs may not be worn at any time. Feet to be fully covered for safety reasons in Technology and Science classes.

High School Dress Code Summary for Girls Class 8-12

Skirts:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern
Shorts:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers)
Dresses:	<u>Length:</u> no shorter than 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers) <u>Sleeves:</u> Shoulders must be covered
Shirts:	<u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts) <u>Sleeves:</u> Shoulders must be covered
Trousers:	<u>Colour:</u> plain Colour or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers) <u>No leggings.</u> Skinny jeans denim only. Holes and rips are not acceptable.
Hats:	Sun hats at all times outside.
Shoes:	Students may wear sandals with a back strap. Toes must be covered. Thongs may not be worn at any time. Feet to be fully covered for safety reasons in Technology and Science classes. Shoes must not have heels higher than 3cm.

High School Dress Code Summary for Boys Class 8-12

Shorts:	<u>Length:</u> 4 fingers above the knee <u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers)
Shirts:	<u>Colour:</u> plain or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers) <u>Sleeves:</u> Shoulders must be covered.
Trousers:	<u>Colour:</u> plain Colour or with a pattern (no pictures, no texts, no numbers). Holes and rips are not acceptable.
Hats:	Sun hats at all times outside.
Shoes:	Sandals: with a back strap. Toes must be covered. Feet to be fully covered for safety reasons in Technology and Science classes.