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Suitable Clothing Policy

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Legislation:	Work, Health and Safety Regulation 2011 Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 Educational and Care Services National Law 2011 The Cancer Council www.cancerCouncil.com.au
Reference:	CCA Policy and Procedure Manual, September 2002 National Quality Framework Resource Kit 2011 Centre Support www.centresupport.com.au

Introduction

Staff and families work together to ensure that children have appropriate clothing for the climate and activities. Children's clothing needs to be safe, comfortable and allow for independence.

Goals

For children to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and activity being undertaken.

Practices

- Play is central to children's learning and therefore it is important that the clothing they wear allow them to explore their environment with ease and safety.
- Messy play is important in creativity, exploration and learning. Children should therefore wear clothing that it is okay to get dirty.
- Children are encouraged to wear clothing that allows them to dress and undress themselves, thereby encouraging independence. Clothing should also allow easy access for toileting i.e. elasticised trousers, track pants – rather than buttons, zips, belts etc.
- All clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled with the child's name
- Staff will encourage independence with dressing and be on hand to assist with more difficult items such as buttons and shoelaces.
- Families will be asked to supply spare clothing, in case changes are required throughout the day. Multiple changes will be required for infants and toddlers.
- Staff will respect family requests for clothing to meet their cultural needs and for preferences such as shoes to remain on during the day.
- Staff will make dressing fun for children - a playful approach full of conversation and fun.
- Clean and appropriate spare clothing will be made available to children should it be needed.
- Children should be appropriately protected from the sun during outdoor play - please refer to sun safety policy for further directives on hats and clothing.
- Children's clothing should accommodate weather conditions. I.e. be loose and cool in summer to prevent overheating and warm enough for cold weather – including outdoor play. At all times staff will monitor children to support them being appropriately dressed for all weather

Practices (continued)

- Children's footwear should be non restrictive and enable them to climb, run and interact with equipment safely.
- Children need to wear flat, closed in shoes for excursions.
- Comfortable and non restrictive clothing must be available for children at sleep time to ensure their comfort and safety.
- Staff members are positive role models for children. All staff members are required to wear appropriate, smart, casual clothes and present clean for work each day. Staff are to set an example by wearing sun protective clothing, a sunhat (minimum 10cm brimmed hat) and sunscreen when outside. Staff are to wear closed in shoes that are supportive and non-slip.
- Staff must be aware of their obligations under the OHS Act 2000 and OHS Regulations 2001 and conditions of employment to abide by Centre policy.
- Staff respect social and cultural beliefs, values, practices and traditions, when discussing suitable clothing for children.

National Law

165 Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards

NQS

- 2.2.2 Each child's comfort is provided for and there are appropriate opportunities to meet each child's need for sleep rest and relaxation.
- 2.3 Each child is protected
- 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury

EYLF

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of well being

Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing

Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed on the date advised or earlier should the need arise.

Family and staff feedback will be considered in the review process. Changes in legislation, regulations, NQS and standards will be considered.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to families and staff.

