

2023 Dress Code Essentials

Part of the special character of Te Rā School is that we do not have a school uniform. Our dress code is based on the need for students' dress to be appropriate for school activities and of neat and tidy appearance.

School Docs Policy

Dress Code

Our dress code takes into account student wellbeing (including sun protection) and our inclusive education policy. Our dress code expectations are made clear to students and their parents/caregivers. If students do not meet the expectations and guidelines, we follow our behaviour management processes.

The school office can be contacted for further information.

Details:

Clothes must be simple, comfortable, practical, tidy and sun smart.

Shorts of any length are acceptable, although very short shorts or mini-skirts need to be worn with leggings if underwear is otherwise visible.

Tops need to cover all of the torso when running, jumping and stretching.

Clothing must be free of large images, advertising or text.

Acceptable are:

- Words or text in te reo Māori
- Māori culturally significant motifs
- Fabric patterns
- Small motifs which can be covered by the child's own hand

Any logos, words or text worn on clothing items at school must not be offensive and respectful of our kindergarten and school's kaupapa and values.

Hair falling across the student's eyes/field of vision can impact negatively on their ability to focus on tasks and impact on their work.

Students in all classes are asked to tie up, tie or secure long hair and long fringes out of their faces during all lessons and activities, including during playtime.

Teachers may ask students to tie all long hair up during periods where there is an outbreak of nits in the class or at school.

Make-up, nail polish and body art (stickers, removable tattoos or skin painting) cannot be worn at school. Unless it is covered up (e.g. socks to cover nail polish on toes), students will be asked to remove make-up, nail polish etc. with products available in the office.

Health and Safety Aspects

Shoes must be worn at school. Students need to wear suitable footwear, i.e. shoes with backs (including sandals) that are practical for running, walking and playing. For safety reasons, closed shoes must be worn in woodwork and gardening lessons.

If wearing gumboots to school, they must bring a spare pair of shoes which can be left at school so they are able to participate in PE and other active activities.

Sunhats must be worn outside during terms 1 and 4. It is the parents' responsibility to provide a hat for use at kindergarten and school. Tops must cover the shoulders and the midriff (no singlets or crop tops).

Jewellery is not to be worn by students at school. Exceptions are:

- Earrings may be worn if they are studs or small sleepers.
- Children from Class 3 onwards can wear watches. We recommend analogue watches. Alarms/beeping must be turned off.
- One necklace may be worn for cultural reasons as long as it can be taken off or worn beneath clothing when activities require this.