



# PORT AUGUSTA WEST CHILDHOOD SERVICES CENTRE DRESS POLICY STATEMENT

*At Port Augusta West CSC we promote appropriate clothing and footwear, as we believe it contributes to the overall safety of the physical environment and enables children to fully participate in the educational and learning program offered at kindergarten.*

## Acceptable Clothing

- Kindy hats, jumpers and t-shirts are available
- Any type of shorts or long pants, skirts and dresses (preferably not too long as they inhibit play)
- T Shirts of any kind, jumpers, windcheaters, cardigans, vests and jackets
- All tops must cover shoulders and backs to comply with sunsafe policies

## Clothing not permitted

- Shoestring straps, singlet tops and halter tops.

## Shoes

- Footwear should meet safety standards (backed/rubber soled) and not limit involvement in educational programs. Thongs, clogs, platform, ugg boots, slippers, slip-ons and high heeled shoes which are heavy or slip off easily are not suited to active involvement in learning activities and are not acceptable.

## Hair

- Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back with bands, ribbons or hair ties. This helps prevent the spread of head lice and ensures it does not inhibit children's work or play activities.

## Hats

- Hats to be worn as per sun safe policy

## Things to consider

- The appropriateness of clothing choices for the kindergarten environment, eg is it not easily cleaned or replaced or is it a special item.
- Children need to be able to paint, glue, cut, dig in the mud, play in the coloured water without worrying about their clothing.
- Staff will provide children with appropriate coverings for messy activities and endeavour to encourage children to wear them but are not responsible for ensuring children stay clean.
- Children need to be able to manage their own clothing for toileting reasons, ie can they undo/do up the buttons and/or belt themselves.
- All clothing/belongings need to be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.

## Consequences for Non-Compliance of Dress Code

Children with inappropriate clothing/shoes will need to play inside or on veranda - please consider how difficult this can be for a child who is staying for a full day, or whose friends may be playing outside.

**Governing Council Chairperson**

**Preschool Director**

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