



ORANA STEINER SCHOOL

DRESS CODE – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Guidelines

Orana is a school community catering for very young children to Senior College. There is an expectation that all students will dress in a manner that reflects a respectful attitude to our learning community.

We are conscious of the rights of our students to express their individuality, and our dress code aims to consider both the emotional and physical needs of the child. We believe that the students should wear colourful clothing designed for comfort, active play and sun safety. We ask families to think not only of their own child when they dress for school each morning, but of the difference they will make to everyone at school each day by how they present. It is a wonderful opportunity and a privilege that has been provided by the School for the children to wear simple, practical clothing that also reflects their individuality. As such, we ask that you respect the dress code and, where necessary, assist your child to make appropriate choices about the clothes they wear to School.

Ultimately, clothing worn to school must be safe, practical and age-appropriate for the range of activities in the school day. In developing these guidelines, consideration has been given to:

- SunSmart ACT recommendations and Cancer Council guidelines (we are a SunSmart School);
- Workplace Health and Safety;
- Suitability of clothing for a broad range of movement;
- Age-appropriateness; and
- The underlying philosophy of our education.

In the Primary School, throughout the curriculum *and* the grounds, we aim to promote an aesthetically beautiful environment and we feel this should be reflected in what we wear. The following guidelines aim to support the Steiner philosophy that we should “surround the children with beauty”.

[General Requirements \(applying to hats, bags, shoes, other apparel\):](#)

We recognise that there are many images and words that project positivity and beauty, but it is also true that many do not. Constantly making a judgement on the suitability of an image or text for the school environment is disruptive and creates conflict. Therefore, we ask that the clothes chosen for school are **free of any images and text**.

- Design - plain or with a pattern;
- No pictures (except as part of a pattern);
- No text or numbers (including foreign text);
- Tops must have coverage on front, back, sleeves (shoulders) and midriff for sun protection;
- No underwear to be visible, including through sheer fabric;
- Length of **shorts, skirts & dresses** – partway down the *back* of the thigh;
- Clothing must suit the season;
- Jewellery must be discreet (no dangly earrings, chains or multiple bangles); and
- No make-up.

Logos & Images (excluding the Orana logo):

- No bigger than a fist/credit card;
- No coarse language, or insinuated obscenities;
- No representations of violence, weapons, sex, nudity, skulls, drugs, Halloween, alcohol or death, *including those appearing in a pattern*; and
- No merchandise (characters from TV, bands, computer games etc) *including in a pattern*.

Hats:

- Broad-brimmed or bucket hats are required throughout the year for outdoor activities;
- Sun hats are **not** worn between May 31st and August 1st;
- Beanies can be worn during the hats-off months and before school on cold mornings; and
- Hats off indoors.

Shoes:

- Sturdy and flat-soled;
- Runners for PE; and
- Enclosed upper for Science and Technology (Woodwork, Metalwork, Outdoor Classroom, Textiles and Art)

Off-Campus:

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

Different activities outside of school may have different dress requirements. These may be stipulated on permission notes, and will vary based on the activity to be undertaken.

Consequences for Cases of Non-Compliance

- The student will be spoken to about their attire and given the opportunity to change into alternative clothing (from their own spares or a friend's);
- If no alternative clothing is available, the student will be asked to turn their clothing inside out so that the logo or picture is no longer visible;
- If the student refuses to comply with our dress code, parents or carers will be contacted to request that clothing be delivered to the school; and
- A pattern of dress code infringements will be noted by the class teacher and a meeting with the parents or carers will be requested, with the aim of supporting the family in meeting school expectations.

Please note that if an item of clothing breaches, or is not aligned with the intent of, these guidelines, then the School will apply the same consequences for non-compliance.