



## Clothing and Footwear Procedure

### Purpose and Scope

Comfortable, appropriate clothing is important as it makes it easier for the children to take part in the day's activities and to more easily perform routine tasks as well as providing protection from the sun. As respected professionals employed by ETD all educators at Maribyrnong Preschool are required to dress in a professional manner whilst allowing for their tasks to be carried out safely.

### Procedure

#### Families' Responsibilities

Families are asked to dress their child in comfortable, easily laundered clothing that allows the child to participate in all experiences as well as develop their independence.

#### Families will:

- Provide at least one complete set of spare clothing. This includes underwear, socks, pants, t-shirt and a warm top. Please note that the weather in Canberra can be very changeable and a variety of clothing is recommended.
- Label each item with the child's name.
- Provide additional clothing for their children in the process of toilet learning.
- Ensure that their child's shoes fit correctly, do not have slippery soles and are firmly secured to the foot. Thongs, dress-up high heels, backless and platform shoes should not be worn.
- Provide a protective sun hat. This should remain at the Centre to be worn during outdoor play. Please refer to the sun protection procedure.

#### Educators' Responsibilities

##### Educators will:

- Ensure that each child is adequately dressed for weather conditions and play experiences.
- Ensure that children are comfortably dressed for rest-time.
- Respect the children's individual/cultural clothing preferences
- Consult actively with families on individual clothing and dressing procedures.

#### Preschool Responsibilities

##### The Preschool will:

- Have a supply of clothing which will cater for different weather conditions should a child not have the appropriate items of clothing available.
- Make available protective clothing (aprons, smocks etc.) for messy activities.

#### Educators

Educators are required to dress in a professional manner, and a way, which is appropriate to their role within the preschool. Appropriate footwear can minimize injuries to the feet as well as contribute to safety for back care particularly for those who are engaged in regular physical activities with the children.

**Educators will:**

- Wear clothing that does not restrict their ability to perform their duties.
- Wear clothing that is respectful (i.e. no mid-drift tops, no short clothing, no underwear revealed)
- A wide brimmed hat must be worn at all times outdoors