



WILD CHERRY SCHOOL

For Waldorf/Steiner Education

DRESS CODE

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 and messages and slogans. This is one reason why many schools have uniforms. Our School prefers not to have a uniform but a dress code of common sense promoting simple, colourful clothing.

Clothing worn to school must be safe, practical and appropriate for the range of activities students take part in during the school day.

Students not complying with dress codes may be asked to turn clothes inside out or provided with clothing. The school may contact parents if students present at school or school events with clothing outside the dress code.

The following items set out what is allowed and required across all classes:

Hats

The school provides one hat for each child as part of the school fees. This hat is to be left at school. Broad-brimmed or bucket hats only. "No hat no play" policy in term 1 and term 4. Hats are to be worn outdoors only.

Sunscreen

The school is mindful of the consequences of sun exposure. Sunscreen is optional according to parents' wishes. We ask that parents provide their children with their preferred sunscreen.

Tops

All tops must be an appropriate fit, hip length, to neck (rather than a low cut) with or without a collar, with minimum sleeve length covering shoulder and no noticeable logo. T-shirts must fully overlap or tuck in to pants or skirt when standing.

Shirts, skirts and dresses may be with or without a collar but must not be low cut, with minimum sleeve length covering shoulder and no noticeable logo. Skirts and dresses must be of appropriate length.

Pants

Shorts and long pants must be of appropriate length. If pants are cut low to the hip, then the top worn with those pants (see "Tops" above) must fully cover the top of shorts or pants when standing. Short and long pants must be neither skin tight nor excessively baggy, with long pants length no longer than heel and not dragging over heels or to ground. Shorts and pants must have no noticeable logo.

Shoes

Shoes must be closed-in with a low-heel (< 3cm) worn with socks, or strong sandals, in order to provide safe footwear for active play, movement and sport.

Jewellery

Students may wear discrete jewellery only, for example small studs or sleepers in ears.

Makeup

Makeup, including nail polish, is not to be worn by students.

Hair

Hair must be neat, clean and brushed, with shoulder length hair tied back. Haircuts must be moderate and without hair colour.

Winter

In Term 2 and 3, the following winter dress code applies:

- Warm jumper/jacket
- Beanie/scarf/gloves
- Slippers for indoor

Items Not Allowed

The following fall outside of the dress code and are not allowed at school:

- Tops or dresses without sleeves that cover shoulders.
- Clothing which is dirty, untidy, or torn.
- Tops which have writing, pictures or logos
- Hair which falls across the face.
- Trousers which drag on the ground, fall off the hips or reveal underwear.
- Thongs, ugg boots or shoes (including sandals) which have high platforms or heels (>3cm) or which are without wide (>1cm) ankle straps.
- Dangling or hoop earrings, large necklaces, large rings, body piercings (apart from ears as outlined above) and temporary or other tattoos.
- See-through or revealing clothing including; shirts, very short dresses, skirts or shorts.
- Inappropriate clothing, e.g. nightwear or visible underwear.

Other Requirements

In addition to the above, there may be dress requirements for particular subjects, activities or events. Teachers will inform students of any special requirements prior to those lessons or activities commencing. For example, appropriate shoes are needed for Sport.

The following are not acceptable at school:

- Riding skateboards, roller-blades, scooters or bikes in the school grounds
- Putting graffiti on any school property, including desks or textbooks
- Littering and/or not using the recycling bins appropriately
- Electronic equipment
- Offensive language
- Aerosol products
- Chewing gum
- Spitting
- Toys generally