WEST LAKES SHORE KINDERGARTEN

DRESS CODE POLICY

At West Lakes Shore Kindergarten we promote appropriate clothing and footwear as we believe it contributes to the overall safety of the physical environment and enables children to fully participate in the educational and learning program offered at kindergarten.

Acceptable Clothing
- Any type of shorts or long pants, skirts and dresses (preferably not too long as they inhibit play)
- T Shirts of any kind, jumpers, windcheaters, cardigans, vests and jackets
- All tops must cover shoulders and backs to comply with sun safe policies

Clothing not permitted
- Shoestring straps, singlet tops, halter tops, super hero capes, super hero suits, midriff tops.

Shoes
- Footwear should meet safety standards ( backed/rubber soled) and not limit involvement in educational programs. Thongs, clogs, platform, ugg boots, slippers, slip ons and high heeled shoes which are heavy or slip off easily are not suited to active involvement in learning activities and are not acceptable.

Jewellery
- Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a watch, sleeper/stud earring, medic alert bracelet and religious symbols on a chain worn under clothing.

Hair
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied back with bands, ribbons or scrunchies. This helps prevent the spread of head lice and ensures it does not inhibit children's work or play activities.

Hats
- Hats to be worn as per sun safe policy

Things to consider
- The appropriateness of clothing choices for the kindergarten environment, eg is it not easily cleaned or replaced or is it a special item.
- Children need to be able to paint glue cut dig in the mud, play in the coloured water without worrying about precious clothing or being fearful of chastisement at home.
- Staff will provide children with appropriate coverings for messy activities and endeavour to encourage children to wear them but are not responsible for ensuring children stay clean.
- Children need to be able to manage their own clothing for toileting reasons, ie can they undo/do up the buttons and/or belt themselves.
- All clothing/belongings to be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.

Consequences for Non-Compliance of Dress Code
Children with inappropriate clothing/shoes will need to play inside or on veranda - please consider how difficult this can be for a child who is staying for a full day, or whose friends may be playing outside.