

CASTLEMAINE STEINER SCHOOL

CLOTHING POLICY

You will notice that the school has invested a great deal of energy into the quality of the environment both inside and out. The relative lack of posters and visual information on the walls, the use of clean, clear colours and the interesting lines and surfaces in the architecture all reflect an important underlying educational principle. Namely that the sensory impressions received by the child work deeply into the child and have significant influence on the ultimate health of the developing human being.

Part of our special character is that we do not have a school uniform, however the following dress code applies. College discourages the use of chemical dyes for hair and other forms of makeup including nail polish.

Using this policy, the College of Teachers reserve the right to make final decisions concerning appropriate dress for all school activities.

CLOTHING:

- **Appropriate, comfortable, functional and modest clothing is essential.**

Children must wear shoes appropriate for physical activity and loose fitting attire which allows free movement. Skirts and jeans are NOT appropriate for Sport, Gym or Rock and Water.

- **Students' dress should be clean and neat (no torn or ripped clothing or footwear).**
- **We expect that children refrain from wearing tops which have any visual images, messages or labels larger than the palm of a child's hand.**

If, a child forgets we would ask them to either cover up the image or wear the top inside out.

- **Mini skirts are only acceptable if worn with shorts or leggings underneath. 'Short' shorts are only acceptable if worn with leggings underneath.**
- **Tops must cover the stomach, kidney and chest. Transparent and see-through clothes are not appropriate. Singlet strap tops may be worn inside but shoulders need to be covered outside.**
- **Trousers must be supported by a belt; underwear should not be exposed.**

FOOTWEAR:

- **Students must wear shoes outside at all times. Thongs and light sandals not to be worn to school. For sport sessions children must wear shoes which are appropriate for physical activity.**
- **Slippers or inside shoes should be brought to school to wear in the school class rooms. Please note these should be plain and functional.**

HATS:

- **The school hats must be worn at all times outside the classroom during Terms 1 & 2.**

We would encourage 'home hats' to be worn at all times before and after school in Terms 1 & 2.

HAIR:

- **Hair is to be kept clean and tidy and be tied back off the face and shoulders.**
- **Dyed hair is not acceptable up to and including Class 6 and should be discreet in years 7 & 8. College discourages the use of chemical dyes.**

MAKEUP:

- **In classes Prep to 6 inclusive, makeup, *including spray deodorant and perfume*, is not permitted in any form. Children will be expected to remove all makeup and nail polish worn to school.**

Makeup, including spray deodorant and perfume, *must not* be brought to school by students at ANY year level.

- **Classes 7 & 8 may use a *discrete* application of makeup but it *must not* be applied at school.**

JEWELLERY:

- **Up to and including Class 6 NO jewellery **may** be worn to school with the exception of studs and sleepers.**
- **Watches are not to be worn in classes 1 and 2. When children first begin to be able to wear watches in Class 3, we request that they be the analogue (i.e. clock face) and not digital type. (NOTE: The clock face best represents the reality of the sun's passage through the heavens.)**
- ***Some* jewellery may be worn by students in classes 7 & 8 provided that it does not distract or interrupt their ability to work in class or compromise their safety on the playground.**
- **Jewellery must be removed during all physical activities.**

The school takes NO RESPONSIBILITY for the loss or damage of any items of jewellery including watches.

WET WEATHER:

- **On rainy days children will only be allowed to play outside, provided there is a teacher on duty and if they wear a waterproof hat, coat and footwear. On cold days children must be warmly dressed.**

HOT WEATHER:

- **On hot days children are encouraged to wear sunscreen. In terms I and IV they must wear the school hat.**
- **Clothing is to provide adequate sun protection; it must cover the shoulders.**

Children should arrive at school in appropriate clothing. The parents of those not complying with this policy will be phoned and asked to bring in appropriate clothing.

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