

THE GOWRIE (QLD) INC

CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN POLICY

CONSIDERATIONS:

QIAS	Principle 6.5
Regualtions	Child Care Regulations 2003

POLICY STATEMENT:

To inform parents about the clothing needs of children in the program, particularly in relation to comfort, protection from the sun and full participation in the program.

RELEVANT FORMS/MATERIAL:

- ***Sun Protection Policy***
- ***Kindergarten Parent Handbook***

SOURCES:

- SunSmart FAQ's for Early Childhood Services
http://www.sunsmart.com.au/protecting_others/in_early_childhood_services/faqs_for_early_childhood_services/
- The Cancer Council (2006) *SunSmart UV Alert, Your daily guide to Sun Protection.*
- Queensland Government Website Sun Safety
<http://www.sunafety.qld.gov.au/protectyourself/clothing.aspx>

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IMPLEMENTATION:	
REMEMBER	Parents/guardians may have no prior experience of early childhood programs.
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO	<p>All staff are responsible to ensure that children are dressed appropriately throughout the day to cater for weather changes and conditions. This includes early mornings and late afternoons, as well as throughout the day.</p> <p>Inform parents/guardians about the type of activities children will be engaged in. For example, in our programs, children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with messy materials such as paint, clay, glue, water, sand and mud - climb, run, jump and swing - are encouraged to be independent - are encouraged to rest and sleep - may spend long periods of time outdoors. <p>Describe suitable clothing. For example, children will need clothes which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are comfortable to rest and sleep in - accommodate a range of temperatures which may occur over the course of a day - allow for growing independence, eg pants that can come off easily for toileting, shoes with easy fastenings, front openings for dresses, etc. - will neither restrict activity nor reduce safety (eg slippery shoes, long skirts) - are easy to launder and able to withstand wear and tear - are cool, but will provide protection from the sun eg covered shoulders and arms. <p>Recommend parents to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include at least one full set of spare clothes. <i>(Explain that In emergencies spare clothes can be provided and these need to be laundered and returned ASAP).</i> - Provide a named hat that shades the face, back of neck and ears (this is to be taken home on a regular basis for laundering). - Ensure children do not wear obtrusive jewelry that could catch on equipment. - Name every article of clothing worn or brought to the Centre. <i>(Explain that while this may seem a tedious task, naming items will help to prevent misplaced and lost belongings that cause tension for children, parents and staff).</i>