



## The Armidale Waldorf School Dress Code Policy

### Introduction

At the Armidale Waldorf School, we believe that a student's clothing should support their learning environment and personal development. Our dress code aims to foster a sense of community and ensure the safety and well-being of all students. We appreciate parents' cooperation in adhering to these guidelines to maintain a conducive educational atmosphere.

### General Guidelines

**Appropriateness:** Clothing should be sensible, unbranded, and suitable for the school environment. We ask that parents ensure their children are dressed in a way that respects these principles.

**Weather-Appropriate Attire:** Students should wear plain-coloured, warm clothing in winter and sun-protective clothing in summer.

**Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes are required. Sports shoes or sandshoes are ideal due to the presence of ants and other fauna, as well as the uneven terrain around the school. Shoes with high heels, flip-flops, Ugg boots, and Crocs are not permitted as they do not provide adequate support or safety.

**Hats:** A broad-brimmed hat is essential for sun protection. Baseball caps and hoods are insufficient. The school sells broad-brimmed hats, available from the office.

### Specific Restrictions

**Prohibited Clothing:** Thin-strap singlets, bare midriff tops, low-cut blouses, and shorts and skirts shorter than halfway down the upper leg are not allowed.

**Graphics, Pictures, Slogans, and Logos:** To protect students from pervasive advertising and commercial culture, clothing with graphics, pictures, slogans, or logos is not permitted. We believe that these influences can be harmful to students' developing sense of intrinsic self-worth, and that students thrive better without them.

**Condition of Clothing:** Clothes that are ripped, torn, holed, or shredded are not appropriate for school.

### Steps for non-compliance:

1. **First step:** The student will be asked to turn the offending item of clothing inside out where appropriate, reminded about appropriate clothing and asked to wear it the following day.
2. **Second step:** A phone call will be made to the student's home to address the issue with a parent or guardian.

The following applies to the High School only:

3. **Third step:** Should the issue not be rectified, the student will be required to sit out recess and lunch and perform internal school service by working with the maintenance team, performing labour around the school. This consequence will continue until the student attends school with appropriate clothing.

### **School Merchandise**

The school provides opportunities to purchase T-shirts and hoodies with the school logo approximately twice a year. These items adhere to our dress code and offer a sense of school spirit and unity. On occasion, these garments may also be requested to be worn by students representing the School.