Clothing and Footwear Procedure

Purpose

Comfortable appropriate clothing is important as it makes it easier for 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 ETC all educators at Curtin Primary 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 a 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 the 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. Please refer to the sun protection policy.

Educators’ Responsibilities

Educators will:

• ensure each child is adequately dressed for weather conditions and play experiences
• ensure that children are comfortably dressed for rest times.
• Respect individual children’s individual/cultural clothing preferences
• Consult actively with families on individual clothing and dressing procedures
• wear clothing that does not restrict their ability to perform their duties
• wear clothing that is respectful
• wear a wide brimmed hat at all times outside.

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 for messy activities (aprons, smocks etc)