Clothing Policy

Quality Area 7: Leadership and service management

Standard 7.1: Effective leadership promotes a positive organisational culture and builds a professional learning community.

Standard 7.2: There is a commitment to continuous improvement.

Standard 7.3: Administrative systems enable the effective management of a quality Service.

Clothing for the Service should be chosen being mindful of the activities explored at the Service with emphasis on safety, comfort and harbouring independence within each child.

- Clothing should be selected based on it being appropriate for active and/or messy play
- Clothing should be appropriate to the weather; with spare clothing placed in each child’s bag that will cater for a change in the weather
- Singlet tops and shoe string style dresses are not advised for sun safety reasons. If a child is brought to the Service in such items, staff will place a t-shirt over the top of the clothing so that the child can play outside without having to stay in the shaded areas.
- Clothing should allow children to maintain independence in changing or removing an item for toileting needs. Belts and other items that may be difficult for children to remove or replace should be avoided.
- Staff will be aware of individual children’s and families attitudes towards privacy and modesty when children are having their clothes changed or are dressing themselves. Older children will have access to safe comfortable and private spaces for dressing and changing. Staff will work with children and families to ensure that individual needs and preferences are understood and catered for.
- Respect is important in addressing issues about clothing with families. Staff will work with families to have a better understanding of their particular cultural traditions regarding clothing and understand that there may be a range of cultural and religious issues related to dress. Staff will be respectful and understanding of families’ choices.
- Clothing that present choking hazards such as cords (including sun hats), hoods and capes should not be worn at the Service
- Accessories that present a choking hazard i.e., necklaces, rings, etc. should not be worn at the Service
- Footwear should support an active day at the Service, thongs are not encouraged nor are fashion shoes that have slippery soles or lack adequate support for running and climbing
- Clothing that is culturally desired will be supported by the Service
• Staff members are required to wear sunhats and sun safe clothing while outside, and wear clothing and shoes that are safe, and that allow them to comfortably and easily interact with and care for the children.

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