School Clothes Policy

The Southern Cross Early Childhood School Board endorses the wearing of school clothing as it helps to instil a sense of belonging in our children.

Colours

Children at Southern Cross Early Childhood School are encouraged to wear the school colours of **bright blue** and **bright orange**. The colours have been specifically selected due to their high visibility and distinctiveness.

Excursions

In the interest of child safety, families are strongly encouraged to ensure their children wear school clothes when they participate in an excursion. The school colours allows the children to “stand out” and makes them easily distinguishable as belonging to Southern Cross Early Childhood School.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts

These are not part of the school uniform and are not for sale by the P&C. Families may choose jeans, cargo shorts, skirts, skorts, shorts for their children. Colours in dark grey or **navy** are suitable.

Shoes

Shoes with an enclosed toe and heel, such as well-formed sneakers, leather shoes or boots, are to be worn to protect children’s feet. Thongs, rubber clogs and open-backed sandals can result in injuries and are discouraged. Well-fitting shoes are also important as ill-fitting shoes can have negative long-term effects on children’s feet.

Label Your Clothing

Please ensure all removable clothing – and for young children this really means everything – is clearly labelled with the owner’s name. If using a marker please ensure it is laundry proof.

The following items are NOT to be worn:

- Small tops and shirts including midriff tops
- Sleeveless tops or singlets
- Clothing that promotes alcohol, cigarettes, offensive language, violence, racism or sexism.

Items available for purchase

The P&C sell the following:

- broad brimmed hats as approved by the Cancer Council (orange)
- long sleeved t-shirts (blue and orange)
- short sleeved t-shirts (blue and orange)
- winter weight polo tops (blue with orange collar)
- winter weight beanies with a pull down brim to cover the ears

A price list and order form are available from Reception or the school’s website.

A display of the clothing is available for inspection in the school foyer.