

CHRISTCHURCH RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL GROUP

Management

NAG 6 Policy ADMINISTRATION

.10 Procedure Dress Code

KINDERGARTEN AND LOWER SCHOOL (CLASS ONE TO SIX)

Clothes:

We expect the children to be dressed in pleasant, healthy and appropriate clothing for the work done at school and that their clothing is suitable for their age and their activities.

1. Clothes should not restrict movement. Please do not allow children to wear tight jeans or skirts and dresses that are restrictive in length or style. Some lessons require sports clothes.
2. No slogans or pictures. If these are worn the child will be asked to wear the article of clothing inside out for that day (small monograms and patterns are acceptable.)
3. Clothing must fit properly and not expose underwear. Tops need to be long enough to cover the midriff, even during exercise. Shoulders and chest must be covered.
4. Clothing needs to be clean and in good repair.
5. We encourage you to clothe younger children in lighter colours.
6. Children must have sufficient clothing to be warm in winter and cool in summer. We recommend that children are clothed in natural fibers. Wool will remain warm even if it has absorbed an amount of water. Cotton breathes and is cool.
7. A long waterproof jacket with a hood and/or hat for cold or wet days is essential.

Footwear:

1. In winter, it is essential that the children have footwear that will enable them to have dry feet. We recommend strong shoes that enable good movement - gumboots for wet day's only, and conventional, non-novelty slippers for wearing inside.
2. Sandals are recommended for the summer, as going barefoot is not allowed for safety reasons. Some lessons (eg; technology) will not allow sandals.
3. No jandals, platform, built up shoes or clogs - they restrict movement.

Hats and Hair:

1. Sunhats are compulsory in Terms One and Four. The school provides children with a sunhat - if they lose it parents will be billed for a replacement. Please help us protect your children by ensuring they wear one..
2. Warm hat in terms two and three are essential and need to be brought from home.
3. Hair longer than shoulder length should be clipped back or tied. Hair should not fall over the face.
4. We strongly discourage hair colouring dye/bleach, or extreme hairstyles and rely on parents to support this advice.

Jewellery/Hands etc:

A fundamental aim of our education is to engage the child's will in their work, and their fingers and bodies need to be free to work without added distractions.

1. No rings, bracelets or jewellery. A concealed necklace is acceptable, but may be asked to be removed for specific activities due to safety reasons.
2. Earrings, studs, sleepers etc, are not to be worn at school.
3. No nail polish, makeup, or lipstick is to be worn.
4. We would strongly discourage children bearing real tattoos. Children with fake tattoos would be asked to have them removed before attending classes.

CLASS SEVEN

The Dress Code for Classes One to Six applies with the following allowances:

1. Hair colouring dye will be allowed, providing it is of a natural colour. The Class Teacher must be consulted before the hair colouring dye is applied. We strongly discourage bleach or extreme hairstyles. The Class Teachers decision is final.
2. A maximum of one ring and one bracelet may be worn, but may have to be removed for certain activities due to health and safety reasons.
3. Where ears are pierced, 1 discrete stud (not sleepers) in each earlobe is allowed.

Consequences (K-class 7): The School expects that K-class 7 Parents/Caregivers will fully support the Dress Code. Parents will be contacted if their child contravenes the code. In the case of the Lower School, depending upon the nature of the contravention, the LS Behaviour Support Plan may be actioned.

UPPER SCHOOL

Upper School students and parents are expected to support and comply with the school dress code. Students should bear in mind that they will be seen as role models for younger children at our school. Students are also reminded that they are acting as 'ambassadors' for our community when travelling to and from school and when attending events such as fairs, Expo's and work experience.

Choice of dress for school and for school-related events should reflect support for our dress code.

If a student is notified of a breach of the dress code, then the situation must be rectified at the earliest opportunity. Refusal to comply with, or repeated breaches of the dress code may result in disciplinary measures. Parents may be advised of dress code breaches.

Clothing and footwear should be suitable for our learning environment. Clothing and footwear should also enable students to participate fully in all aspects of the school curriculum.

In choosing appropriate clothing for school, consideration should also be given to the possibility of emergency evacuations such as earthquake or fire. Inappropriate clothing and footwear could pose significant Health and Safety Hazards if, for example, students have to negotiate broken glass or have to stand outside in the rain in winter during an emergency evacuation.

What is deemed as 'suitable' clothing and footwear for school is at the discretion of teachers and school management and is based on the guidelines below:

Footwear - General

Footwear should provide good support and adequate protection for the feet. Examples: conventional shoes, trainers, sandals with a minimum of 3 straps, one of which must hold the heel in place. Jandals are a potential Health and Safety Hazard and must not be worn at school.

Footwear - Special Rules

Feet must be completely covered for the following subjects and associated teaching spaces:

Horticulture - school garden, garden classroom
Science - Biology Lab (room 8), Chemistry Lab (room 9)
Food Technology, Textiles - Cooking Room (room 6)
Technology, Textiles - Workshop (room 7), Caretaker's Yard
Physical Education, Sports, Games - Hall (room 11), school grounds
Art Photography (room 10B), Photography (Dark Room)

Clothing

Leg wear must cover the body from mid-thigh up to the waist. The midriff, chest and shoulders must be covered

Clothing must have enough freedom of movement to allow full participation in all aspects of the school curriculum

Clothing must be clean and in good repair

Any slogans and/or graphics on clothing should be appropriate for school – slogans and/or graphics depicting, for example, alcohol, violence, racism, sexual reference, and any kind of message deemed to be inappropriate for or contra to the values of our school must not be worn

Sunhats

It is strongly recommended that students wear a sunhat during terms 1 and 4.

Winter/Bad Weather Clothing

Many students arrive to school wearing inadequate clothing in winter and/or during bad weather.

In choosing clothing for winter/bad weather, students and parents should consider that in an emergency evacuation students could be standing outside in cold, wind and rain for a long period of time. This would pose a Health and Safety Hazard for the students and would also cause an extra and unnecessary difficulty for supervising teachers and staff.

We request that students wear warm clothing to school in winter, and carry a waterproof jacket and warm hat in their backpack.

27 June 2018

Signed

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Responsibility for review: Management

Responsibility for administering this procedure: Management

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