



HELENA RIVER WALDORF SCHOOL

DRESS CODE POLICY

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1 POLICY

At Helena River Waldorf School, we work hard to provide an environment that is supportive of the unfolding child. Clothing can have an impact on this environment. Clothing may have a distracting or counter-productive 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. Rather than a uniform, we have a dress code based on the tenets of common sense, respect and simplicity.

School is a place of learning and culture. One way we can encourage children to respect this is to ensure the way they dress for school is appropriate. Tidy, clean, comfortable and well-fitting clothing suitable for outside play and all activities and weather conditions should be worn.

We encourage parents/guardians to promote the wearing of natural fibres such as wool and cotton, as these natural fibres are more comfortable and allow the skin to breathe. Parents/guardians may wish to observe Steiner's indications that assign a colour to each day of the week:

Monday – purple
Tuesday – red/pink
Wednesday – yellow
Thursday – orange
Friday – green

2 PROCEDURE

Helena River Waldorf School's Dress Code Policy covers safety (including sun safety) and persona/Steiner philosophy. At the time of the student's enrolment, parents will be informed of the school's dress requirements. Students will periodically be reminded of this policy as a class/whole school (e.g. during assemblies).

Under safety guidelines the following will apply:

- Shirts and tops which cover the midriff, shoulders and upper arms are required.
- During Terms 1 and 4, and at teachers' discretion in Terms 2 and 3, all children must wear a hat when outdoors. Broad brimmed hats, which protect the back of the neck are compulsory. Caps are not permitted. Students without hats will not be allowed to play outside unless under cover/shade in the designated duty area. During the cooler months, knitted beanies can be worn.
- Jewellery must not pose a distraction or possibility of injury. Stud earrings are permitted.
- Shoes suitable for the range of activities undertaken at school including running and jumping must be worn (e.g. trainers). Enclosed shoes are required at the Hazelmere campus. Crocs or heeled shoes are not permitted.
- Hair is to be off the face so that learning is unhindered. As such, hair that is shoulder length or longer, is to be tied back.
- Shorts and skirts are to be worn at mid-thigh or longer.

Under persona/Steiner philosophical guidelines the following will apply:

- Clothing, school bags and pencil cases are to be in plain colours without any advertising, large logos, TV, movie or computer game characters.
- No full black clothing. Black is to be kept to a minimum (i.e. one item of black on the top or the bottom is acceptable).
- Make-up and nail polish must not be worn to school. Fake nails are not permitted.
- No pyjamas, dressing gowns or Oodles to be worn to school (outside of a theme dress day).
- No hoods are to be worn up on school grounds unless on a raincoat in wet weather.
- No hats are to be worn indoors.

3 REFERENCES

Related Documents	
Related Legislation	
Appendices	