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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.cancer council.com.au
Reference:	CCA Policy and Procedure Manual, September 2002 National Quality Framework Resource Kit 2011 Centre Support www.centresupport.com.au

Introduction

Educators 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 weather conditions and be actively engaging in experiences.

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 are 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. elasticized trousers, track pants – rather than buttons, zips, belts etc.
- All clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Educators 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.
- Educators will respect family requests for clothing to meet their cultural needs and for preferences such as shoes to remain on during the day.
- Educators will make dressing fun for children using a playful approach full of conversation and role modelling through social play and games.
- 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 educators will monitor children to support them being appropriately dressed for all weather conditions.

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.
- Educators are positive role models for children. All educators are required to wear appropriate, smart, casual clothes and present clean for work each day. Educators are to set an example by wearing sun protective clothing, a sunhat (minimum 10cm brimmed hat) and sunscreen when outside. Educators are encouraged to wear closed in shoes that are supportive and non-slip.
- Educators must be aware of their obligations under the WHS Act 2000 and WHS Regulations 2001 and conditions of employment to abide by Centre policy.
- Educators 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

2.1.1 Each child's comfort and wellbeing is provided for.

2.2 Each child is protected

2.2.1 At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and any hazard

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 based on regulatory requirements 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.

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The **Suitable Clothing Policy** has been read, understood and reviewed by:

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Comments on Suitable Clothing Policy

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